

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



Psssst. Heh. You tall, big, person up there.

So you're here visiting this Farm Show are you? Came to see what's new in farming, huh?

Just for a minute, think about me, would you?

I'm the little kid. Down here at your knee. The one in the baby stroller.

What do you think I see at this Farm Show?

Knees. And legs. That's what I see.

Forests of legs. Fat ones. Skinny ones. Legs in jeans. Legs in boots. Clean legs. Dirty legs.

Speaking of dirty, think of me when you pass through these animal buildings.

I heard Dad say we were going to see the moo-cows. That's what he

said anyway. What I saw were hairy, bony legs with two, big, pointy-looking things at the end of 'em. Black and white. Brown and white. Plain black, and white, and brown. Speckled, hairy, bony, legs.

And tails. Lots of tails. All colors. One big fluffy, dark one just swished past my nose as four bony legs came this close to my elbow. Tickled. Made me feel like I was gonna' sneeze.

Then the tail started to disappear into the air and Mom jerked my stroller back. Scared me so bad I forgot to sneeze. Mom pushed me off to see the pipes under the washbowls in a bathroom somewhere while she cleaned some stuff off my stroller and my snowsuit.

Afterwhile they pushed me into

some chilly kind of building so we could see more feet. Gigantic feet. Great big round ones that kind of clopped when they moved and had long white fluffy hairs hanging all around them.

Boy, I sure hoped none of those feet got too close to me.

And wheels. I saw lots and lots of wheels at this Farm Show. Some had these great big fat bumpy rubber all over them, but others were kind of little and smooth with lines around the outside.

Up on top of the wheels were stuck tall shiny contraptions. At least I think so. The forest of legs was pretty thick. Some voice from way up said they were tractors. Beats me. All I saw were wheels.

Mom told Dad that she wanted to go look at the pumpkins. My stroller bumped against a couple of table legs and I tried to yank at some curtains around the tables to see the pumpkins. Maybe there weren't any there.

Whew. All those legs. All those wheels.

I was tired. I tried to close my eyes to take a nap. A big pocket-book hit me in the ear and woke me, just as I started to snooze. When I wouldn't stop crying Mom and Dad decided to go home.

Maybe they forget that it's a different show down here.

I hope I can come back to see the Farm Show when I grow up.

*Farm  
Women  
Societies*

**Berks Society 1**

Stahl's Steak and Seafood Restaurant was the meeting place for Berks Society 1 when they held their Christmas party.

Ray Brodan, a magician, provided the entertainment and a family style ham and turkey dinner was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Donna Hetrick, Oley, on Jan. 11. The program will be a guest speaker.

**Berks Society 7**

Berks Society 7 held their Christmas party in the Robesonia Borough Hall. Gifts and cookies were exchanged and secret pals

were revealed.

Connie Ohlinger, Berks County Dairy Princess, will be at the next meeting at the home of Grace M. Bare, Sinking Springs Rd on Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

**Lancaster  
Society 26**

Lancaster Society 26 met in the home of Eileen Stouch for their December meeting. Roll call was answered by a special Christmas wish.

Barbara Frey was installed as a new member. There was a gift exchange and packaged items were collected for a chosen charity.

The January meeting will be at the home of Judy Musser.



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