

Adam and Eve



Ed, Sydney and Amy Shoop.

Sydney never lived on a farm until she married Ed Shoop in August, 1972.

Now, when the manure spreader gets stuck in the mud, Sydney climbs on a tractor and helps her husband pull it out.

Sydney also hauls feed from the store, takes care of banking, runs a household and raises two children.

Sydney enjoys farm work, but wishes she could get away more often.

"You're tied down so much," she says, "You have to be here to milk in the morning and you have to be here to milk in the afternoon."

Ed Shoop's family has been farming the same land near Bainbridge for four generations.

Last April, Ed bought the farm from his father, Russell Shoop. Ed got milk

processing equipment and opened the Conoy Springs jug milk store at the end of his driveway and since then, he's been even busier than usual.

Ed says, "I think farming is one of the best ways of life there is."

"You're outside all the time. You're your own boss. Of course, there is a lot of work and a lot of management."

Ed and Sydney met in 1970. They went together for 3 years. Sydney lived near Quarryville and Ed was working on the farm.

"There was a lot of running back and forth," Ed says.

Three summers ago, the Shoops spent their honeymoon in New England. This year, Sydney went to the shore with Ed's mother, Ethyl. Ed had to stay home

with the business.

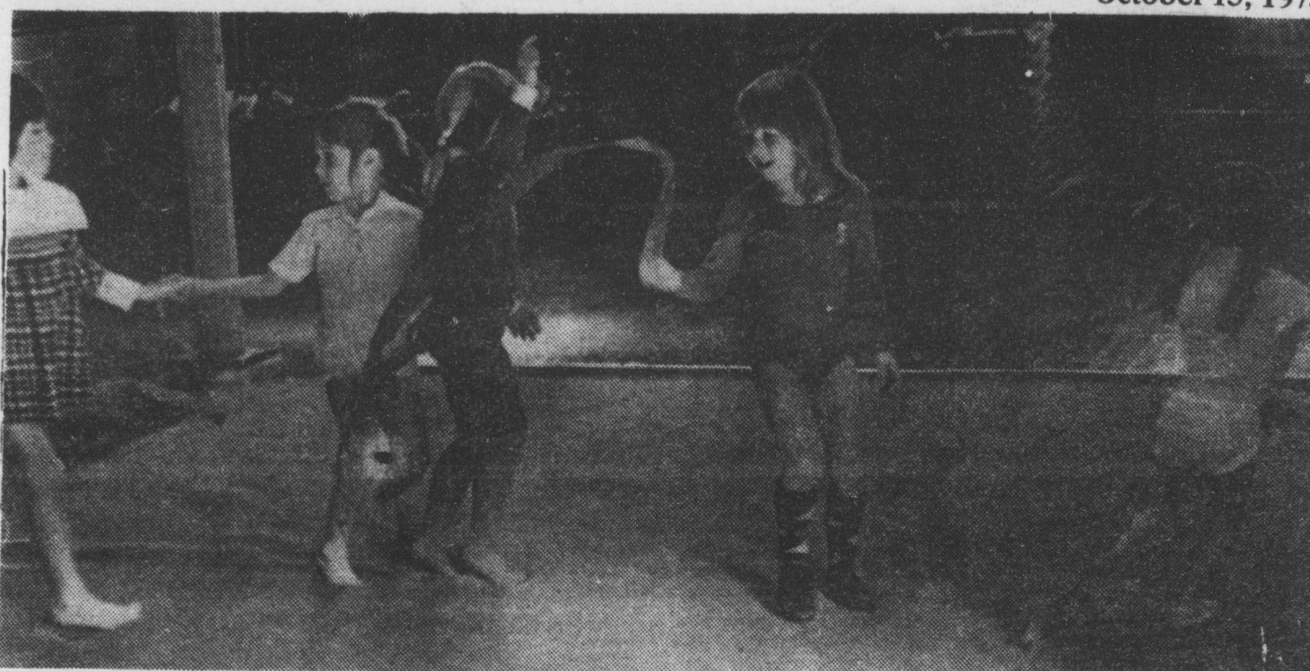
Sydney says, "You have to try to get along. There are a lot of things that aren't easy, but you have to make up your mind to make the best of them."

According to Ed, the secret of a good marriage is "not to much hassle. Agreeing."

The Shoop's have two children: Michelle, Sydney's daughter by a previous marriage, takes care of feeding the calves.

