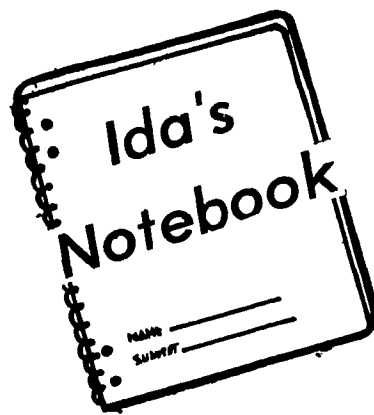




Arranging a casket spray, using lemon leaves, emerald and gladiolus recently at Mount Joy Vo-Tech school are: Lynn Hershelroth, left, Elizabethtown, and Debbie Marley, Columbia.



Ida Risser

During the gray winter days, I take time to enjoy my house plants. This year they are rewarding me for the effort which goes into their maintenance. If I should forget to water them, they quickly remind me by drooping.

There are seven shades of impatiens blooming, plus an azalea and my amaryllis lily.

Earlier, the cactus was covered with long pink-red flowers.

To top it all my son gave me an eight-blossom poinsettia for Christmas.

It will soon be time to start peppers on the kitchen window sill.

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While sorting through some drawers last week, I came across several new tablecloths. At this point in my life, I was curious to learn just how many we had received as wedding gifts. So I checked in my wedding book and counted up 11.

The reason I didn't want to know before was because of the

superstition which says you will have as many children as the number of tablecloths you receive. Well, that is one saying we proved wrong.

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Lately, I've been varnishing furniture and trying to polish things a bit. My children tell me this is wrong to try and make a good impression. Is it really false to care?

I keep remembering a farm home in Lancaster County which I visited as a young woman. Several window panes were broken in the house. This allowed the chickens to come into the living room. One of them actually had a nest in a cardboard box on the piano. The lady assured me it was very convenient to get her eggs there. The food on the table was a solid black until the files were disturbed to show chicken corn soup underneath them.

Yes, this is an extreme case of being happy-go-lucky. But where do we find the "middle of the road" between this and being materialistic?

Farm Women Societies

Society 9

Farm Woman Society 9 met recently at the home of Mrs. R. G. Rauch, Conestoga RD1. Devotions were led by Mrs. Lillian Kline. Cohostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Charles Fink, Mrs. Glenn Morrison and Mrs. Edward Brenneman.

Mrs. Mary Sherts, Millersville, was welcomed as a new member of the group.

Mrs. Edward Brenneman conducted the business meeting during which member approval of a donation for the mentally retarded. The gift will be used for various supplies.

Reports on the recent State Convention held in Harrisburg were given by Mrs. Brenneman, Mrs. Paul Zercher, Mrs. Betty Jo Rauch and Mrs. Charles Fink.

Robert Shoff presented an illustrated talk on his one-month stay in Russia.

The next meeting of the Society will be held February 10 at the home of Mrs. Warren Boyer, Millersville.

Society 14

Farm Women Society 14 met at the home of Mrs. James Hall of

Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, January 29

Farm Women Society 5, home of Elizabeth and Matilda Workman

Thursday, February 3

1:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 20 meets

Saturday, February 5

2 p.m. — Farm Women Society 6, home of Mrs. Bertha Keller, Elizabethtown RD3

6:15 p.m. — Farm Women Society 1, Akron Restaurant.

Farm Women Society 10, residence at 1200 Wheatland Avenue.

Strasburg with Mrs. Melvin Stoltzfus and Mrs. Merl LeFevre serving as cohostesses. Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Stoltzfus.

A report of the recent Farm Women Convention at Harrisburg was given by the delegates, Mrs. Raymond Barge and Mrs. Amos Ranck.

A donation of \$25 was given to Christ's Home, Paradise. Cancer pads were made at this meeting.

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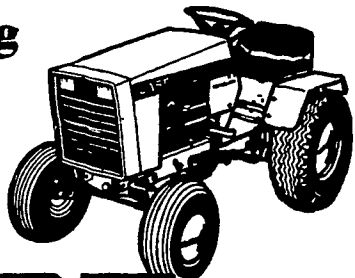
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