

WORKING WIFE RECEIVES MANY HIDDEN BENEFITS

The working wife often receives hidden benefits even though the pay may seem small after deducting the additional expenses incurred from working.

Extension home management specialists at Penn State university say that one of the most important hidden benefits is that the working wife is increasing the overall financial security of her family. Even a slight increase in income often makes a big difference in the goods and services that a family can have.

Also, should an unforeseeable event reduce or eliminate the husband's income, the entire family income isn't lost. A wife who knows how to handle a job has valuable economic security in the event of premature death or disablement of her husband.

The working wife also increases her Social Security benefits. The benefits provided by Social Security become quite substantial for a woman after she has worked one and a half years. Or, if she is paying into some other kind of retirement plan, the working wife can add to the benefits she'll receive in later years.

A woman considering going to work should check on both pay and benefits to determine how much value they have for her, the Extension specialist say. Most employers offer fringe benefits for their workers in the form of health, hospitalization and life insurance coverage. And a paid vacation is one of the most attractive hidden benefits for the working wife. Other benefits the

working wife might receive include a pension plan, an occasional bonus, special educational opportunities, a profit-sharing program, merchandise at reduced prices, and the opportunity to meet new people.

BE CAREFUL WITH FARM MACHINERY

During spring operators of farm machinery are tempted to give children rides. But don't, urges the Farm & Home Safety Committee at Pennsylv-

ania State university. The little ones may say you are mean but again, don't take such chances.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Two area students have been included on the Dean's List at Shippensburg State college.

They are: Stephen Longenecker, 5930 Lemon street, East Petersburg, and Edmond P. Lull, of 415 Orchard Lane, Manheim.

ABOUT HAM

Most of the ham you see on the market today is cooked and ready to eat. Extension consumer specialists at Penn State say you have a choice of bone-in or bone-out hams. You can buy it canned or uncanned. Bone-out hams cost more per pound but the real comparison is the number of servings. Boneless hams may not cost as much as it seems

when you compare them with bone-in hams. Read the label on the ham you want to buy. It tells you if it is the shank or butt portion—the center slices have been removed. The butt half usually offers more meat in relation to the bone, but the shank half is easier to carve. The difference in price usually takes care of the slightly smaller amount of meat in the shank half.

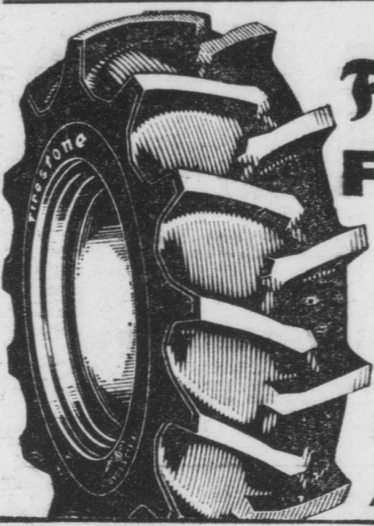
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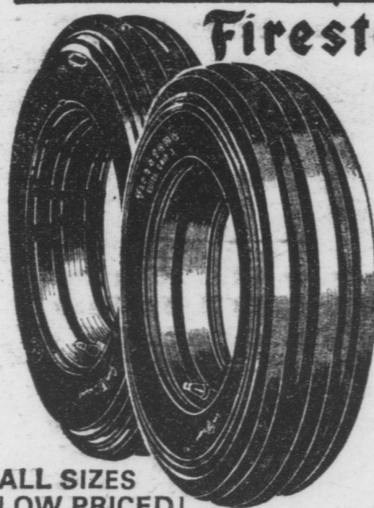
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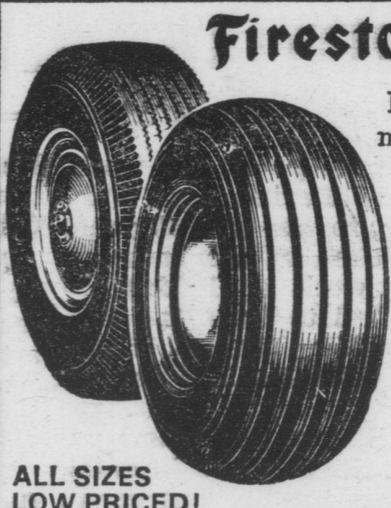
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