

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



Want to see the world from a slightly different perspective? Take a walk outside, across the fields, on a winter night. When the sun slips, in gleaming radiance, behind the western horizon, and night closes softly about the farm, it becomes a whole new place out there. And honed by the razor of the difference wrought by darkness, the senses suddenly become awake. Sights, sounds, smells that are routinely missed while zooming from house to barn to meeting to appointment stir a new appreciation for the subtle beauty of February. Overhead a tree branch bends in the rising breeze that stirs the night's stillness and taps a cadence on the tin roofing of the house. Through the hardwoods along the pasture fence it sings a murmuring song, rising and falling in tempo as occasional gusts chase lighter puffs of air. Back in the yard, the tall, stately pine adds its voice, a softer, humming accompaniment to the symphony being played by the wind in the woods. Against the endless blackness of outer eternity, the stars on a clear night hand enticingly low and

brilliant, priceless shimmering jewels randomly scattered across a velvety backdrop. An odor of woodsmoke permeates the air on such a crisp evening, its homey smell blending with the scent of cattle that drifts from the barn. Hang a brilliant bright-white moon in the night sky and the landscape takes a still another character. Clouds decorate the sky, lightly brushing the moon's gaze on their parade across the heavens, their bright leading edge fading to shadowy wisps trailing off and forgotten on the dark night stage. While the stars' glitter dim under the brilliance of the moon, the bare-bark souls of leafless trees glisten silvery against the sky, the jagged branches reaching upward, as if in an appeal for the protection of a fresh green cover. And the lights of the house shine warm and golden, beckoning chilled feet and fingers to draw near a crackling fire and renew our feelings of blessed security with a cup of steaming cocoa. Humbug to those who find nothing good to say about February.

**Berks beef club
lists new officers**

LEESPORT — The Berks County 4-H beef club met on Thursday, Jan. 24, to elect officers for the new year. Elected were: president, Greg Zook; vice president, Kirk Fisher; secretary, Karen Rabenold; treasurer, Randy Martin; news reporter, Greg Stricker; social chairpersons, Lori Rabenold and Jane Zook; and County Council representatives, Kenianne Rarick and Greg Stricker. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 28 at the ag center.

New Holland beef club elects officers

NEW HOLLAND — The New Holland beef club met recently at the Sperry New Holland plant to elect officers for the new year. Elected were: president, Marlin Mast; vice president, Ernie Mast; secretary, Lori Martin; treasurer, Janae Martin; song leader, Scott Bailey; game leaders, Scott Hertzog and Doug Hertzog; and news reporter, Emily Weaver. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Sperry New Holland.

Lucky 4-H Club elects officers

FLEMINGTON — The Lucky 4-H Club of Hunterdon County, N.J. met recently to elect officers for the new year. Elected were: president Maren Waldron; vice president, Cheryl Whitney; secretary, Beth Hylan; and treasurer, Dana Bermel. Members will be making Valentine's candy at their next meeting, Monday, Feb. 7 at the Extension Center.

**Lancaster tractor
club meets**

LANCASTER — The Western 4-H Tractor Club met on Jan. 18 at Messick's Farm Equipment, Inc. The following officers were elected: president, Joe Garber; vice president, Doug Musser; secretary/treasurer, Eugene Hess; and news reporter, Jon Bixler. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 31.

**Conodoguinet sheep
club elects officers**

MECHANICSBURG — The Conodoguinet 4-H Sheep Club met recently to elect the following officers: President, Angie Fought; vice president, Carol Perry; secretary, Vickie Holtry; assistant secretary,

Sharon Hock; treasurer, Michelle Walker; news reporter, Eric Nace; social chairman, Ed Wenger, Melissa Welker; and County Council, Joe Wynn, Sharon Hock and Lynda Scott.

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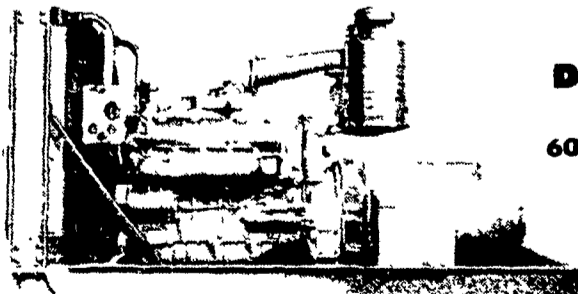
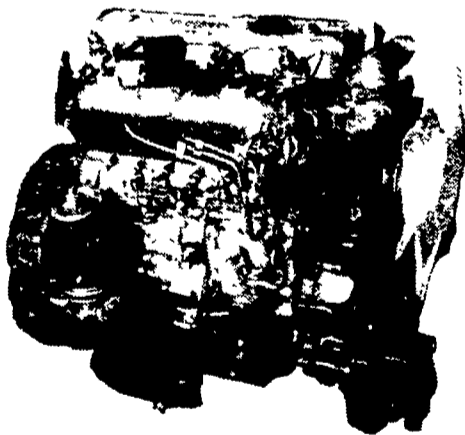


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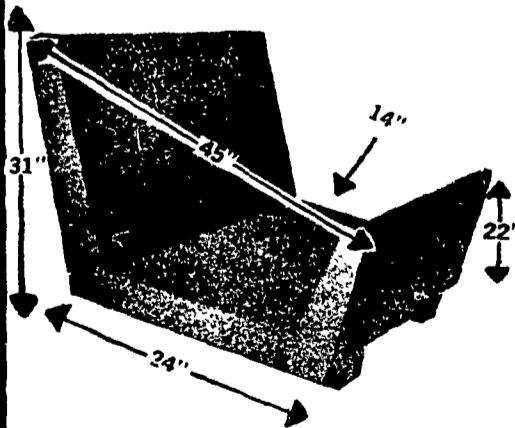
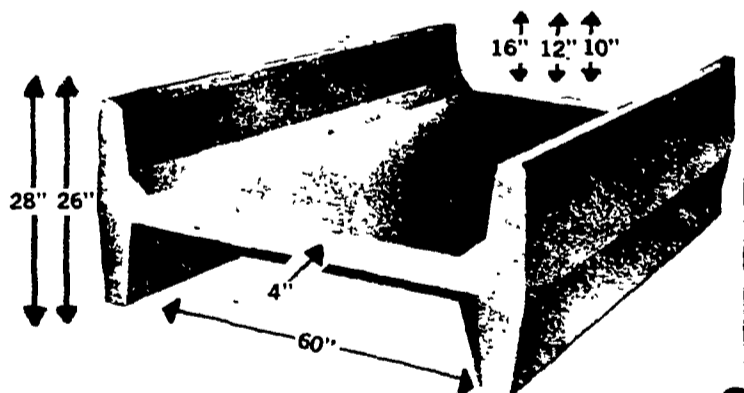
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