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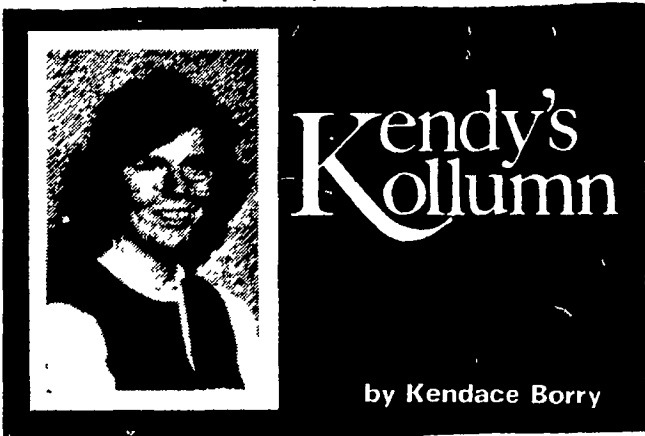
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by Kendace Borry

Six months ago if you would have asked me where we were going to live after I got married, I would have answered, "I don't know." We had been hunting for small farms and places in the country for about six months, and everything seemed either too high priced, too run down, too far away from work, or just too something or other. It wasn't that we were so fussy--just realistic about our own situation.

About two weeks before the wedding, I told my husband-to-be that I had had it. There would be no more home hunting until after the wedding. These Saturday jaunts were cutting into valuable time that was needed to plan the little details like flowers, cake, bridesmaids dresses, and other hundreds of things that were just piling up at an alarming rate.

The next day I was at home blissfully painting a door, dressed in my oldest jeans, when in he walks, raving about this house he had just seen. It was out in the country, he said, and had a little land, and I just had to see it right away. With paint still smeared on my hands, he dragged me off to view this prospective homestead.

And two days before we were married, the deal was concluded, and we owned a home. In fact, I was almost late for my own wedding because I took all the relatives over for a tour of the new property, just two short hours before I was to travel down the church aisle dressed in white.

But anyway, we finally moved in last week, and now the garden is planted, the lawn mowed, and the furniture moved in. We're still exploring the barn, and the mare and foal are getting used to their new stall. Moped the sheep has checked the pasture fence and found that, unfortunately for her, it is tight. Everybody is finally getting settled.

One of the things I worried about before I was married, was whether we would be forced to leave the countryside behind.

But it looks like we'll be busy making our own life on the farm. Could life be any better?

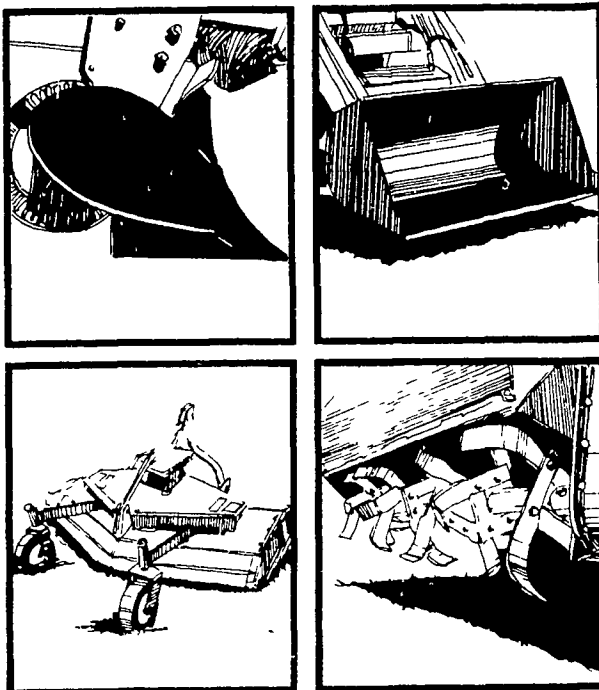
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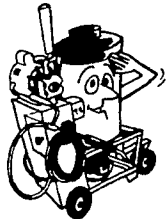
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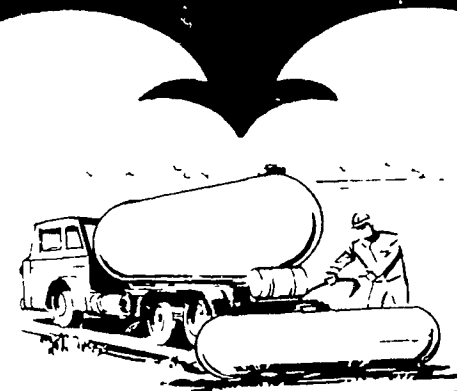
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