

Ida's Notebook

During a recent shopping trip, we visited the new Lancaster Square for the first time. We were impressed with the vast amounts of concrete used to achieve an effect of grandeur.

I was surprised when my young son turned to me and said "Mother, the air doesn't smell fresh and nice the way it does at home." You know, he was right and I hadn't noticed. One more advantage to country living.

We bought school clothes and a book on Pennsylvania Dutch Stuff. I've never liked the word "stuff" until I discovered the dictionary gives the meaning as household goods and personal belongings.

During my childhood, I was surrounded by this kind of stuff and well remember the rope bed with a straw tick which I slept on for many years

When new clean straw was put into the cloth case, the bed was so high we could barely climb into it. However, as the months wore on and the straw broke, it became flatter and flatter.

Ah, memories

This is the year of the cucumber for me. You see, I don't grow them every year. Do other farm women grow them on alternate years? As they require almost daily picking and quite a bit of time for pickling, I do enough for two years and then relax one year.

The same principle was applied to jelly making. I simply skipped the year that a new

baby came, as it provided sufficient work.

If your flower bed is like mine, it has an abundance of blooms just now. The dwarf dahlias are every shade of the rainbow. The asters are every shade of pink and lavender.

It gets a great deal of pleasure out of sharing bouquets with friends and neighbors.

If you run out of bobbins when knitting something that requires small amounts of different-colored yarn to be carried along, you will find home-permanent curlers make an excellent substitute.



By Ida Risser



by MARY LEE

Grandma's old fashioned kitchen may seem quaint and cozy in retrospect. But to grandma it was both a chore and a bore. It was generally big and cumbersome, poorly lighted and ventilated, colorless and hard to clean.

Unfortunately, there are still too many kitchens around that lack modern essentials. That's why kitchen remodeling is high on the home renovation list, and why most homemakers feel that it is worth the time and money needed to put charm and efficiency into an old kitchen.

Among the suggestions given by experts in remodeling are the following pointers:

- Always choose good quality appliances. They not only last longer but have more convenience features.

- Plan work areas for top efficiency so that range, refrigerator and dishwasher are no more than seven feet apart if possible.

- Be sure lighting is adequate, and windows afford plenty of natural light as well as good ventilation.

- Check electrical wiring to be sure it can handle safely all the kitchen appliances you install.

- Don't overlook the new convenience accessories such as single handle faucets, ice water taps, countertop outlets and built-in towel dispensers.

- Last, but far from least, let your kitchen be a cheery area for family gatherings. If possible make it do double duty with a desk section for letter writing or hobby work. You also might create a laundry center by using a room divider panel.

