

Rural Newlyweds Tell 'Embarrassing Moments'!

WE ALL get a little "egg" on our face from time to time. No one knows that better than Mrs. Myron Kleppin of Wessington Springs, South Dakota. Here's how she tells it in the leadoff "most embarrassing moment" in a recent issue of *Country People*, a magazine that features the lighter moments of America's farmers and ranchers.

"I was raised in a small town, but I felt pretty sure I could be a successful farm wife without much real experience. So soon after our marriage, my farmer husband thought it would be a good idea to get a few chickens for me to take care of.

"Another farm near our place was

selling pullets, so we went over and bought 50 of them. As we were paying for them, I said ever so innocently to my husband, 'When will we get the rooster so we can start getting eggs?'

"Of course, everyone had a good laugh over that (probably even the chickens!). To this day, every time the farmer who sold us the pullets sees me he asks, 'How's your rooster doing these days, m'am?'"

ANOTHER newlywed unfamiliar with farm ways provides the next

most embarrassing moment, but this time it's the husband who found out that farming (near Crestview, Florida) is a bit different than growing up in the Motor City of Detroit, Michigan.

Linda Ferguson, born and raised on a farm, tells it this way:

"We had only been married a week, and my husband was out working on our water pump. All at once our biggest hog came running and snorting toward him.

"That hog chased him all the way to the house, and when he ran into

the kitchen, the hog waited for him on the porch. All the while my husband was yelling, 'Linda, do something... help me!'

"Well, of course, there aren't many hogs in Detroit. So I gently explained to my husband that the hog loved attention and only wanted him to play with her. Was he embarrassed that day!"

AN ELLENDALE, Minnesota farm wife provides our next blusher. She's still blushing so much she asked us not to print her name!

"A few years back, when my four children were preschoolers, it was
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"When will we get a rooster so we can start getting eggs?"

'Mystery Ad' Winner 'Just Can't Believe It!'

"I JUST can't believe I'm the first reader to get through to you on the 'Mystery Ad!'" an excited Edith Cliffman of Nevada, Missouri exclaimed when she called the *Country EXTRA* editorial office and learned she'd won our most recent monthly Mailbox Marketplace contest.

"I've been looking through the classified ads in *Country EXTRA* every month to see if you'd hidden the 'Mystery Ad' in the *Nevada Mail's* Mailbox Marketplace," she added. "I was really surprised to see it there today!"

Because Edith was the first reader to call us, she and husband Harold win the regular prize of a free dinner for four at their favorite restaurant, with CX picking up the tab.

As regular CX readers know, we hide the "Mystery Ad" in *only one* of the 200 rural newspapers that publish *Country EXTRA* each month.

The whole Mystery Ad program will be less of a mystery if you read the details on *EXTRA* page 4. While there, scan the classified ads—you could be this month's "free-dinner-for-four" winner!

Winning Salad Recipe 'Delicious, Different'

"DELICIOUSLY refreshing, healthful and different!" That's what *Country EXTRA's* taste-testers said between mouthfuls of "Mostaccioli Salad", the winning *Pasta Salads* entry in CX's latest nationwide recipe contest.

The recipe was submitted by CX reader Clara Hinman of Flagler, Colorado. As first-place winner, Clara wins our regular recipe contest prize of \$150 worth of free groceries from *Country EXTRA*.

When you try her recipe printed on *EXTRA* page 3, you'll surely agree with Clara that her salad is "easy to make and is great for buffet lunches or picnics". CX taste-testers added that "it would be good for
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Real horsepower—
Dan, Mabel,
Bingo and Buck

Remember Real Horsepower?

THAT PHOTO above is becoming mighty popular with *Country EXTRA* readers all around the country! It's one of 22 country-oriented pictures now available as large, full-color posters... and it's showing up on lots of rural walls.

"That picture sure reminds me of when I was 12 and drove a husky, four-horse hitch like that," writes a former Iowan who ordered the poster and mounted it on his California living room wall. "That's when horsepower was really horsepower!" We've been getting similar comments from hundreds of readers every day since we started offering the unique rural posters.

Each poster carries a chuckle-provoking phrase. For instance, an expressive-looking sow knowingly confides, "I could tell you things that would curl your tail!" and a startled little pig asks, "Really? You think my room's a mess?" on two popular pig posters. And regular CX readers will recall the bib-overalled twins, with the phrase "You been farming long?"

You can order an 18" x 14" full-color poster of the picture above for just \$3.00. Ask for Poster No. 1614. Or ask for our free brochure showing all 22 posters. Write *Country EXTRA*, Suite 1425, Box 643, Milwaukee WI 53201.

Switzerland Best Tour Spot, Farmers Claim

OUR tour division, World Wide Farm Forums, has offered a wide variety of trips over the past years—to Hawaii, Alaska, Venezuela, Italy, Spain, Mexico, England, Switzerland, Germany and Austria.

Recently we surveyed the more than 9,000 farm people who have traveled with us in the past 7 years and asked which was their favorite tour site, and why. We found that *Switzerland* was easily the No. 1 tour site with our people! (And that's why we're offering a tour there again this fall—more on that later.)

Here are the major reasons our tour members named Switzerland as their "easy favorite" tour site:

1. It's the most beautiful country they ever visited, they said. Its winding mountain roads, green valleys, charming "barnhouses" and tidy villages offer "the kind of beauty you have to see"!

2. Switzerland's agriculture is so different and interesting. Tour members especially liked the fact that we arranged farm visits, letting them talk personally to Swiss farmers, and even
See *Country Extra* in our March 8 issue.

'Miss Agriculture' Finals Draw Near

THE BIG MOMENT is almost here! As you read this story, the 10 finalists competing for the first-ever "Miss Agriculture" title—chosen by votes of rural people nationwide—are getting set to travel to Chicago for 2 days of interviews by the Miss Agriculture selection panel.

The winner of the national title will be announced on Saturday evening, March 17, by WGN-TV Farm Broadcaster Orion Samuelson. He'll serve as master of ceremonies for the nationally televised finals on the *U.S. Farm Report*. Check your local TV schedule for telecast time and channel in your area.

"Miss Agriculture" will take part
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