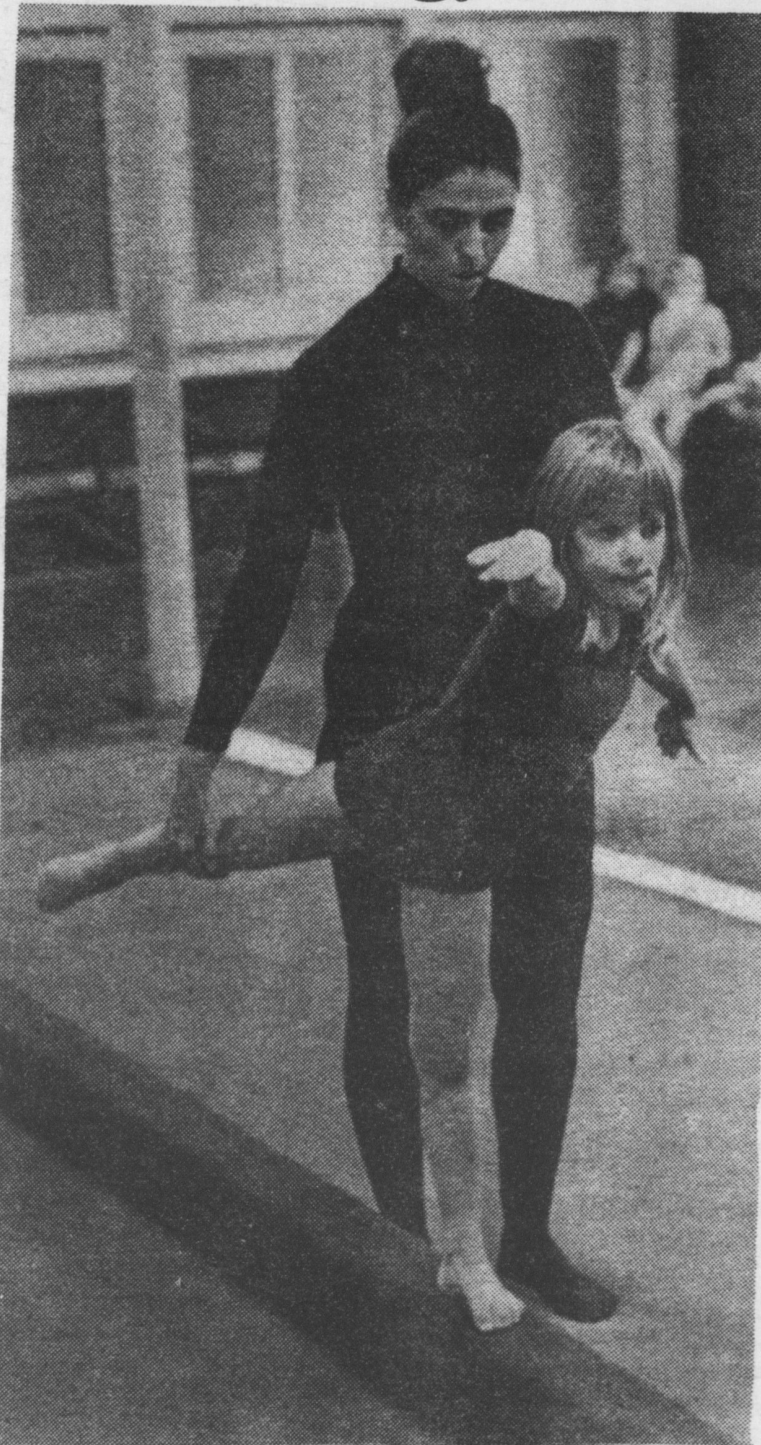
Two year-old Amy isn't big enough to manage cattle, but practices on the cats.

The Shoop's spend some of their spare time refinishing antique furniture. Their 18th century farmhouse has plenty of furniture stored in the odd corners, so the Shoop's don't have to look very far to find antiques.



Youngest students practice interpretive dance. Shown are, left to right, Gina Metzger, Amy Campbell, Amy Cole, Erica Hildebrandt and Heidi Murphy.

E. Hildebrandt teaches dance and gymnastics



Mrs. Hildebrandt instructs Marisa Pedulla on the balance beam.

Eleanor Hildebrandt runs ballet and gymnastics classes in Mount Joy.

Students range from five year-old beginners to advanced gymnasts and dancers. There is also a slimming class for people who want to have fun while losing weight.

The small children do exercises and interpretive dance. Starting formal ballet training too soon can injure young bodies, Eleanor points out.

Eleanor's husband, Jonathan, acts as "spotter" in the gymnastics classes. Part of the spotter's job is to catch people who begin to fall the wrong way.

