

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

"They just don't build things to last like they used to."

If there was ever an All-American lament, that's got to be it.

But I'm not sure that the problem with our "Everlasting Gate" was all the fault of the manufacturer.

We never seem to have enough gates around here. Ideally, we'd have all tough gates made of sturdy pipe, like those home-designed ones that hang here and there, but sometimes due to emergency needs, we purchase those of different construction.

Like "The Everlasting Gate." That's its name, the letters

neatly stenciled across the top of the flat metal cow lot divider.

Laurie and our young bull were on one side of "The Everlasting Gate" one afternoon not long ago.

Laurie is one of those problem breeder cows, who's met so often with the artificial insemination process that we should apply for a bulk rate. In disgusted desperation, the farmer sent Laurie beyond "The Everlasting Gate" to visit with the gallant sire.

Still on the near side of "The Everlasting Gate" was Gent, another cow turned out into the lot to check for signs of interest in renewed motherhood. What Gent displayed was more than a little

interest in the great beyond of The Gate, where Brat, the bull, (what's in a name?), was strutting his masculine handsomeness.

"The Everlasting Gate" had our firm trust that it would everlastingly divide the two lots. And that was a mistake.

Gent was not to be kept from the gate's great beyond.

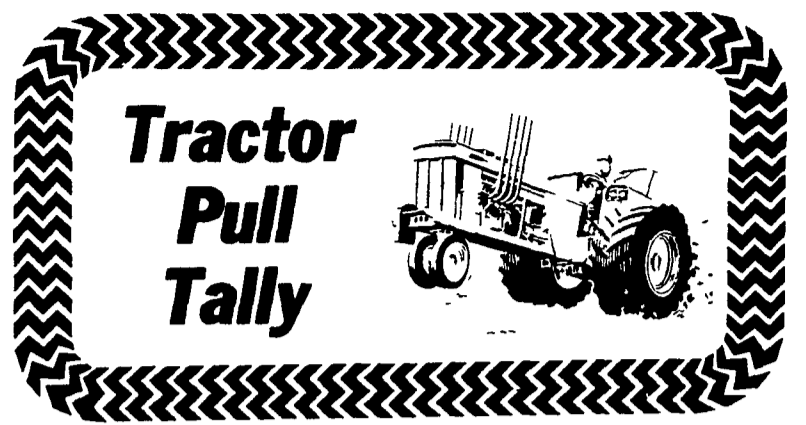
Just as the farmer had assured our little farmer that the gate would indeed keep a pacing Gent on her own side, the big cow took a flying leap. Her 1,600-plus pounds, spurred by amorous intent, landed squarely on top of "The Everlasting Gate," crinkling the neat rows of gray metal like a discarded piece of junk mail.

"Gee, all that was left was the "The," chuckled the little farmer at the dinner table.

Diligent pounding and straightening returned the gate to a more respectable condition for the remainder of its everlasting days.

But I don't think this was a case of false advertising.

More like consumer abuse, wouldn't you say?



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May 23

**5000 Super Stock**

1. Jim Brubaker, Quarryville, Pa., AC 180, 239.9; 2. Dale Smoker, Cochranville, Pa., AC 180, 215.6; 3. Carl Bomgardner, Annville, Pa., FA 460, 212.3.

**5000 Modified**

C & E Pulling Team, Lebanon, Pa., 468 Chevy, 269.4; 2. Stanley Grover, Pequea, Pa., 2-468 Chevy, 265.8; 3. Carl Kreider, New Providence, Pa., 454 Chevy, 243.0.

**7000 Super Stock**

1. Dan Greenleaf, Martinsburg, Pa., JD 4010, 290.0; 2. Dale

Smoker, Cochranville, Pa., AC 180, 246.2; 3. Carl Bomgardner, Annville, Pa., FA 460, 210.7.

**5800 FWD**

1. Dan Fellenbaum, Lititz, Pa. 1969 Chevy, 300-256.3; 2. Ronald Kauffman, Holtwood, Pa., 1975 Ford, 300-252.5.

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1. C & E Pulling Team, Lebanon, Pa., 2-468 Chevys, F Pull; 2. Elwood Furek, Lititz, Pa., Alhson, 281.6; 3. Stanley Grover, Pequea, Pa., 2-468 Chevy 280.6.

**9000 Super Stock**

1. Harry Griest, Coatesville, Pa., IH 456, 240.6; 2. Dan Greenleaf, Martinsburg, Pa., JD 4010, 229.3.

**9000 Open**

1. C & E Pulling Team, Lebanon, Pa., 2-468 Chevy, F.P.; 2. L & Z Pulling Team, Mt. Joy, Pa., 3-440 Dodges, 253.10; 3. Earle Henderson, Baldwin, Md., T/53, 244.1.

