

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

Joyce Bupp

"Mom, how old do you have to be to have stories?"

The "stories" referred to by our junior farmer are those classic tales told by every adult at some time or another. Generally they have to do with something that happened to the adult when they were a child, or at least earlier in their adult years.

One of the men here at the farm is an expert tale-teller, with a story for every occasion. I think our youngest member was seeking a "story" of his own to tell back the next time he happened to be in the role of listener.

He didn't have long to wait.

For from one of the most likely sources of male "stories" to originate came one for the memory of our little tale teller: your classic hunting adventure.

This was strictly a back-yard expedition, with the two farmers, tall and small, hiking the several hundred yards down through the meadow to the little cluster of trees

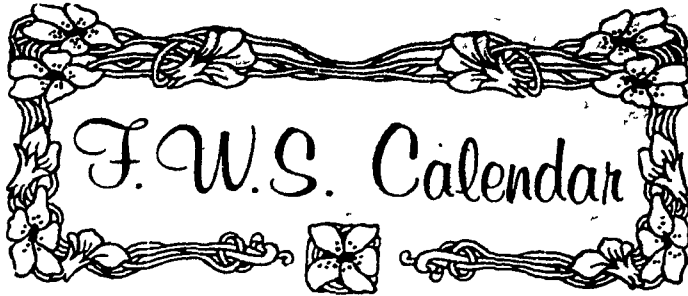
and swamp long dubbed "Bunker Hill."

As the fluorescent orange-colored hunters began scouting out the little woods; what would come padding up through the moss and leaves but a cat, out for its own adventure, likely.

As the cat paraded in through a jagged briar patch, it surprised a sneaky cock bird, who probably figured he'd be real safe in the tangled mass. Flushed out by the old cat, the bird glided to a big tree nearby.

Off when the hunting team, one small to flank off to the side and divert the wary bird, while the other drew a bead on the quarry and felled the trophy. (I root for the birds — sounds unfair to me!) Proudly, the smaller hunter dragged me on a hike soon after to relive, in stereophonic simulated sound from the battle site, all the details of the expedition.

He now has his own "story" to start a collection of memories to



Today, November 14
Lancaster Co. Society 6 meets with Mrs. Martin Hoffer to hear Mrs. David Hawthorne speak
Lancaster Co. Society 19 meets for

pass on to his children, and perhaps grandchildren.

But can't you just see them someday roll their eyes and snicker with that "Sure, you did!" look on their faces when he recounts how, as a boy, he got the pheasant by chasing it out with a cat.

Why, that's enough to make any self-respecting beagle dog hang up his license.

a Thanksgiving banquet at Palmyra

Lancaster Co. Society 1 meets with hostess Molly Emenheiser to hear speaker Esther Martin

Monday, November 16
Lancaster Society 31 meets for a program of packing fruit baskets

Tuesday, November 17
Berks Society 6 meets with Naomi Mest for slides

Wednesday, November 18
Lancaster Society 33 meets at St. Peter's Village for Christmas shopping

Thursday, November 19
Lancaster Society 26 meets for a

cheese fest at the home of Janet Buchen

Lancaster Society 15 meets to hear Michele Rodgers from the Lancaster Co. Extension Service

Lancaster Society 11 meets with Mary Ann Cox, local librarian

Lancaster Society 28 meets with Beulah Landis to learn about microwave ovens

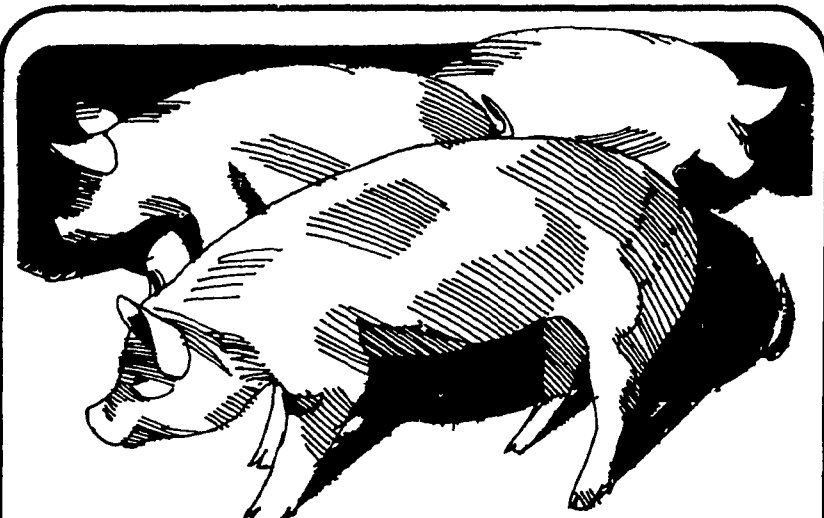
Saturday, November 21

Lancaster Co. Society 3 meets with Irene Dankers for a program with Mrs. Jay Rodgers

Lancaster Co. Society 18 meets with Bill Byers for "Energy Conservation in the Home"

Lancaster Society 12 meets for a safety program by the police department

Lancaster Society 4 meets with representatives of Hospice at the home of Mary Troop



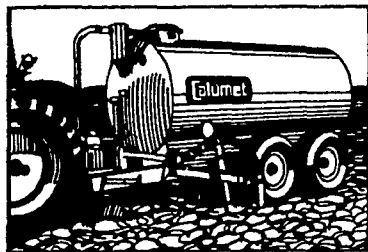
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