

LYONS CLUB LARNED MAR.28, 1979

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COME INTRODUCE ED He's the doer and I'm the talker. He's also the reason I do this. I love him and my life on the farm and don't want it to change. Rewards are great for being a farm wife. Ed is a big believer in the ERA. I'm a liberated woman. He always lets me have my choice on what to do. Yesterday he asked---want to take the cow to the vet or take truck load of milo to elevator. My reward this year was a diamond necklace for Christmas. Sister-in-law said we thought you were poor. Ed says that's the cheapest years wages for a hired man he'll ever pay. You guys always thought he was a dumb farmer.

Don't have time to tell you about the tractorcade. Want to tell you something about the trip besides what damage was done to the Mall. People worry about that when they should be worried about why we went. The farmer is the first symptom that is showing up in a desease that is going to kill our country. Old saying that the depression was farm bred and farm led. How agriculture goes, so goes the nation. How do you think agriculture is going when we are getting practically the same prices for our products that we did in 1948?

We went to Wash D.C. to get Sec. Bergland to implement the 1977 farm bill to it's fullest. Bill provides for 90% of parity. ~~xxx~~ What is parity? Dictionary says on par or equal to. Bu. of corn or wheat should buy as much in 1979 as it did in 1910-1914, Bergland says parity is outmoded concept, but a few years ago he was pushing for it too. He sure got modern in a hurry. Did you know, not too many years ago--1970--oil was the same price per barrel as wheat per bushel.

Last year told us we were unorganized. Get our act together. Be more visible. All foarm organizations didn't want the same thing. This year, How much more visible can we get. Were told by Kansas congressmen to bring tractors. All farm organizations except Farm Bureau said impliment farm bill. Yet we have at least 3 bills being formed by congressmen that say something else. We got our act together if they will just get out of our way. Story about signals in the field.

Farm bureau says largest farm organization in US. Two largest county memberships are Cook County, Chicago and Houston. We're members of Farm Bureau. We're

members because of low insurance rates, not policy.

Have lots of questions going thru my mind. Like why can't I stay home and tend to my knitting instead of taking my soap box every where I go?

Why does wheat sell for \$3.00 a b. here and bread for 56¢ a loaf and wheat sell for \$8.00 bu. and bread 48¢ a loaf? *IN GER.*

Why has minimum wage increased 625% since 1948, Production costs increased 812% Farm prices 124% since 1948. All they tell you to scream about is the food that goes in your belly. Scream about the cost of cars, clothes, dishes, electricity. If we give you our grain, you will still pay 53¢ for bread and 73¢/10 box for corn flakes. *12 Oz box*

Why does USDA allow imported fruit and vegetables from Mexico. No standards on pesticides. Oranges.

Why does USDA imported meat from sub-standard packers. Rules so strict in US. *ARGENTINA AUSTRALIA*

Why did USDA allow imported meat to be fed to school children?

Why does armed forces buy imported meat?

NOT ONE TRACK MIND

How much is the Mid-East peace going to cost you and me. Isriell promised \$10Bill in military aid. Egypt not quite as much. We bought peace in Mid-east. How can we guarantee Isriell oil for the next 15 years, when we can't get it.

Why are foreigners buying up our land?

*19.4 thousand Karroo acres - 1000 quarters
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Why do we allow a senate office bldg. Original estimate of \$47.9 mill-Estimate of completion \$122 mill. Cost overruns \$200 mill. All that is there is steel girders. I get upset and frustrated. But apathy is going to destroy us. Look around you. Lost father-son operation south of Lewis this winter. Father-son operation south of Macksville month ago. Farmers selling out. Week ago T&T, 6 farm auctions. How many businesses in town?

Take papers. Biased news, you've been reading it for years.

*OTHER SIDE OF
COIN FOR WHILE*