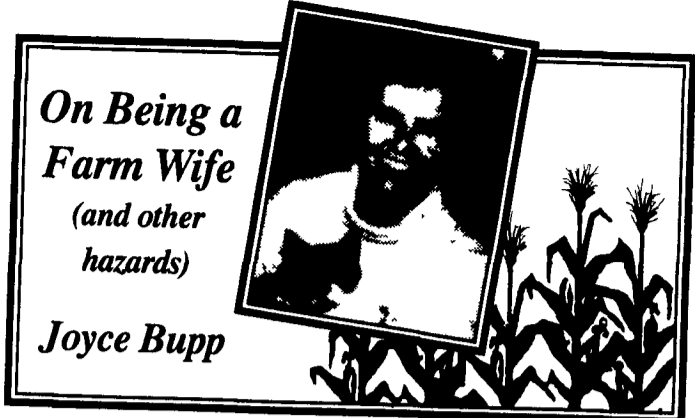


National WIFE Delegates To Meet



There are a myriad of possible answers to that provocative query made famous some years back on television commercials for a popular fast-food restaurant chain. "Where's the beef?!"

In the case of our immediate surroundings, we might find the beef at any number of possible sites.

(However, we usually think of them, not as the beef, but more personally, as "our girls." Only on occasion, when some particular cow has stomped the milker off for the third time during milking and plastered me in the face with a wet, sloppy tail, do I make threats about hamburger.)

So, on any given day, the beef might be exiting the dairy barn, re-entering the dairy barn for evening milking, parading to the feed bunk, lounging around the exercise pastures, or even keeping appointments with the veterinarian.

One of my personal favorites of the ever-changing farm scenes visible through the kitchen windows is the younger beef, our heifer herd, traveling single file up through the meadow from the lower meadow, to take their turn at the feed bunk. Whether surrounded by a January snow scene, the lush green of May, or autumn's golden brilliance, the daily appearance of the string of heifers is like a visit by a close friend.

The baby beef are my special responsibility, our bottle calves who bawl enthusiastic greetings morning and evening the instant they hear footsteps at the calf barn entrance. You never have to wonder where the beef is when they're babies; they'll tell you.

Other answers to "Where's the beef" might include the freezer, the

refrigerator, inside a hamburger bun, snuggled up in a stirfry, or nestled beside the carrots and potatoes of a pot roast.

Not to mention on the outside grills of our neighbors, who routinely put something on to sizzle up for summertime suppers just as we are finishing up evening milking. After two hours of milking, fortified only with a quick snack, the enticing aromas wafting down from those grills of our nearby neighbors leave no doubts about where the beef is.

So we are, on a daily basis, surrounded by the "beef." Which leads us to one rude reality - there are a significant number of undesirable answers to the question: "Where's the beef?"

Like running across the back yard.

Especially when the back yard is at the mud-level of ours on a recent damp, dreary day, when I glanced out a window and spied two big dairy cows loping across the soggy sod. Enroute to corral the runaway beef, I ran across a few more of their friends, also enjoying recess.

The "beef" all take personal pride in eluding anyone who tries to chase them. Waiting until the chaise is within a few feet, they'll lay their ears back, throw their tails in the air and kick their heels as they take off. While thus departing, they gouge inch-deep skid marks in the lawn.

Chasing the dancing beef around the yard came right on the heels of a similar incident a day or so before. I opened the door to the heifer pens under the old bank barn and came face-to-muzzle with some thirty teenage bovines who had spent part of the night partying

JETMORE, Kan. — National Delegates of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) will travel to Kansas City to attend their Annual Winter Board Meeting scheduled for Feb. 10-12.

Delegates from 25 states are expected to be in attendance at the organization's first meeting of the new year.

WIFE, organized in 1976, is committed to improving profitability in production agriculture through educational, legislative, communicative, and cooperative efforts. As a grassroots organization, WIFE believes the American people and policy makers need to be made more aware of the importance of agriculture to the security and well-being of the nation.

National WIFE President Mary Ann Sheppard of Alabama explained, "The 1995 Farm Bill strategy for Women Involved in Farm Economics will be the most important issue for delegates attending the board of directors meeting. Step one of WIFE's plan should be completed. At the close of this meeting, WIFE members will be ready to testify in Washington, D.C. and at field hearings across the country when called upon."

Congressman Pat Roberts, U.S. representative from the Kansas First Congressional District, has been invited to speak to the WIFE

in the feed alleyway, having found a loose gate. During their stay, they totally wiped out a couple of bags of feed, scattered a half-dozen bales of good alfalfa and trashed everything that they didn't gobble up.

Thus, the next time you hear the question, "Where's the beef?," you can be ready with this answer.

Probably messing around somewhere it has no business.

Board of Directors concerning agriculture and the '95 Farm Bill.

Congressman Roberts is the first Republican chairman of the House Agriculture Committee since 1954. His efforts for leadership in agriculture have been recognized by numerous business and agriculture groups, including Kansas Wheat Growers, Kansas Farm Bureau, FFA, Production Credit Association, and Public Voice.

Robert Fenemore, environmental scientist from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Kansas City, will speak to WIFE members on groundwater and agriculture regulations. He is acting director for the Office of Groundwater Protection. Fenemore's other duties consist of

risk assessment facilitator, regional pollution prevention coordinator, and primary regional agriculture contact. He is also involved in 1995 Farm Bill issues and developing EPA's position on the bill.

Marty Strange will address WIFE board of directors on vertical integration. He is the program director and co-founder of the Center for Rural Affairs in Walthill, Neb. The center is a non-profit organization devoted to the economic, social and environmental well-being of rural America. Strange's book, "Family Farming: A New Economic Vision," is regarded as one of the leading critiques of industrial agribusiness. He is the recipient of a 1992 Public Achievement Award from Common Cause.

Ice Cream Festival To Raise Money For Library

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The 1995 Turkey Hill Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Festival is scheduled for Sunday, July 16, from 1-5 p.m. at Lancaster Square, near the Brunswick Hotel in downtown Lancaster. Turkey Hill Dairy will underwrite all festival expenses and donate ticket proceeds to the Library System of Lancaster County. Proceeds are used to purchase hundreds of children's books for the county's 17 library units.

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