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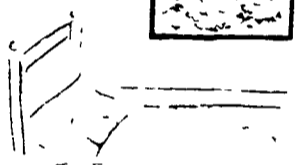
The beginning of July reminds me of huckleberry picking in the Welsh Mountains. My Uncle and Aunt took me along on this annual excursion and I really enjoyed it.

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We always went to a particular area and "Walter" would show us his well with an oaken bucket and rope to draw water. His one cow was allowed to roam at will as she had a cowbell on her neck.

After a morning in the brushwood under a hot sun, we were glad to hear my Aunt blow her whistle calling us together for lunch. The berries were unbelievably tiny and it took thousands to fill a pail. But, they had their own particular flavor and were worth the effort.

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I'm sure everyone has their own special story to tell concerning the recent flood and therefore I'll add mine to the list.

That was the day we almost floated away. By noontime we moved all the calves and heifers from the lower barn. All day the geese kept coming closer and closer to the house until we could see them from windows on three sides of the house.

The muddy waters carried off the big barn door, the pumphouse and many trees. It raged across the garden and corn field and took all the topsoil off a recently plowed field.

However, it wasn't until it covered the cement walk around our house and poured into the new milkhouse and milkparlor that we really began to worry.

It was interesting to see what was carried upstairs first. One child took an antique chair she

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had finished, another took the popcorn popper and one slept that night with her grandfathers clock beside his bed.

The next day many electric motors had to be dried out and a new water pump installed as the four feet of water in the basement almost covered the furnace.

We were fortunate to have friends send their twin sons to help clean up debris and make a new meadow fence.

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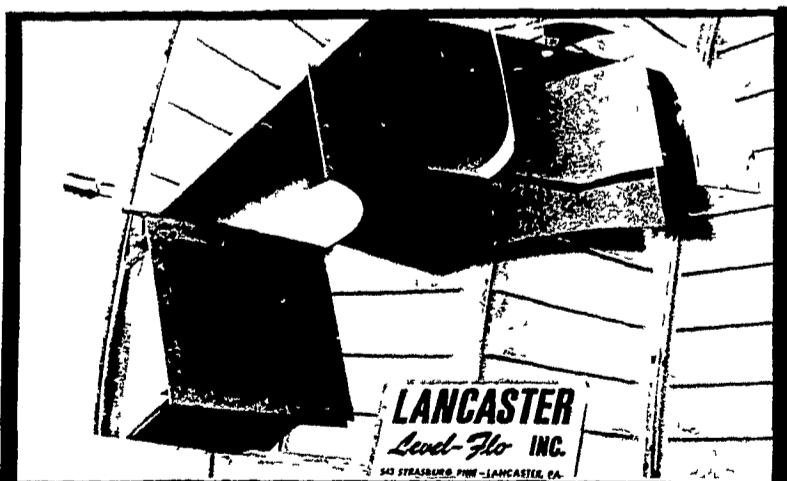
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