

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

Joyce Bupp

True Christmas isn't stacks of cards,
Or twinkling lights, or candy canes,
Nor tinsel draped around a tree
Nor balls, nor bows, nor wee toy trains.

It's not a stack of pretty gifts,
Nor shining bells, nor mistletoe
Nor even glowing candlelight
Or Santa's jolly "Ho, Ho, Ho!"

While all these things have purpose, true,
To help us celebrate this season,
The real worth of Christmas Day
Is found in much a different reason.

For Christmas is our gift from God,
His love sent down to men on earth
To royal kings and common folk,
In form of lowly stable birth.

And Christmas is a time of peace
An inner glow that first must start
With love that roots and blossoms forth
From deep within each human heart

So may this Spirit fill your life
With hope and peace and joy and love
And may we strive to be like Him
This Babe sent down from Heaven above.

To you and yours, a very blessed and peaceful Christmas!

PSU horse judges win world championship

LANCASTER — Penn State's Horse Judging Team won first place in the World Championship Collegiate Quarter Horse Judging Contest held recently at Oklahoma City, Ok.

The Penn State team earned a total of 2737 points out of a possible 3000.

Coach Thomas Merritt, professor of animal science, said of his team, "They were superb. Individual scores were remarkably consistent. Only a nine point spread separated the five team members."

Contestants were scored on judging of ten classes of horses in two divisions—halter and performance. Points were also earned for the excellence of the oral reasons presented for ranking the horses.

The competition was open to teams around the world, but the 21 teams participating this year were all from U.S. schools. All PSU team members placed in the top 10 in one or more divisions.

Cynthia L. Franklin of Murrysville came in third in the performance division and eighth on overall score. Sally L. Rhea, Waterford, placed fifth in halter and sixth overall. Paulette E. Stoudt, Mohntown, took seventh place in performance. Marc D. Wagman, Narberth, was third in oral reasons; and Mark H. Wilde, Allison Park, came in ninth in performance.

The team as a whole took third place in halter, fourth in oral reasons, first in performance, as well as placing number one overall. Prizes were trophies and a \$1000 scholarship awarded to the Department of Animal Science.

The competition tests the student's ability to evaluate horses by observing many physical

features such as muscling and length and carriage of neck; and also in terms of movement or "way of going."

After observing the horses in the ring, contestants are given a limited time to prepare oral

reasons for their placing of the four horses in each class. Knowledge of horses, speed, and accuracy in decision-making—as well as logic and organization in presentation—are winning skills required for this competition.

**New game makes
farming fun**

LANCASTER — What do you do when your Simmental bull gets friendly with your neighbor's Hereford heifers? Pay \$5,000 damages and go on. Over-friendly bulls are just part of farming, and a humorous part of a new game called A.G.G.I.E.

A.G.G.I.E., which stands for Agricultural Game of Gambling, Ingenuity and Enjoyment, lets you try your hand at farming without risking your bank account. It was invented by a young Iowa couple, Chuck and Joanne Kuster.

"If you're smart and lucky, you may be able to wheel and deal yourself a farming empire," says Chuck. "On the other hand, your hypothetical crop could be haled out or invaded by insects. Or your livestock might catch pneumonia. Worse yet, you may have to almost sell out to pay your bills. Players will be amazed just how unpredictable—and unprofitable—farming can sometimes be."

A.G.G.I.E. reflects real farming as much as possible because it was designed as an educational tool which is enjoyable, he adds.

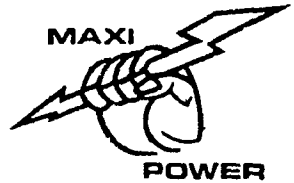
"To play the fast-paced game, competing farmers use die rolls to

move through the four seasons of the year," explains Joanne. "Farmers strategically buy and sell land, livestock and grain to build their net worth as they stave off real farming hazards, learn farming terms, bid against neighbors and play the futures market. Disaster and option cards add extra elements of strategy and suspense."

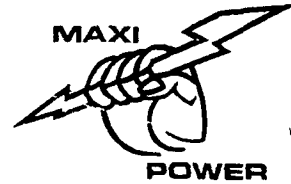
A.G.G.I.E. has auction barns and futures markets, droughts and grain embargoes, feed bills and lawsuits. But there's also insurance against the typical farm disasters. The farmer who manages his risks best usually wins.

The Kusters use clever writing and personal knowledge of farming to keep the game fun and action-packed.

A.G.G.I.E. includes farm animal markers, play money, property deeds, dice and a full-color, tear-resistant playing surface. To get your A.G.G.I.E. game, send check or money order for \$12 (includes postage, tax and handling) to Kuster Ltd., 704 W. Iowa, Indianola, Iowa 50125. It is not sold in retail stores.



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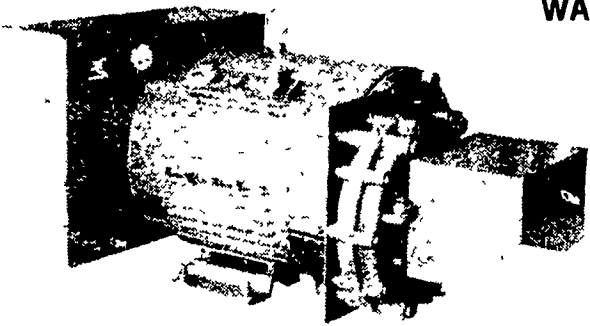
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