

*Farm-wife-minister*

# Rosalyn Kummer wears many hats

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**EVANS CITY** — Farm wives, long viewed as the salt of the earth, are adding spice to their lives by pursuing part and full-time off-farm jobs and hobbies. Few, though, have taken the direction of Butler County dairy farm wife Rosalyn Kummer.

Rosalyn Kummer is an ordained Presbyterian minister and serves the congregation of Crestview Presbyterian Church at Callery, north of Pittsburgh.

Crestview Church lies just a mile over the hill from Lee and Rosalyn Kummer's 75-head registered milking herd at R2 Evans City. From the doors of Crestview, Reverend Kummer can look across the fields to some of their Leheart Farm's 340 acres of hay, corn and soybeans. She's also a mother, with Scott - age 11, and Jean - 9, now in school nearby.

Standing in the pulpit on Sunday mornings, writing a weekly sermon, performing marriages, funerals, baptisms and counseling is the result of an educational odyssey spanning several years, two continents and a variety of universities.

Born on an Erie county dairy farm, Rosalyn had grown up as the youngest of five children and the only girl. So even though the milking chores weren't dependent on her help, "the excitement on a dairy farm is always at the barn and not

the house, so of course I was at the barn."

Following graduation from Penn State with a degree in home economics, Rosalyn flew with the college choir to Scotland, the home of her ancestors. While tracing family roots during the visit, she looked up some of her relatives and became entranced with the country. The brief stay was not going to be enough, so Rosalyn decided to stay, providing for her extended visit by landing a job as a maid for a Canadian couple living there.

Part of the Edinburgh University in Scotland is New College, a divinity school. Rosalyn signed up for the first semester that Fall. She stayed a year.

"Edinburgh's the only city I've ever lived in, but I really loved it. It was a really good year, the kind of year you look back on later and remember as a wonderful time in your life," she recalls fondly.

Following the year of divinity studies and before returning home, she and a friend, a farm girl from North Carolina, hitchhiked some 3,000 miles across Europe. Admitting that they set out "scared as we could be," there was not one unsettling incident and a host of good memories from the adventure.

Arriving home in Pennsylvania, it was back to the home-ec field, this time as an extension staffer for

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Rosalyn Kummer is successfully combining two difficult careers: dairy farm wife-mother and full-time Presbyterian minister.

# USDA announces 1980 target prices

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Acting Secretary of Agriculture Jim Williams today announced changes in the 1980 farm programs, including higher target prices for wheat and feed grains.

Producers who stay within their normal crop acreage qualify for farm program benefits based upon the new announced target prices, Williams said.

"President Carter signed the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1980 which raises the 1980 wheat target price to \$3.63 a bushel and the 1980 corn target price to \$2.35 a bushel," Williams said.

"We are also setting the 1980 sorghum and barley target prices at \$2.50 and \$2.55 per bushel, respectively."

However, Williams said producers who want to receive the higher target prices must stay within their normal crop acreage.

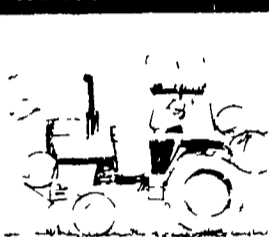
"Those who exceed their NCA will receive benefits based upon the formula target in the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977," he said. This formula establishes 1980 target prices for wheat at \$3.08, corn at \$2.05, sorghum at \$2.45 and barley at \$2.29," Williams said.

Williams also announced 1980 target prices for upland cotton and rice and the loan price for rice. The target prices will be 58.4 cents per pound for upland cotton and \$9.49 per hundredweight for rice. The 1980 loan rate for rice will be \$7.12 per hundredweight.

"The new act extends the disaster payments program through the 1980 crop year for producers of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton and rice. Producers who plant within their NCA will be eligible for disaster payments on wheat and feed grains based on the higher target levels."

"However, combined disaster payments under all programs will be limited to \$100,000 per person," Williams said.

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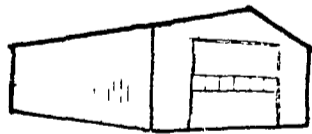
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influenced congressmen is gone and will never live again. But that's not to say that farmers are without a voice or are without influence.

It just means they're going to have to work harder to get a much smaller voice listened to, and they're going

to have to work harder just to agree among themselves what it is they want to tell the politicians.

I think it will be most enlightening to everyone to see survey results of what farmers themselves consider the important farm issues in this presidential election year.



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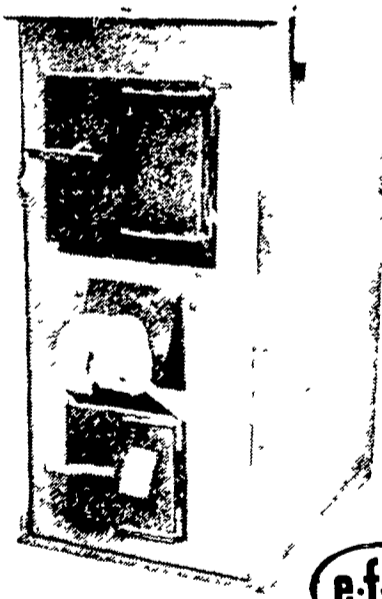
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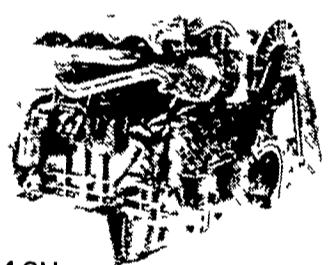
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