

## Challenge Of The '80's:

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wife explained, "That's because he is allergic to dust. But he does vacuum the floors."

"What works for me may not for someone else," Michele cautions. "When it comes to working and mothering, there is no right or wrong answer. Every situation is different and it depends on the fulfillment and the opportunities a person has."

One of the most rewarding projects at Michele's job is coordinating the Fashion Revue. As a former 4-H'er, Michelle identifies with the joy in a project well done and in the sadness that 4-H programs sometimes entail. She explained that the first year she joined the dairy club she won a blue ribbon for her cow Gigi, who was more of a pet than a project. After several years, Gigi needed to be sold. A photo captures the emotion of the moment where Michelle walks her cow to a neighboring farm while wiping tears from her eyes with her dad's red bandana handkerchief. She said, "I swear the cow cried too."

After active involvement at Pequea Valley High School, Michelle attended Indiana University where she majored in home economics. After her freshman year, she landed an summer assistantship for three summers that opened doors for her becoming a Lancaster County home economist. After four years she transferred to the Berks County extension office. In 1980, Michele married Steve who was in seminary. His first pastoral position was in West Lawn, Berks County. By the time Michelle transferred to the Berks office, Steve had been transferred to Manheim, Lancaster County.

"Consequently, I've always had to commute long distances," Michele explained. Her hour long drive now is not as tedious as it once was. Michele is not certain if that stems from becoming accustomed to it or if it is less hectic. She works hard not to schedule more than two nights away from home. That way the Rodgers manage to have at least one parent home with their baby.

She admits to breaking the stereotype of the pastor's wife who is involved in everything. She teaches the young adult Sunday school class and is involved with the youth. "I can't do everything," Michele said. "But that's ok. I feel like I am called to fulfill what I am doing."

Now, Michele is tackling something new. She, with Judy Stoult, the Berks county horticulture agent, is filling a six month term as intern assistant to the regional director. "It's a new experience in an administrative role," Michele said. The job sharing is a new concept for the extension offices. "It's too early to evaluate whether or not job sharing works well in this area," Michele said. But she believes it is an excellent opportunity, one that she undertook only after much soul-searching.

"Knowing what we can handle and examining our opportunities needs constant reevaluation," she said. As Michele researches, writes and lives out balancing family and work responsibilities, she's tackling one of the major challenges of the '80's. And that brings her much fulfillment. "Women," she stresses, "must be supportive of each other—what is right for one may not be right for the other."

## Angela Hayes Named Westmoreland Princess

Mt. Pleasant (Westmoreland) — Seventeen-year-old Angela Jo Hayes was crowned Westmoreland County's new dairy princess June 23.

Angie is the daughter of Howard and Patty Hayes of RD 5 Mt. Pleasant. A senior at Mt. Pleasant High School, Angie is excited about the opportunity to promote the dairy industry. She is involved in other activities besides helping her grandparents at the Hoover's Dairy Farm. She is also active as secretary of the Mt. View Agriculture and as a Junior leader, and she is the Keystone Pony Pullers Queen. Angela's hobbies and interests include horseback riding and training ponies.

The new princess was crowned by the 1987 Dairy Princess, Amy Heasley, daughter of John and Alice Heasley of Greensburg.

Angela is already in the swing with various dairy promotions; including the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Seminar in Shippensburg.



Angela Hayes, left, will represent Westmoreland County as the 1988 dairy princess. The 1987 dairy princess stands beside her.



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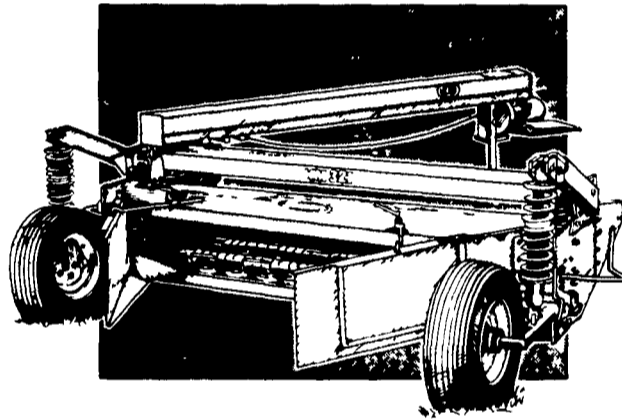
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