

Character List

This list carefully avoids spoilers. Names and descriptions below reflect the original information given about each character. Main characters are listed, along with some minor players.

PennDutch Inn Regulars

Magdalena Yoder - A 44 year-old Mennonite woman, who owns controlling interest in the PennDutch Inn until Susannah proves herself “competent and productive.” Then they will be equal partners

Susannah Yoder Entwhistle - Magdalena’s 34-year-old sister. She ran off and married a Presbyterian, Maurice Entwhistle, after the death of her parents. Now divorced, she is lazy and irresponsible. She billows when she walks because she drapes herself in “enough fabric to clothe a small third-world country.”

Papa and Mama Yoder, deceased - The parents of Magdalena and Susannah died 11 years earlier in a highway smash-up, their vehicle being sandwiched between a truck full of running shoes and a tanker full of milk. Previously Mr. Yoder had been a dairy man and Mrs. Yoder sold eggs. They may have already passed on to Glory, but you’ll hear about them, especially Mama.

Mose Hostetler - 74 years old, a kinsman and handyman for the inn - Amish instead of Mennonite

Freni Hostetler - 73 years old, Mose’s wife - the crotchety cook for the PennDutch Inn

PennDutch Animals

Shnookums - Susannah’s tiny dog

Pertelote - Magdalena’s boldest hen, a Rhode Island Red

Matilda and Bertha (aka Bessie) - milk cows

Movie Staff - Reels and Runs Productions:

- 1 **Steve Freeman (Bugsy)** - advance man - made the arrangements for renting the PennDutch Inn
- 2 **Arthur Lapata** - director - tall, but stooped
- 3 **Donald Manley** - assistant director and scriptwriter - short and hairy - nephew of George P. Manley, the executive producer
- 4 **Darla Strutt** - actress - aka **Rambling Rhonda**, the movie industry’s code name for Darla - like Susannah, Darla wears yards of flowing fabric
Fifi - Darla’s tiny dog
- 5 **Rip Oilman** - actor

- 6 **Al** - cameraman
- 7 **Heather** - makeup girl - very pregnant with Don Manley's child
- 8 **Roger** - sound technician
- 9 **Andrea** - prop manager

Hernia residents involved in the movie:

- 1 **Norah Hall** - Hernia's town gossip - determined to make sure her daughter is cast in the movie
- 2 **Sherry Hall** - Norah's daughter, about 12 years old
- 3 **Martha Sims** - Presbyterian pastor's wife - hoping for a part in the movie
- 4 **Orlando Sims** - Martha's husband - Presbyterian pastor who, years ago, married Susannah to a member of his church
- 5 **Biddle sisters** - Cindy and Nadine - high school girls - "good-looking bimbo types for dressing"

Miscellaneous Others

Melvin Stoltzfus - Chief of Police - has been dating Susannah for about a year

Zelda Root - assistant police chief

John Hostetler - Mose and Freni's son who now runs their farm while they work for Magdalena

Barbara Hostetler - John's wife - 6 feet tall - always at odds with Freni

Jim (Jumbo) Fortuna - owner of Jumbo Jim's Fried Chicken and Seafood Palace in Baltimore

Reverend Gingerich - pastor of Magdalena's Mennonite church

Helen Gingerich - the pastor's wife

Samuel Nevin Yoder - owner of Yoder's Corner Market - a relative of Magdalena's father

Doc Shafer - octogenarian veterinarian who's sweet on Magdalena

Roy Miller - owner of Miller Feed Store

Elsbeth Rhinehart Miller - Roy's wife

Aaron Miller - a neighbor of the PennDutch Inn - 78 years old and currently recovering from a fall

Aaron Miller, Jr. - son of the above