

On being a farm wife - And other hazards

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For all you — like me — last minute shoppers!

What do you get a farmer for Christmas As this holiday deadline grows near?

What can you place 'neath that pine-scented tree To fill him with joy and good cheer?

How 'bout a screwdriver, hammer or wrench That as quickly and sly as a fox

When tossed to the ground 'neath a broken machine Returns itself to his toolbox.

Or maybe a button to push — a surprise! — Which he's bound to forever remember.

That'll bring down an inch of rain one night per week From May right up into September.

A pair of soft, warm, fuzzy outside-work gloves

That will never wear out into holes.

And a pair of tough, long-lasting barnyard boots

With 10-year-wear-guaranteed soles.

Give Him a speedy and healthy prescription

For livestock that loves to jump fences,

And thinks that those few tiny pieces of wire

Are just strung 'round the lot for pretenses.

He'd sure like a tractor that uses a fuel

Not drilled from the depths of geology,

But runs on manure, old corn stalks and bald tires

Saving fuel bills. Also, the ecology.

But the gift that's most needed by farmers we know

(Would boggle his mind — I've no doubt!)

Is an endless reserve in that sinking account:

A bank balance that never runs out.



Lancaster Society 18

Ann Burkins was hostess to Farm Women #18 on December 9, at Fieldcrest with 21 members and four guests attending.

Ella Mae Hershey had devotions reading "The Birth of Jesus" from Luke's gospel and the Alphabet of Christmas.

Roll call was answered by naming a family Christmas tradition. Martha Stoner and Suie Wissler had perfect attendance for the year.

And from our family to yours — Merry Christmas!

Mary Lou Shelton and Ruth Landis gave a report on the County Convention.

A donation of \$50 was given to Water Street Rescue Mission.

Ruth Rohrer installed the new officers for this society the next two years.

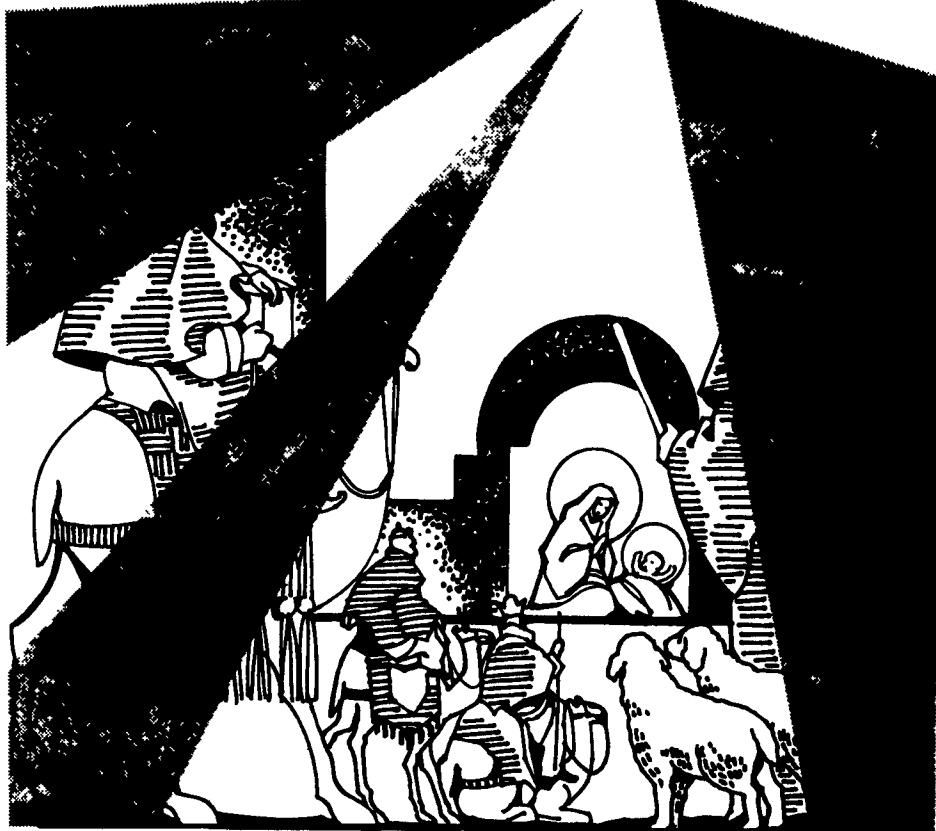
Mildred Kreider and Ruth Rohrer will be the delegates to the 75th State Convention of Pennsylvania Farm Women in Harrisburg January 10.

Jane W. Roth gave an interesting and entertaining portrayal of "Harriet Lane — America's Princess."

The January meeting will be a breakfast buffet meeting at Country Table with the husbands or guests invited.

This poem is adapted from a column Joyce wrote about 15 years ago.

PEACE ON EARTH



Behold the Lord Jesus as he lay surrounded by those who loved Him. Hear His message...and spread the divine goodness everywhere, always!

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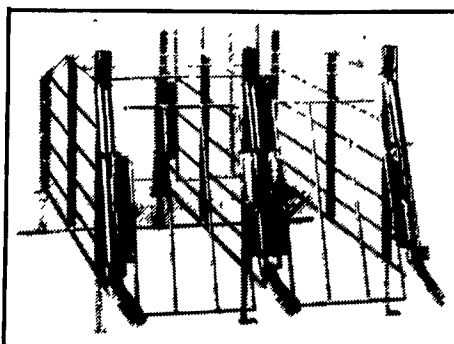
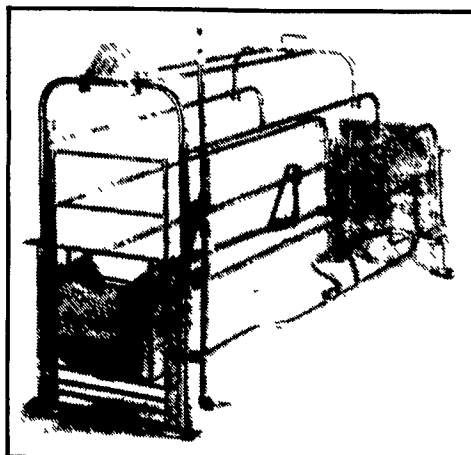
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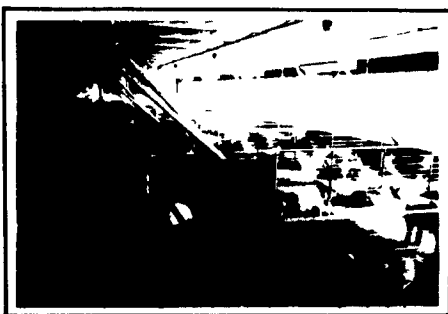
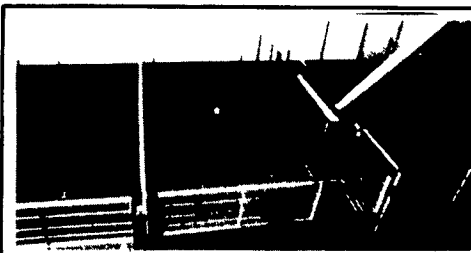


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