

On being a farm wife - And other hazards

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Her frustration seemed reasonable.

After twelve years in school, another four in college and continuing full-time studies combined with work in pursuit of a graduate degree, the voice on the other end of the 2,500-mile phone connection sounded weary.

Though our daughter enjoys college life, even when combined with marriage and work, the study demands of higher education are beginning to tell. She confessed on this weekly long-distance visit that she was absolutely ready to be done with books, projects and sometimes—seemingly—senseless assignments.

"I just am ready to get on with my life," the voice sighed, knowing that several months of studies and homework remained until the end of spring semester.

My reply was a typically motherly one. It only-half laughing suggested that life itself is a series of demands, projects, and sometimes—seemingly—senseless assignments.

"Are you saying my life is homework?" she joked.

Indeed. Life is homework.

Like math, for instance. Unlike the talking Barbie doll which recently caused a fuss, many of us did not feel as kids that "math class is tough." (Luckily, I never had to study the likes of advanced algebra, calculus or trig.)

Real-life math class is tough. Stretching the paychecks to cover a family's needs is a daily homework challenged for most household accountants.

Our farm math homework offers all sorts of creative reading problems like how to deal with a major equipment breakdown expenses, livestock that still eats heartily despite continuing droughts and increasing taxes to cover endless public spending.

Not to mention most families' routine math assignments like car payments, house payments, college payments, utility payments and balancing checkbooks.

Your lender will grade and issue you a report card mark periodically.

Then there's English, always one of my favorites. Unfortunately, English Literature or business writing never quite prepared most of us for comprehending the likes of: "For more information on accountable plans, nonaccountable plans, amounts treated as substantiated under a per diem or mileage allowance, the standard mileage rate, the per diem substantiation method and the high-low substantiation method, see Regulations section 1.62-2, Rev. Proc 90-59..." etc.

(Taken from the Internal Revenue Service's 1992 Federal Employment Tax Forms — and a reminder of how grateful we are to

George, our Farm Credit tax expert, whose better at such "English," than we are).

And where would our schools and communities be if we didn't do our civics social studies homework regularly?

Social Studies assignments range from volunteering on municipal boards and as teachers' aides, serving as a 4-H or Scout leader, coaching playground sports, writing a letter to the editor about an issue, even simply not littering.

If you didn't complete your social studies/civics lifetime homework assignment this week by voting, go to the blackboard and write "I will not complain about the government for the next four years" one thousand times.

Don't forget health and physical homework, increasingly important as we age. Regular exercise assignments, preferably out in the fresh air, sensible eating and one big project due annually — a complete physical.

A little "junk food" cheating is tolerated, as long as it doesn't disrupt the rest of the class.

Yes, dear daughter, life is indeed homework.

And it is perfectly normal and human to have occasional days when one simply doesn't feel up to completing the assignment and may need to fall back on the array of logical excuses with which to beg an extension.

"My dog ate it," probably won't work.

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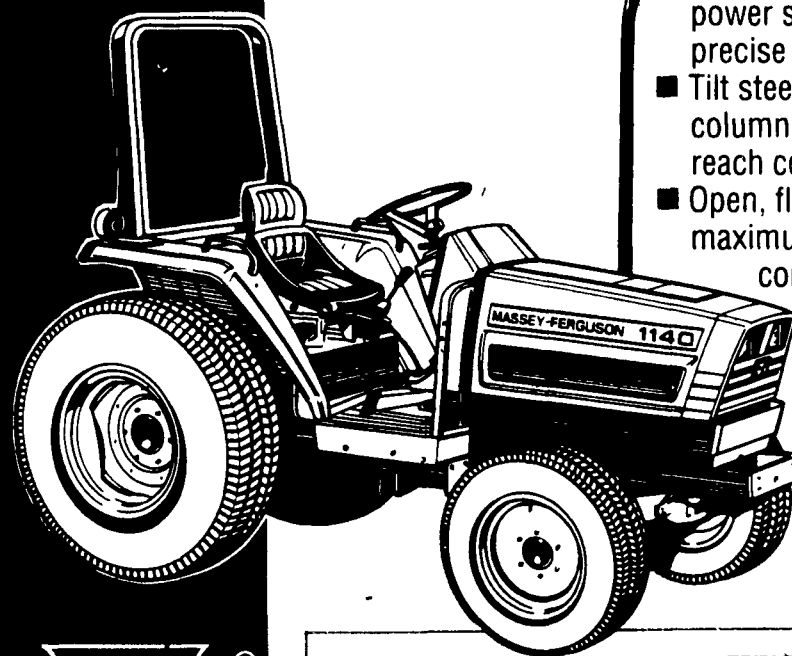
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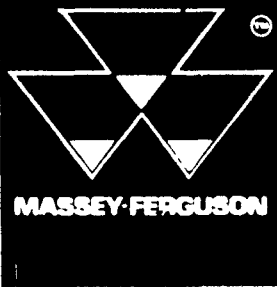
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