On being a farm wife -And other hazards Joyce Bupp

You've heard of a bad hair day? Well, it's been a bad hair year. This bad hair year is directly attributable to the continuing parade of wintry challenges which Mother Nature keeps sending along to build our stamina, develop our characters and teach us patience and tolerance.

(When we whine "Awwww, Mom Nature, why does it have to be so cold and nasty," she snaps in reply the classic answer of moms: "Because I said so, that's why!")

Meanwhile, our earthly moms engrave in our brains, from the time we can toddle until we're whipping out the door with the car keys, their appropriate solution: "Put on your hat!"

A serious ear infection when I was a child apparently left me with ears that are extremely sensitive to cold and wind. It's often suggested that the problem is that the wind goes in one and blows right through out the other. Whatever, just as soon as the first chill breezes of fall swish through the autumn leaves, out come the head-

Somewhere back in the recesses of our family history, a looselyknit, basically-shapeless, red hat fell into my possession. Its source is and shall probably forever remain unknown. Maybe just as well. It's outlasted thousands of calf feedings, various outdoors sporting activities, chasing cattle, moving feed and years of derision by the kids.

Its saving grace is that it is so loose. After being covered with it for three hours worth of barn work, the hair beneath still resembles hair, not a rubber swim cap glued to one's head. And my head doesn't itch like a chronic case of poison oak.

Colder temperatures bring a

switch to the earmuffs. Earmuffs are generally my winter mainstay, hugging the ears with warmth while being kinder to the hair. Except for the flattening across the top where the plastic half-circle connects the muffs.

But when it's near zero, with a hefty wind and outside barn chores to battle, we pull out the big guns. Warmest hat in our basement arsenal of headgear is a tightly-knit ski cap with a milking equipment company name woven through its blue and white stripes. When the kids were still home, it was a sort of community-property

That hat has gone sledding and cross-country skiing at the mountains, covered heads on tractors and heads loading hay, ice-skating heads and heads grinding feed, heads covered with grease and buried deep in equipment motors and wood-hauling heads.

Its warmth is partly due to being fashioned of a double-layer of tightly-woven acrylic and partly because it fits so snugly that a draft of cold air stands no chance of breaching the edges. Fact is, after an hour or two of being straight-jacketed with his hat, your head feels like a melon in a

Wenger Names Boyd To Head Re-election Campaign

STEVENS (Lancaster Co.) -State Senator Noah W. Wenger has named Darvin E. Boyd, Akron, to chair his 1994 campaign for re-election.

Wenger is seeking his fourth



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tightening vise.

And what this hat does to one's hair is so depressing I can barely stand to think about it. Bangs smashed into the eyebrows. Sides becoming one with the inner ear. And a hair style fashioned like a highway department cone marker. Given the deep-freeze in which we've all lived recently, go figure which headgear is getting the most

Meanwhile, The Farmer persists in wearing his traditional "farmer" caps, with logos of coop, breeding service, seed corn or equipment brand, liberally dipped in winterweight oils and rolled in manure. Over those when outdoors goes something hooded, thermal sweatshirt, hooded vest, etc. This allows the versatility of a hood layering over the cap for outdoor use, and quick removal of it when in less severe temperatures.

Bundled up against winter's worst, it becomes hard to tell from a slight distance just who's who under all the ballooning layers of protective clothing.

Around her, just look for The Hood and The Conehead.

team as the state senator representing the 36th Senatorial District covering the northern part of Lancaster County.

Before his election to the Pennsylvania Senate in 1982, Wenger served three terms in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

"Darvin Boyd's community service leadership, his interest in political affairs, and his experience in financial and business management reflect his strong qualifications. I am honored to have him again chair my reelection campaign," said Wenger.

A senior vice president of Hamilton Bank, Boyd has had responsibility for the bank's Agri-Finance Department since 1976. Previously he was an associate legislative research analyst for the minority caucus of the Pennsylvania House of representatives. "I'm very pleased to support Senator Wenger as his campaign chairman," said Boyd. "He is a very accessible, knowledgeable and effective public servant who not only represents his District well, but is widely recognized for his policy-making leadership as caucus secretary in the State Senate."

Active in numerous community organizations, Boyd is a past president of the Farm and Home Foundation of Lancaster County, past chairman of the Lancaster YWCA Board of Trustees and a former chairperson of the Lancaster County Human Relations Commission where he continues to serve as a board member. He chaired Wenger's successful State Senate re-election campaign in 1990.

Currently, Boyd is a director of Brethren Village, Neffsville, and president of the Lancaster Farmland Trust. He is also the moderator of the Ephrata church of the Brethren. He serves on the executive committee of the American Bankers Association's National agricultural Bankers Division.

Boyd received the Lancaster YWCA "Citizen of the Year Award" in 1988 and the Pennsylvania "Friend of Extension Award" in 1987 for his support of agriculture, home economics, 4-H and other Pennsylvania State University Agricultural Extension service programs.

A graduate of Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, Boyd holds a Master of Public Administration Degree from the Pennsylvania State University.

He and his wife, Linda, have two sons and a daughter.



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