

## Linda the Cow Found Herself in Such a Hole



IT WAS the Saturday morning blues for Linda the cow today.

For when Aughton farmer Jack Sheppard and his wife, Beryl, of Smalledge Farm, got up this morning they found Linda, a five-year-old Friesian stuck in a sludge hole up to her, neck in mud. They had had to dig a huge hole to drain the farmyard after flooding.

During the night, Linda, who gave birth to a calf only five days ago, wandered into the yard and fell into the hole. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard and their son, Philip, aged 13, tried for an hour to get her out. They then phoned Sheffield Fire Brigade, who rushed two tenders and seven men to the scene.

### Philosophical

Meanwhile Linda was taking it all philosophically. The firemen, under Sub-Officer L. Harrison, rigged up sheer legs over the hole placed a canvas band under Linda and hauled her up by a winch.

Then everybody waited to see if Linda could scramble to her feet. She did and off she trotted to join her calf.

### Flooded

But amid the smiles, farmer Sheppard was not too happy. For at one period over the past few weeks his cowshed was flooded and because the sheds are still out of action, he is having to keep his cows "all over the place." And that was how Linda came to stumble into the sludge hole