

Ida's Notebook

I've been pondering about the behind-the-scene jobs which many of us do. They take so much time in our homes and away from them.

Even little things like buttons that magically get back on a dress or shirt and those dirty clothes that appear clean and folded in drawers.

Does anyone think about how this gets done — except the person who does it?

The other week one of our church members was surprised to see us washing and drying 300 communion cups in the church kitchen. She had never thought of the hours we give to fill them and prepare for a quiet, dignified and seemingly effortless Sunday service.

I'm finishing my year as a vice president of our Home and School Association. This job has entailed collecting membership dues from some 300 different families in our township

Also part of my duties is the purchase of refreshments and



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servicing them at meetings. This means phone calls, checking supplies and trips to town.

Yet, how many come to meetings and take everything for granted. Only by preparing a

program do you realize the work behind it.

I'll not go into the problems of a 4-H leader, as this could be a column by itself.

Shouldn't we all try harder to appreciate the effort of others?

Surely many folks are working to make my life more pleasant and I don't even notice it.

Dairy farms are continually being checked over and inspected and told to buy new equipment.

Many years ago at a farm management meeting, a farm wife spoke up and said, "I think we should have kitchen inspection." Maybe this would give women some new appliances, too.

Anyway, this statement has stuck with me over the years, as it does seem to have some merit.

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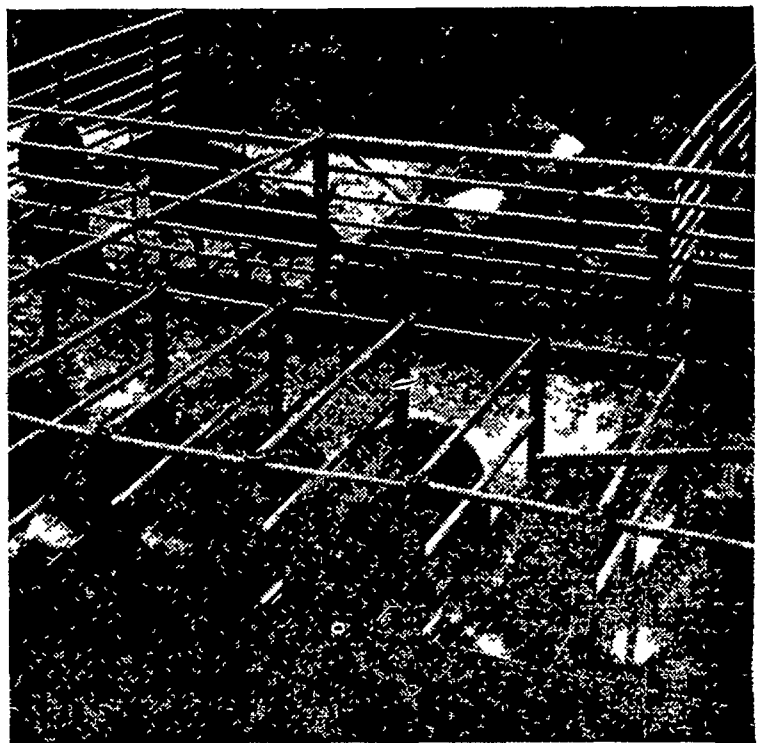
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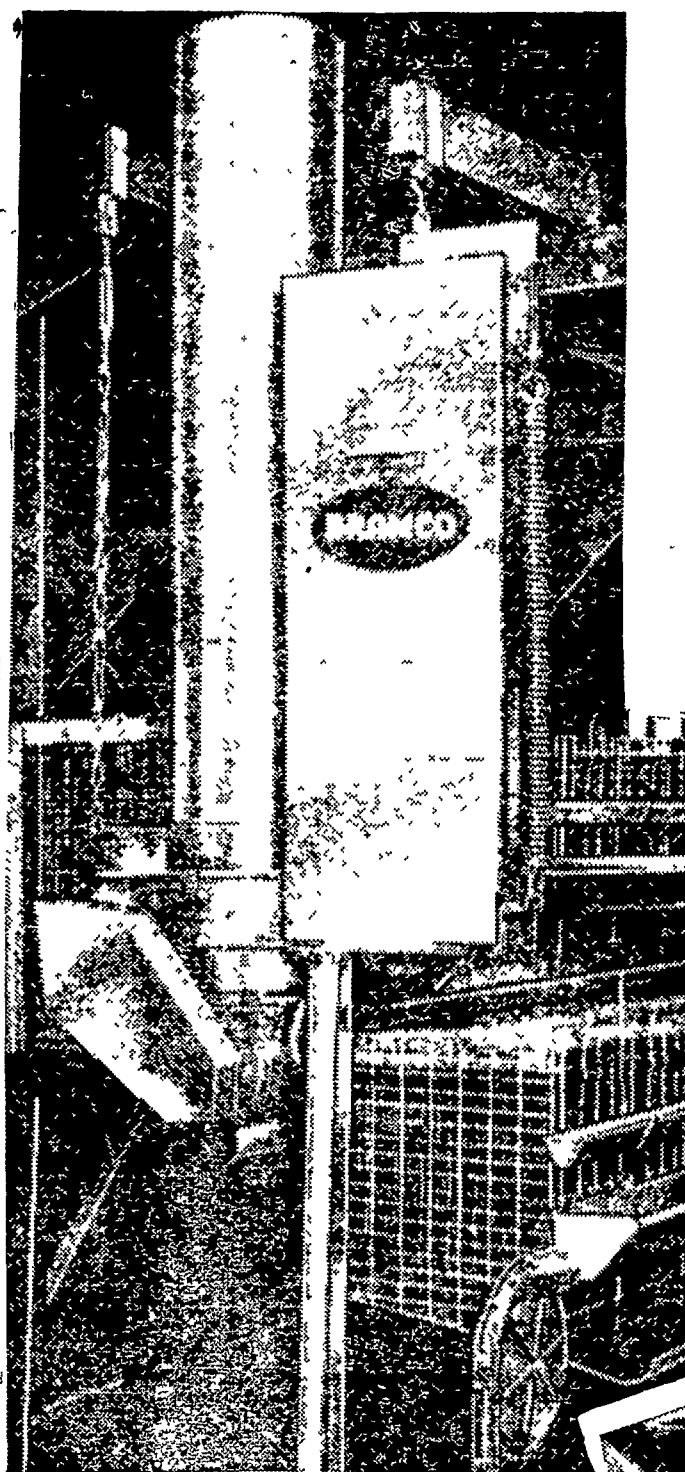
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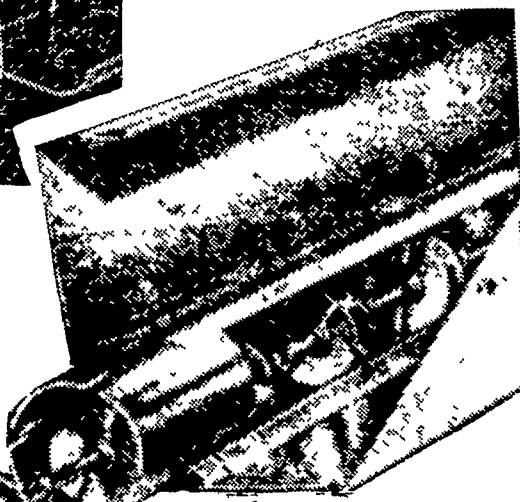
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