

# Join American Agri-Women

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, March 4, 1995-B11

**YORK** (York Co.) — American Agri-Women have come of age, now that the organization is 20 years old, and are embarking on a new decade of growth and renewal. Revitalized by strategic planning designed to take them into the 21st century, the grassroots general farm organization is still made up totally of volunteers, but dedicated to the kind of positive action which normally comes only from groups with paid staffs and lobbyists. This is an organization

farmers and consumers love to love, for AAW members get to the heart of issues and represent the interests of wives, mothers, lovers, protectors of family and values.

What makes them special? Founding mothers say, "We're it! When we go out to speak or testify on farm issues, we're credible, for we live and love what we speak. We are a coalition of diversity representing women in 21 state affiliates and 29 commodity organiza-

tions on various state and national levels filtering up from a ground swell of 50,000 movers and shakers who seek truth first and foremost in all issues." Their expertise ranges from fruit and vegetable to grain and fabric crops; lambs, cattle, cows, hogs, chickens and turkeys to health and nutrition; forests, flora, fish, to wildlife and conservation; they practice stewardship of the land and maintain discipline and hard work ethics in their families. They are dedicated

to the preservation of the family farm system which they see as the bulwark of the private enterprise system.

A specific goal for the coming five years is to have an organized presence in each state by the year 2000. To do that, AAW is launching an all out campaign to entice women in agriculture, agri-business, government, on campuses and in cities, virtually anyone who needs to eat to join its ranks. The dues for this professional association have remained low in order to

be affordable to everyone: \$20 for individuals who join on their own; but just \$10 for those who join through an affiliate.

A set of Prime Truth, Goals and Strategies has served AAW well since its inception and is available upon request. Major issues to be addressed in 1995 include private property, food safety reform and water quality. Anyone wishing information on how to become an American Agri-Woman should contact Gail McPherson (717) 362-4878.

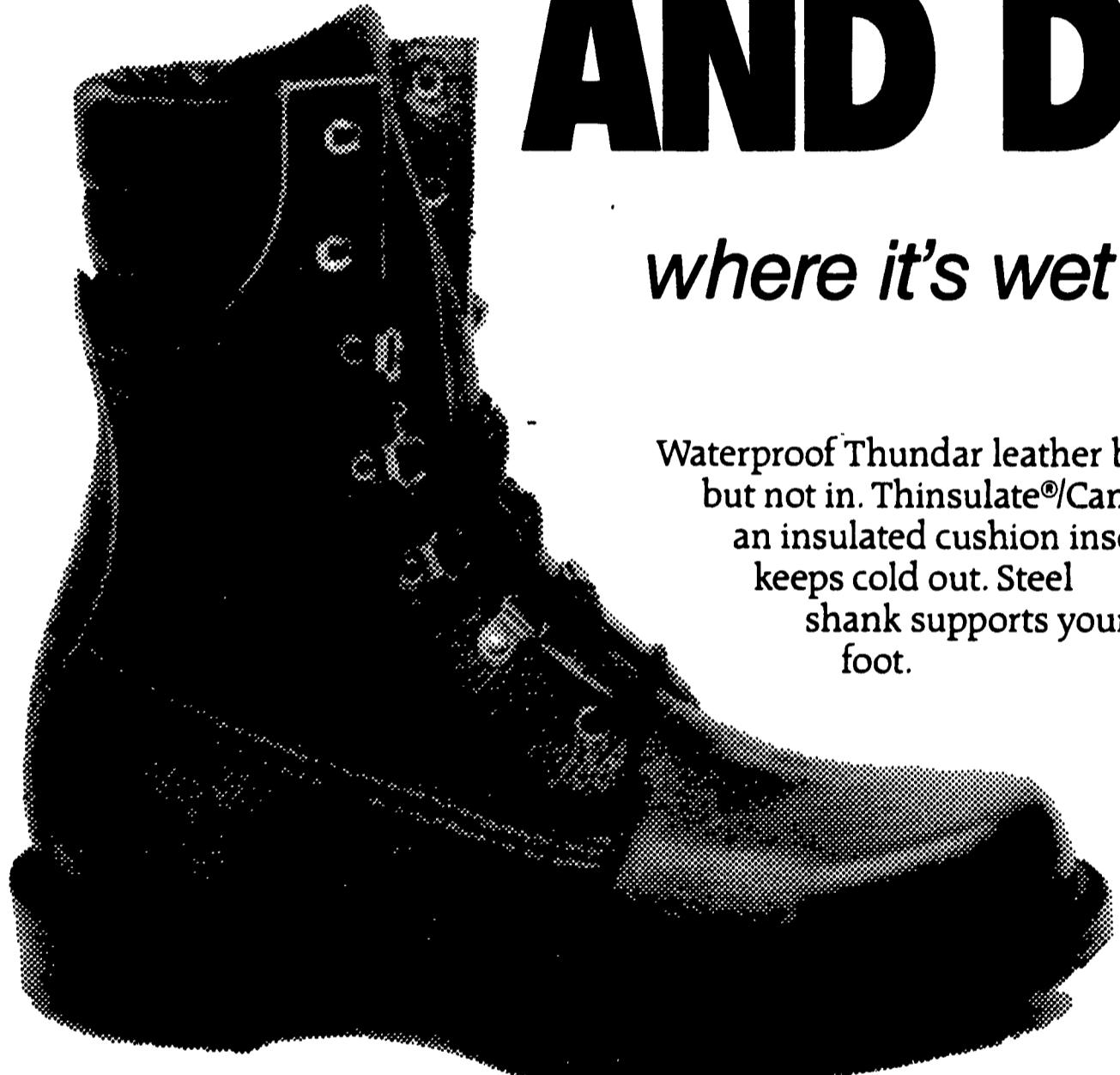


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