



**On being  
a farm wife  
- And other  
hazards**

**Joyce Bupp**

Gee whiz, Summer, is it time for you to go?

The heated relationship we've had for the past several weeks seems to be cooling a bit. And, while you haven't made any solid commitments about leaving, still, the subtle hints are there.

For instance, you've begun your season outburst of decorating for your farewell party. Scarlet speckles are brightening the green of the dogwoods and golden overtones have started creeping across some of the plants on the hillsides.

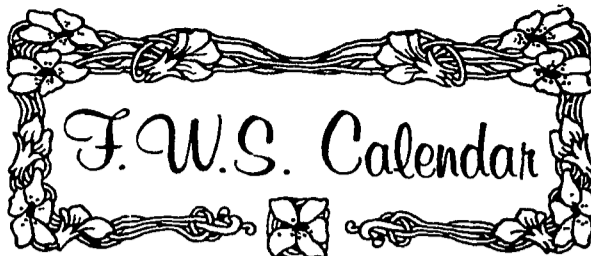
Up the road, the orchards have donned the polka dots of crimson apples, purple plums and yellowing pears. Suddenly the meadows are outfitted in acres of goldenrod, waving with the winds in their cheerful lacy costumes.

Then last week one night you sneaked out to snatch the green from the cornfields and leave behind a dull, listless, dusty brown instead. The practical joke was too much for most of the stalks, and their ears are drooping with frustration.

There'll be some sadness when you finally do go. We'll miss the special things we've been sharing together: afternoon swims, supper on the back porch, fiery red gladiolus in the green vase on the buffet and platters of steaming sweet corn just a half-hour removed from the field.

But, while you're leaving, don't leave those few little problems of yours behind. The flies, for instances. And hail. Poison ivy. And the starlings eating pokeberries in the trees over the washline.

Now don't forget — we've made a reservation here for you next year. Y'all come back now, hear?



**Saturday, September 20**  
Lancaster Co. Society 18 will meet at the Lancaster County Park in Pavilion 1 at 12:30 p.m. to entertain Society 9.

Lancaster Co. Society 3 will meet at the home of Linda Toledo for a workday to prepare for the Ephrata Fair.

Lancaster Co. Society 12 will meet at the home of Mary Jane Groff at 1 p.m. for a silent auction.

Lancaster Co. Society 8 will meet at the home of Grace Bixler.

**Monday, September 22**  
Berks Co. Society 5 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Joan Hoover for a program on nutrition.

**Wednesday, September 24**  
York Co. Society 21 will meet at the home of Stella Barnett for a white elephant sale.

**Thursday, September 25**  
Lancaster Co. Society 26 will meet at the home of Martha Kline. Shirley Burrett and Verna Frey will present a program on makeup.

Lancaster Co. Society 11 will meet at the home of Mary Nolt.

**Saturday, September 27**  
Lancaster Co. Society 5 entertains Society 27 at

the Hempfield Church. Speaker will be Ruth Ann Fitzgerald, a specialist in chemotherapy.

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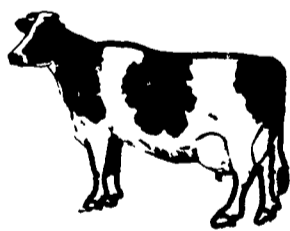
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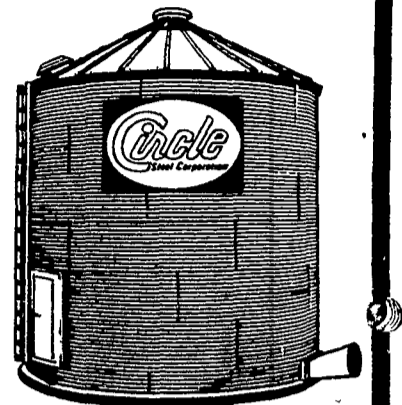
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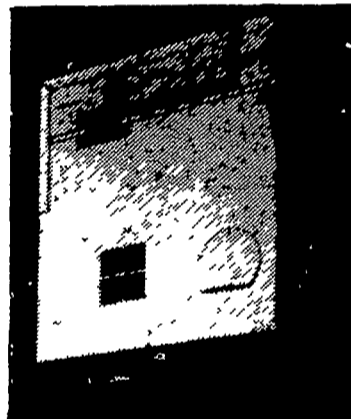
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