



Ladies, Have You Heard?

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Latest on Trash Compacters

You've probably seen ads for kitchen trash compacters—regarded by some as the first new piece of major electric household equipment in 30 years

If you've wondered whether or not to buy one, here are some points for you to consider

The appliance crushes into a compact mass just about anything you put into it—bottles, cans, paper, and most food wastes. It cuts down on the bulk size of your trash—the equivalent of four full cans of trash can be compacted to fill just one can

The compacters are designed to be safe

And they come with step-by-step directions for adult use

Manufacturers warn that young children should not be allowed to operate or play with the appliance. The compacters come with a lock and key to make them inaccessible to curious fingers

The price of the compacters if over \$200. After the initial purchase, you must buy bags and deodorant. That can be \$35 or more a year if you use two bags a week

Although there is an automatic deodorant spray, garbage retained for too long in the computer may be noticeable

When full, the bags are heavy—about 30 pounds, depending on what you put into them

Trash compacters can be helpful especially in areas where public trash pick-up isn't available

Keep in mind, however, that

the compacted trash is nearly impossible to burn and doesn't decompose easily. Before you buy one, be sure that community trash disposal is compatible with the use of a trash compacter

Oven Cleaning Tips

Give your oven a good cleaning when the holiday cooking is over

For a self-cleaning gas or electric oven, just follow the manufacturer's directions. This self-cleaning feature has been proven satisfactory and safe, and is now being used in medium-priced ranges. So it is within the price range of more families

Manufacturers also feature ovens with nonstick linings which slip out for washing. With these, frequent washing to prevent burned-on stains is necessary because scouring may damage the coating. Soaking the panels to remove soil works best

For conventional ovens with porcelain enamel walls, use a commercial cleaner. When using an oven-cleaning spray, avoid inhaling the fumes. Protect your hands when using the spread-on or spray-on cleaner as you wash and rinse the oven. And spread papers on the floor in the range area to protect the floor covering

A less expensive method for cleaning is to place a small dish of household ammonia in a cold oven and leave it overnight. Stuff the oven vent with a clean cloth to keep the odors within the oven. When you use this method, wash the inside of the oven with soapy water, rinse, and dry. You may find the ammonia method just as satisfactory as the spray-on or spread-on cleaners now on the market

Remember to clean up spills in your oven as they happen, as this will make the thorough cleaning easier

Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 6

Farm Women Society 20 meets.

Saturday, January 8

1:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 1, home of Mrs. J. Clayton Sangrey, Litzitz RD2.

1:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 10, home of Mrs. W. Raymond Dixon, 2349 Middlegreen Court, Village of Olde Hickory.

Farm Women Society 2, home of Mrs. Sara Kline, 109 Fruitville Pike, Manheim.

Farm Women Society 24, hockey game, husbands as guests.

Farm Women Society 25, home of Mrs. Glenn Nauman, Lancaster RD6.

Quarantine Show Birds

Poultry exhibited at the Farm Show are exposed to many diseases not common to their flock or origin. These show birds should be kept separate from the main flock after the show for at least 30 days, urges Jay W. Irwin, associate Lancaster County agent

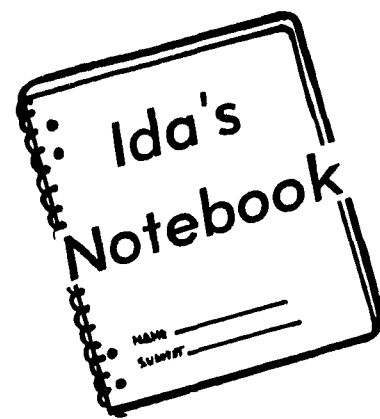
Most infections contracted by poultry at shows will break before the 30-day isolation period is up. If there are no breaks, then it is usually safe to place these birds back with the flock

In the event that disease strikes, they should not be put back with the flock. Recovered birds remain carriers and shedders of certain diseases, Irwin warned

Many disease breaks can be averted by establishing a sound vaccination program

However, there is no reliable vaccine for some of the bacterial diseases for which the recovered birds remain carriers. Examples of these are coryza and fowl cholera

Be on guard for coccidiosis, too, because the show birds may have no immunity to certain species. Look for a coccidiosis break one to three weeks after bringing the birds home



Ida Risser

The end of the year. And I, for one, am glad to start anew.

Sometimes when I write the last page in my daily diary, I try to sum up the year's events. Usually, it is "good" or even "wonderful". But this year has been different

It included too many accidents, serious illnesses, operations and deaths. These are the things we don't usually talk about but in summing up they are part of the whole.

However, I did manage to remember that there were several weddings and some new babies. These are certainly on the plus side

So, as we start another year, we hope we've gained not only new experiences, but greater tolerance for other people and greater faith in our Lord

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Each year we look forward to the New Year's party which our square dance group holds. After an evening of dancing, we don funny paper hats and, with singing and noisemakers, welcome the New Year.

It is delightful to sit around a table of delicious food with old and new friends and your husband by your side. What more can we ask of life!

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This fall, I was surprised to see some shrubs along our lane with bright red berries and a pink hull.

It seems to be a deciduous holly—as the branches are bare—probably a black alder bush.

I've added some to a dried arrangement on the mantel. It

adds a bright touch to the grasses and flowers which I had there.

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Farm Women Societies

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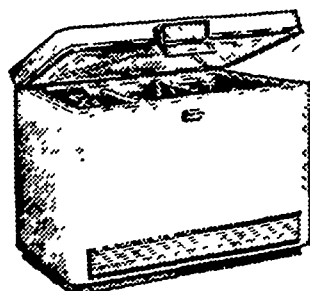
Farm Women Society 15 held its annual Christmas Banquet recently at the Rhoads Spanish Restaurant, Quarryville.

The banquet committee members were Mrs. Lewis Shoemaker Jr, chairman; Mrs. Martha Herr, Mrs. Wayne

Wrigley, and Mrs. Martin Greenleaf.

A musical program was presented by Rennie Reynolds and Miss Gail Burnaford, and accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Burnaford.

The group sang Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Shoemaker Jr and accompanied by Miss Bonnie Wagner.



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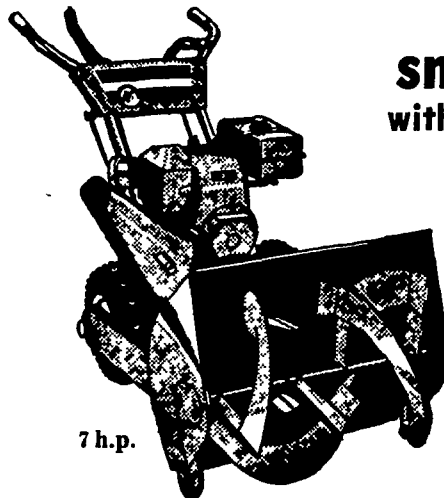
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