

Ida's Notebook

As we changed the calendar to December this year, I couldn't help remembering a superstition which an older lady told me years ago, "Whoever changes the calendar page will be the boss for that month"

Now my life has been generously sprinkled with superstitions and even if I don't believe them, I can't help thinking of them and reflecting on how they ever got started

One time my mother wrote down all the beliefs that her mother told her and had quite an impressive list. Probably many had a reason behind them, such as, "A horse hair in the milk bucket will turn into a snake" Isn't this simply admonishing us to handle the milk carefully and keep it clean

My grandmother often quoted this verse to me as a child and I've never forgotten it

John Brown took his father's gun,
To shoot at some rabbits and have some fun,
He shot at a rabbit and killed a cow
And how much fun do you think he has now!

These things all instill a certain fear in us

It seems as though work on a



For a little papoose, tuck his scampering feet into these mocasin slippers. Each slipper is made up of four crocheted motifs, done with knitting worsted cotton yarn. The sizing is for children's feet in small, medium and large (7-9 inch sole lengths). Free instructions are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to this newspaper along with your request for Leaflet PC 4185.



By Ida Risser

farm is never done. There is always need for another silo, a bigger barn or more calf pens. These big jobs don't take into account the endless job of repairing that must go on.

One time at a banquet for Master Farmers in Pennsylvania, the Secretary of Agriculture told me that often a deciding factor between two candidates will be whether he has "one hinge on the gate or no hinges on the gate." This is ironic but true.

It is a pleasure to have young hands of sons and daughters to give us a lift during their vacations. Also, we often don't appreciate the help of our younger ones who trudge through their chores without complaining.

Last summer, we actually saw two deer on our farm very early in the morning. However, this doesn't compare to the 39 deer I saw in Perry County in just one day recently. Unfortunately for me, they all appeared to be doe. So, I'll hope for better luck next year.

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Holiday Goodies

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QUISPY PEANUT BUTTER PATTIES

5 cups Quisp cereal
4 cups miniature marshmallows

1/4 cup peanut butter

1/4 cup butter or margarine

Place Quisp in large greased bowl. Melt marshmallows, peanut butter and butter in top of double boiler over hot (not boiling) water, stirring occasionally until smooth. Pour over

cereal, stirring until evenly coated. With greased hands, shape to form fifteen 3-inch round patties. Place on waxed paper. Chill. Top each with a gumdrop flower.

BUTTERSCOTCH MALLOBETS

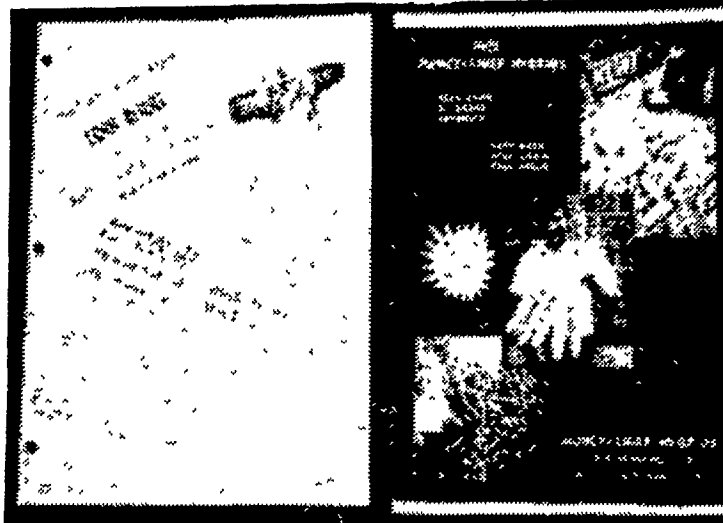
1/2 cup butter
1 jar (about 7 ounces) marshmallow cream
2 cups oven-toasted rice cereal
1 cup flaked coconut
1 cup butterscotch morsels

Finely chopped nuts or graham cracker crumbs

Melt butter in saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat and add marshmallow cream; stir until smooth. Blend in the rice cereal, coconut and butterscotch morsels. Shape into 1" balls with greased hands; roll in finely chopped nuts or graham cracker crumbs. Allow to stand at room temperature till set, about 1 hour. Decorate with gum drop pieces, cinnamon candies, etc., if desired. Makes about 6 dozen.

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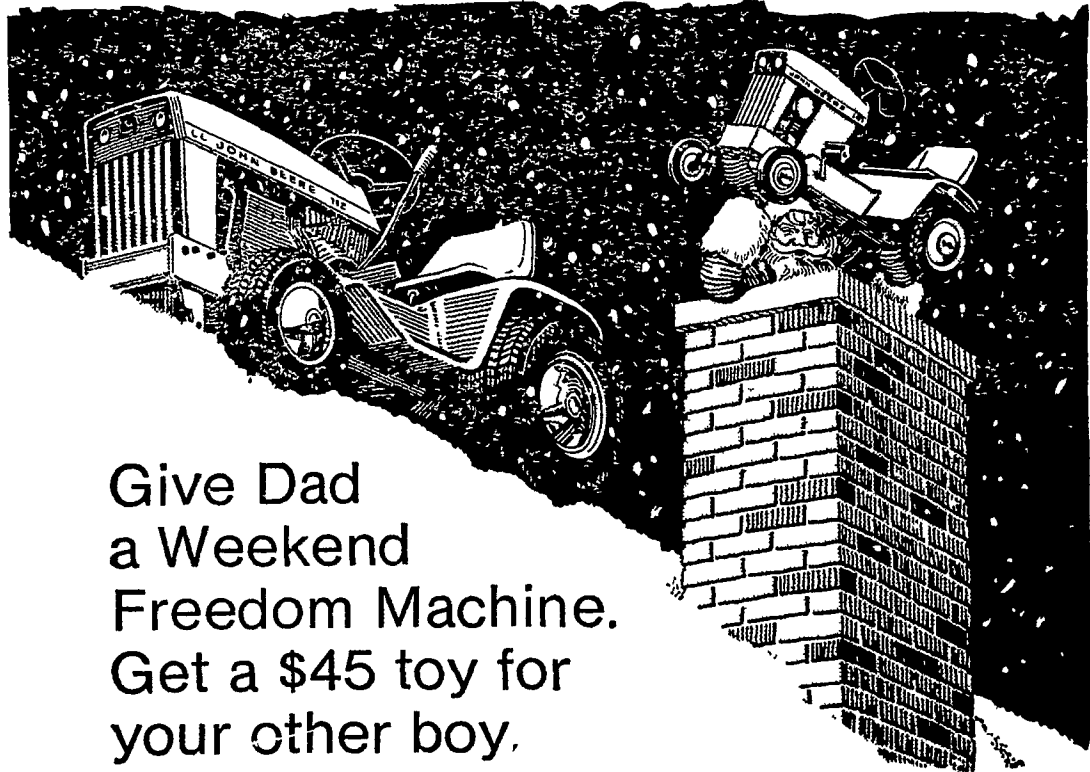
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