

Ida's Notebook

Another Thanksgiving and time for us to remember the blessings which God has given us.

This year our oldest daughter was on duty in the Intensive Care Unit of the Genesee Hospital in Rochester, New York and unable for the first time to spend Thanksgiving with us.

Other years she managed to get a ride home from Alfred University and our son came from Delaware Valley College and we had a joyous reunion. But now she has a job which she likes and that is important, too.

When we sit down at our Thanksgiving table, we usually take account of all the goodies and count the number which have come from our farm. Often cranberries will be the only thing we haven't grown. We even exchange our wheat at the mill for 300 pounds of flour to bake bread, cakes and pies.

I've been drying Balsam Tea for the winter. When I was a child, we spread it on newspaper in the attic to dry, but now I do smaller amounts in the kitchen.

Another thing I enjoy in winter is dried green string beans cooked with slabs of bacon.

Last week, the second grade



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came in a school bus to visit our farm.

The children were more interested in petting the calves, the dogs and the cats than in looking at the cows in the milk parlor and seeing the 1,000 gallon milk tank. However, when Allen showed how he feeds the cows by pushing a button they did calm down a little.

We got nice thank-you letters from them.

We had a mother-daughter

Society 3

Society of Farm Women 3 met at the home of Mrs. William Eberly, Stevens RD1. The meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. Robert Gregory. Devotions were led by hostess Mrs. Eberly.

Mrs. Carl Meck was received into membership. The initiation ceremony was led by Mrs. Gregory.

The \$10 award received for attendance at the County Convention was contributed to the Victor Plastow memorial fund. Other contributions were Ephrata Library, \$50, Farm and

banquet recently at our church and the children were delighted to receive as gifts mittens which had been knit into the shape of a puppet. They also enjoyed the Christmas puppet show which was put on for them. It was a pleasure to have the fathers cook the meal for us.

Home Center, \$50, and Tuberculosis Society, \$10.

Mrs. William Eberly, Mrs. George Wealand, Mrs. Luthel Moore, and Mrs. Esther Petticofer will sell Christmas cards for Heart Haven at the Ephrata National Bank and the Farmers National Bank on Friday, November 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hackman, Manheim, entertained with slides, poetry, and music appropriate for the Thanksgiving season.

The next meeting will be a Christmas party for members and their children December 19 at 2 p.m. in Salem Lutheran Church, West Main Street, Ephrata. Mrs. Ivan Eberly will be the hostess.

Society 11

Lancaster County officers of the Society of Farm Women were special guests during a covered dish luncheon and business meeting of Society 11, held

Thursday at the Quarryville United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Katherine Mathias, Mrs. Clarence Ressel and Mrs. Irene Shank served as hostesses for the meeting.

Following the luncheon a short business session was conducted by Mrs. Esther Musser, president of Society 11. Mrs. Clarence Ressel led the devotions. Reports were given by the various committee chairmen.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. John M. Hess, county president, who spoke on her experiences during the past year. She also gave a report on the County Convention held November 7 at the Farm and Home Center. Approximately 400 members of various county societies were in attendance.

The program for the afternoon was conducted by Mrs. Mabel Bucher and Mrs. Frieda Huber. The program was a current issues quiz.

Members will exchange gifts and hold a carol sing during their annual Christmas party to be held at the Chestnut Level Church House Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Society 15

Society of Farm Women 15 met Thursday afternoon at the Union Presbyterian Church, Colerain Township. Hostesses (Continued on Page 24)



SPECIAL REPORT

North American Random Sample Tests

SHAVER'S 288'S TOP ALL ENTRIES IN DOUBLE TEST AT 13th PENNSYLVANIA



Best Average Income — Cage & Floor Combined

This test was divided into two sections with each entry placing 100 in floor pens and 96 in cages. Shaver 288's consistency gave her the best average income when these two sections were combined. Shaver Starcross 288 growing livability was an exceptional 99.2%.

Entry	Income over feed and chick cost	Hen Housed Egg Production	% Large and Extra Large Eggs	Lbs. Feed per lb. of Eggs	% Laying House Livability
Shaver 288	\$3.642	238.6	68.2	3.10	90.8
Strain B	3.620	228.1	64.3	2.87	74.5
Strain C	3.580	231.9	66.6	3.04	78.7
Strain D	3.456	218.4	64.4	2.87	60.8
Strain E	3.322	214.7	64.4	3.02	85.1
Strain F	3.243	219.8	61.7	3.11	86.6
Strain G	3.168	230.9	53.0	3.25	90.7
Strain H	3.085	216.0	55.6	3.11	70.9
Strain I	3.069	210.4	63.8	3.03	78.1
Strain J	2.982	208.1	64.4	3.12	83.6
Strain K	2.976	208.1	81.2	3.15	73.9
Strain L	2.937	214.6	58.8	3.14	83.7
Strain M	2.896	215.5	74.3	3.21	88.2
Test Average*	\$2.969	214.9	3.6	3.16	82.0
Shaver Advantage	\$.672	23.7	2.5	.06	8.8

*Only the main entries, including internationally franchised white egg layers, are listed in this report.

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