**6200 FWD**

1. John Adams, Centerville, Md., 1975 Ford, 249.5; 2. Dan Fellenbaum, Lititz, Pa. 1969 Chev., 243.5; 3. Dave Grove, Port Deposit, Md., 1973 Ford, 227.5.



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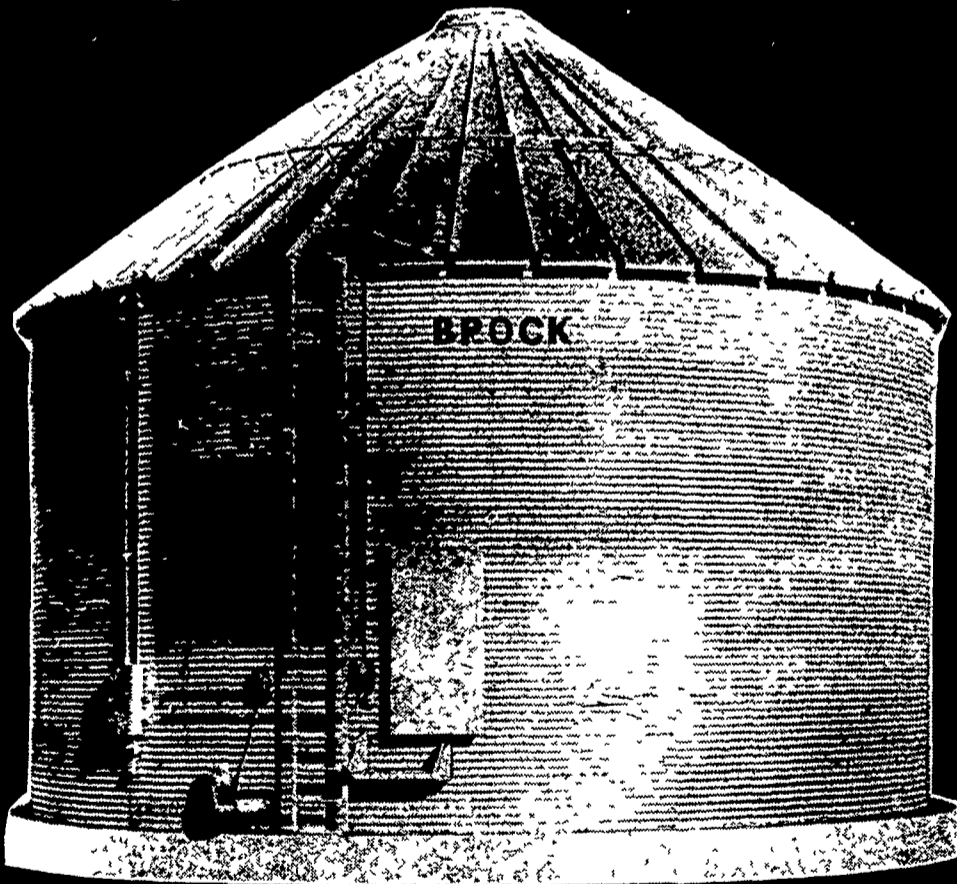
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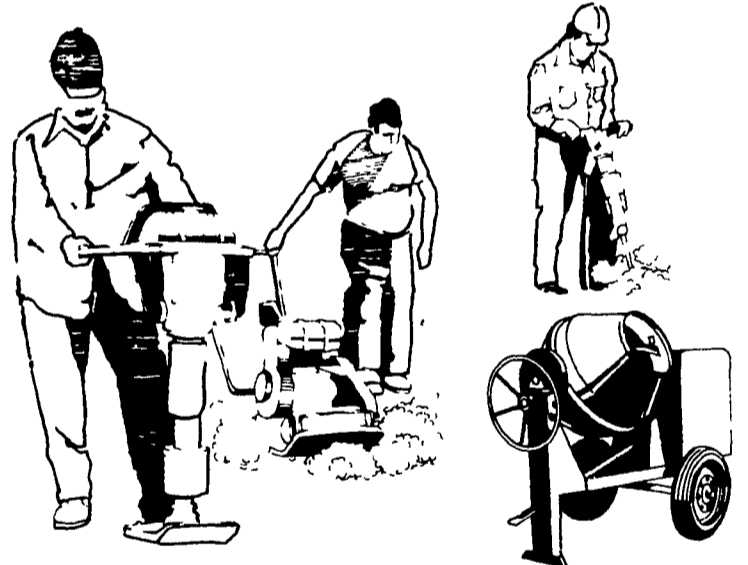
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