

# Ida's Notebook

An old year has ended and a new one begun. What a wonderful time to ponder a few minutes on where we are going and just what we want out of life

Each year I end my diary with a sweeping statement about my hopes for the future and an expression of thankfulness for what I have as I look over the past year. We can only contemplate the future, but the past has many moments to re-enjoy.

In looking over an old diary, I smile again when I remember how my one child said, "There are mosquitoes in my bread," when she first ate rye bread with caraway seeds. And then the little three year old boy who asked if the red lights on the high radio tower were "nailed in the sky?" when he first saw them at night.

Somehow I think of farm sales and household sales as rather sad events.

They usually mean a big change in someone's way of life. Many things which they held dear to them are dispersed far and wide.

Whether it is an old plow or an old rolling pin, it played an important part in many years of their lives.

Yet the fascination of looking at and maybe getting an item of value is always there and so many people are attracted to these sales. It seems one person's loss is the next person's gain.

When we put in a bulk tank we had no problem disposing of our milk cans. Many people con-



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sider them an antique to be painted and decorated.

However, I'm glad we saved a few for ourselves. Recently when we served punch and cookies to a PTA crowd of about 300, it was the ideal container for gallons of drink. My daughter used one for a big 4-H Mother-Daughter Tea this summer also.

And next we have a family get-together on New Year's Day.

### Pa. Holstein Members

This week, December 28 through January 2, was Membership Kick-Off Week for Pennsylvania's Holstein dairymen.

William Nichol, secretary of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, reported that there will be over 600 Holstein breeders actively soliciting membership and making farm visits with Holstein breeders in the state.

The Pennsylvania Holstein Association membership committee responsible for organizing the state membership campaign includes the following: Jay Landis, Lancaster; David Slusser, Centerville, and Harold Steele, Roaring Spring.

About 4,600 Holstein breeders now belong to the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

# 'Plenty of Fuel,' PP&L Says

Pennsylvania Power & Light Company is assuring its customers there will be plenty of fuel for PP&L power plants this winter, at the same time inviting them to join the Company in an effort to avoid waste of energy resources.

The message, being delivered with electric service bills, responds to reports of serious national and regional fuel shortages. It points out that while PP&L has ample fuel reserves for the winter, "PP&L and other electric utilities are interconnected to give customers the economy and reliability of instant backup power—sometimes from as far away as Canada and the Midwest. It's possible, therefore, for PP&L to be affected if critical energy supply problems should develop elsewhere."

For this reason, the Company urges "that we all do everything we can not to waste our primary energy resources." The message is accompanied by a check-list which homeowners and businessmen can use to

### U.S. Extends Japanese Beetle Quarantine

The Federal quarantine for the Japanese beetle has been extended to all or part of 47 previously nonregulated counties in eight States, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports.

The revised quarantine was slated to be effective on publication in the Federal Register for December 17, 1970.

To prevent 'artificial' spread of Japanese beetles, Federal and State quarantines restrict the movement from infested areas of articles that could carry the insect into uninfested areas.

The list of regulated items includes soil; plants with roots; grass sod; plant crowns and roots for propagation; true bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers of ornamental plants; and used mechanized soil-moving equipment.

The extended quarantine affects counties in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

avoid waste of energy. It ties in with suggestions made recently by the Edison Electric Institute to Mrs. Virginia Knauer, President Nixon's adviser on consumer affairs.

PP&L also tells of some of its own efforts over the years to reduce waste and assure ample fuel supplies. These include heavy investment in new equipment which in the past 10 years has reduced by 20 per cent the amount of coal needed to produce a kilowatt hour; pioneering moves within the industry to own its own coal trains to speed back and forth from mine to power plant, purchase and management of its own coal mines, and long-term contracts made years ago.

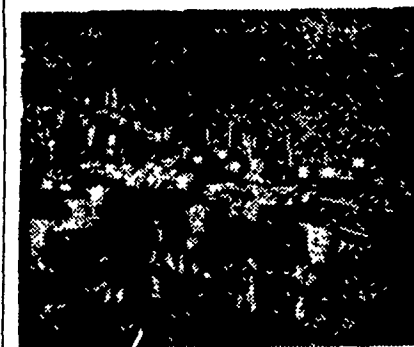
Elsewhere, Pennsylvania Pow-

er & Light Company directors have approved a record 1971 construction budget of \$203 million and authorized the sale early next year of \$60 million in bonds to help pay for it.

The directors reviewed PP&L's operating results which showed that earnings available for common stock for the 12 months ended Nov. 30, 1970 were \$28,269,000 or \$1.97 a share. In the same period last year, earnings available were \$30,682,000 or \$2.32 a share with fewer shares outstanding.

The record construction budget is part of some \$1 billion PP&L plans to spend in the next five years to meet the steadily increasing customer requirements for reliable electric service.

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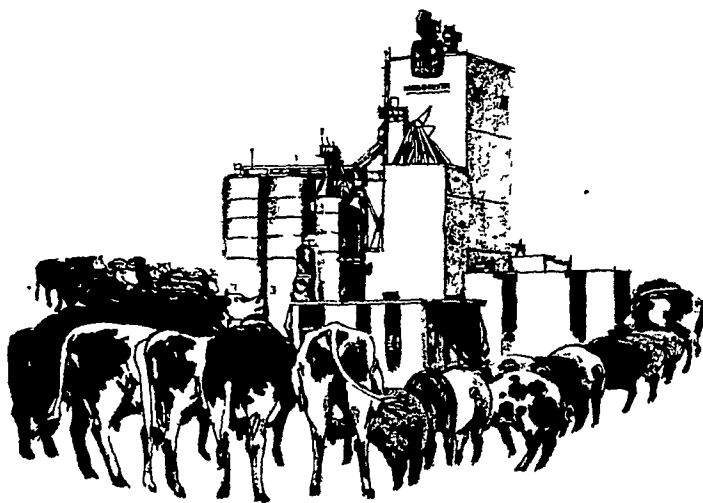
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