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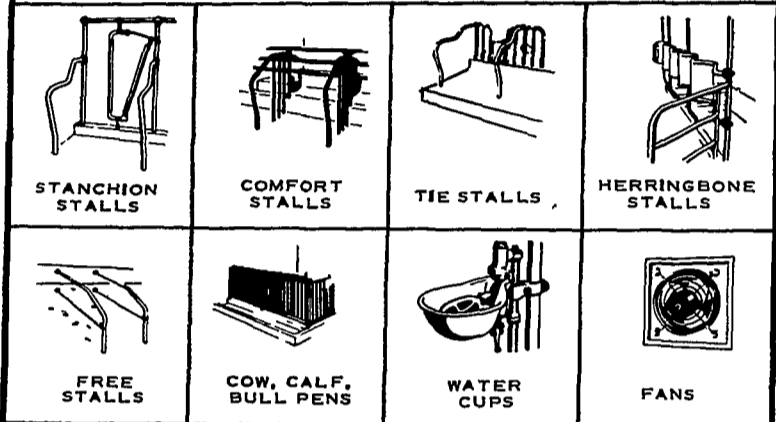
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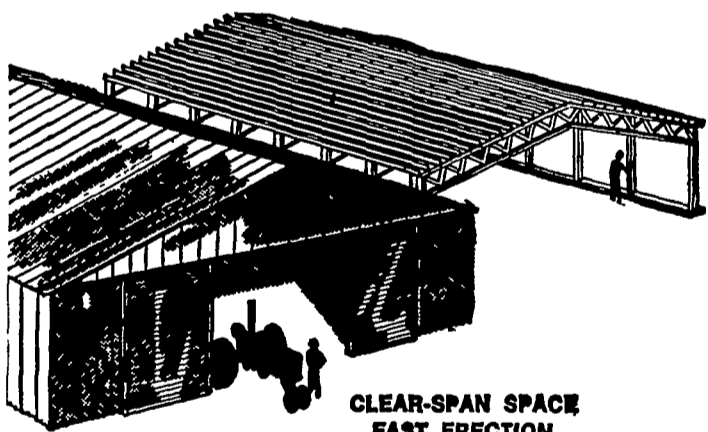
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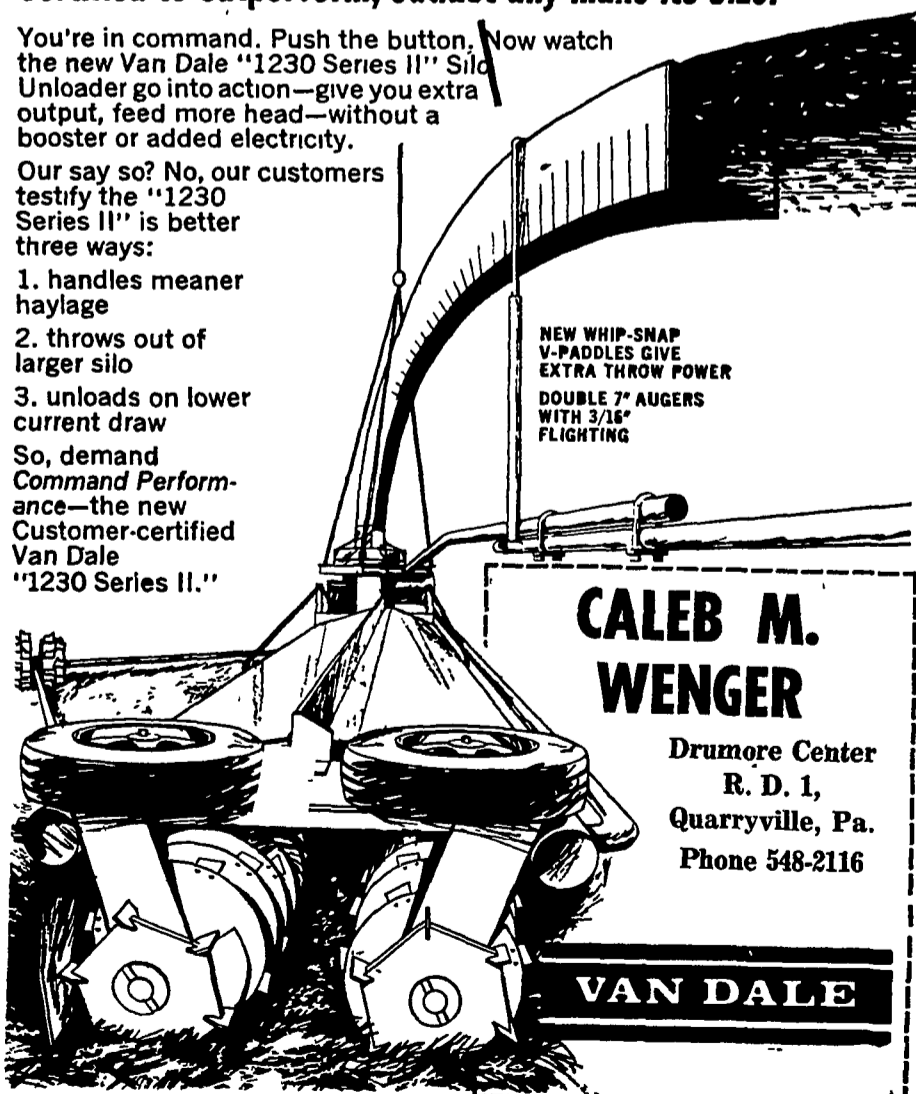
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