"I'm grateful to have him," says Eleanor. "It's a dangerous position. And it's an art. It requires a lot of training."

Mrs. Hildebrandt taught at the Academy of Ballet in Harrisburg before starting her own classes here in Mount Joy.

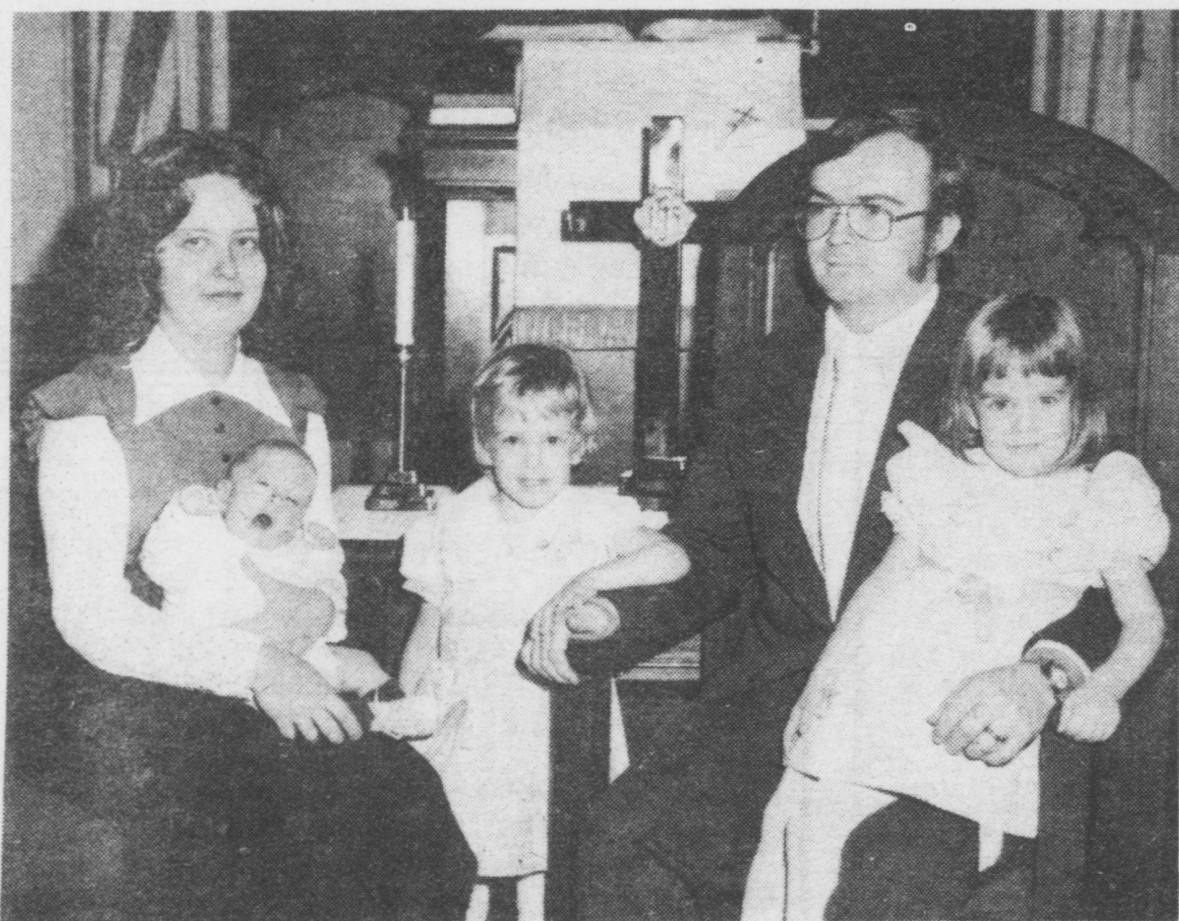
She danced professionally for nine years with the "Johnson Trio." The trio included her brother, Noble Johnson, and her sister, Nancy Biesecker.

In 1960, Eleanor was Miss Lancaster County. She was first runner-up in the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant.

This year, she was a judge at the Miss Lancaster contest.

The Hildebrandts have four children; Christopher, Michelle, Eric and Erica.

Schirmer family to sing this Sat. at Pioneer Fire Co. gospel concert



Rev. Arthur B. Schirmer, pastor at the United Methodist Church, Marietta, and his family will be featured at the Gospel Concert sponsored by the Marietta Pioneer Fire Company on October 18 at Riverview School.



Monica Hess practices on balance beam. Janine Pedulla, Lisa Shannon, Marisa Pedulla and Teresa Mason wait their turn.