

# On being a farm wife - And other hazards

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Combs. Brushes. Hair spray. (The giant-economy, cheapie brand).

No, we are not opening a beautician's shop. Or cleaning out my handbag.

Spray deodorant powder. "Black can with blue letters" was the detailed instruction on the grocery list, to insure that mother came home with the correct item.

Baby oil. Got that one. Baby powder. Panic, that one got missed. Whew! Found one on the shelf of the bathroom closet.

Ivory liquid soap. Wisk detergent.

"Get them both; I like to mix them." More detailed instructions,

these given verbally. Dig through the coupons and find the appropriate ones. If I'm buying it, I might as well redeem and save money to boot.

Rakes. Brooms. Shovels. All gone. There will be no major cleaning of any type done around here for awhile.

Old sheets. Only an armed guard keeps them from raiding the linen chest, and snatching the good stuff as well. (Problem is, we don't have old sheets: we either have sheets in use, or cleaning rags.)

"Where are the registration papers?"

Lesse, I know I put them at a special safe place so I could in-

stantly put my hands on them when we needed them. If I can just remember where it was. So much for efficient organization. Unearthed from their safekeeping site - right in front of my nose - they joined the parade of items, along with health charts and notes about cold shots.

There goes my wheelbarrow out through the yard, the one I personally purchased with veiled threats about how it was explicitly for yard and garden use.

"I'll just hose it off before we load it on the truck" comes a message yelled back by the wheelbarrow borrower. "But all the old suitcases are broken." Yes they are, and it's because those heifers stomped on them back at Farm Show. Don't you dare even think about taking any of the good ones.

Sleeping bags. Blankets. Picnic cooler and thermos of ice water. The deck of Uno cards. Garbage bags, paper towels, styrofoam

owner of "Our Farm", was presented a plaque of appreciation for hosting the event.

Buckets, bales, bags of sawdust. Clippers. Granola bars, fruit and cheese. Baler twine and forks. Hay and grain.

Folding chairs and a card table. Hair dryers. Boots. Sneakers. A couple of changes of clothes. Light bulbs.

No, we are not moving out for a month.

Would you believe packing for a two-day cow show? Ten miles away.

## 4-H'ers win at Horse Judging Contest

NORRISTOWN — Jenny Reptsik of Harleysville took top junior honors at the Southeast Regional 4-H Horse Judging Contest held recently at "Our Farm" in Worcester. Jenny was named top individual in the junior category for members 13 and under.

Denise Longworth, Lansdale, placed 5th while Kirsten Roshon of Lansdale placed 9th in the same competition. The fourth member of the Junior team was Jenny Fay Blanc also of Lansdale. The girls are members of the Hatfield Horseshoes 4-H Club of Montgomery County.

According to County Agent Nancy Kadwill the purpose of the con-

test is to help teach young people ages 8-19 to develop an eye for judging horses in both halter and performance classes. Senior members must also give what is known as "oral reasons", stating why they placed horses the way they did in each class. This helps members to gain self-confidence in decision making, learn speaking skills and develop poise in front of others.

Chris Thompson of Blue Bell and Becky Roth of Collegeville members of the Central Montgomery County 4-H Horse Club, were among those riding and handling horses for the contest. Ray Gambone, manager and

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