

Artist

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The Kuipers have lived in New Holland for 25 years, having moved east from Holland, Michigan. While Dona enjoys living in the New Holland area she said she misses the water in Michigan. They have three children: Kenneth, 24; Kathy 23, married with two children; and Kerry, 18, a freshman at Penn State majoring in physical education. Her children, Dona said, loved the idea of the coloring book, and "we all found out a lot of things we didn't know before."

Homemaker Dona declares, "I never worked outside the home at all." In Michigan before she was married, however, she worked on fashion layouts and window displays.

Her artistic talent is natural. She said, "I always loved all kinds of crafts. I do one thing for awhile and then something else." Her abilities ranged from leather tooling to oil painting.

Dona feels very much a part of the poultry industry however, and three years ago began what she describes as "a small mail order business" in which she distributed egg carton craft booklets, and occasionally unprinted egg cartons themselves.

This ties in closely with her husband's work, of course, since the requests come from coupons printed on the lid of some of the plastic cartons he distributes. In three years she said she has mailed about 20,000 sets of craft booklets.

Now that she has seen the successful creation of her educational coloring book, Dona feels there could be quite an endless variety of follow-up publications. She has already begun work on "The Dairy Cow and her Marvelous Milk." Many other topics have been suggested to her.

Dona's pride in her creation is obvious and well-deserved. She said, "We feel it is a good, true honest story for children." It is also the first of its kind.

The poultry industry stands to gain a lot of goodwill through of the coloring book - and children and their mothers stand to learn a lot about "The Incredible Edible Egg!"

Twin Valley to host pumpkin contest

The Twin Valley Future Farmers of America will host their fifth annual Pumpkin Growing Contest on Friday evening October 24, 1975 in the Twin Valley High School Cafeteria and Auditorium. All students, teachers, and preschool children having pumpkins for the contest should bring them to the cafeteria between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. All pumpkins should have the grower's name, school, and age attached to them. Pumpkins of elementary students and pre-school children should also have the parents name and address attached. While the pumpkins are being judged by the FFA members, the film Fun and Fancy Free will be shown in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to view the film - whether they have a pumpkin to enter or not. Following the film, winners will be announced, and prizes will be awarded to all winners.

The pumpkin growing contest is open to all pre-school children residing in the Twin Valley School District, all children enrolled

in the Twin Valley Elementary Schools, and all employees of the Twin Valley School District. All pumpkins entered must have been grown from seed distributed by the FFA last spring. Over 1000 packets of seed were distributed. Pumpkins will be judged in three categories - heaviest pumpkin, most unusually shaped pumpkin, and best decorated pumpkin. Students may enter one pumpkin in each category. Appropriate ribbons and trophies will be distributed to all winners, and monetary prizes to all first place winners. Cost of the contest is entirely paid by the Twin Valley Chapter Future Farmers of America through their fund raising activities.

Winners in last year's contest were: James Samuels - most unusually shaped pumpkin, heaviest pumpkin - Kevin Martin, and pumpkin with the largest circumference - Scott Stoltzfus. Mrs. Barbara Reznick displayed the heaviest pumpkin grown by a teacher.

Twin Valley FFA Reporter

Ida's Notebook



Ida Risser

The first day of hunting season and the hunters will converge on the farmlands from every direction. There appears to be a lot of grey squirrels in the woods but the nut supply is not plentiful. Some black walnut trees which bore bushels last year did not have one nut this year. Luckily other trees bore some and we have a reserve from last fall.

Last weekend our children had a craft fair to give people ideas for Christmas gifts which could be made instead of simply bought at the last minute. I showed several kinds of nuts from the hull stage to the dried stage to the glass jar of kernels ready for cookies and cakes. Many people asked questions about drying them and whether or not shellbarks and shagbarks are hickorys. They are.

I also displayed jams, jellies and relishes which

can be used as gifts plus a dozen varieties of canned goods.

But the item which received the most attention was the fresh and dried assortment of teas. I served hot and cold samples and many folk couldn't believe that tea leaves plus water and sugar produced what they were drinking. They kept asking what "brand" tea I used.

Sometimes, I get so frustrated when I can't accomplish all that I want to do. They say we do what we really want to do but I'd say not all that we want to do.

While I'm painting window frames I'm not potting flowers for winter and there is a certain urgency in October. When I'm being chauffeur for someone I'm not making that apple pie I've had on my mind. And so one picks and chooses among the many chores and responsibilities of a farm wife.

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Rock Cornish Game Hens

6 rock Cornish game hens, approximately 1 lb. each

Salt

Pepper

1 cup butter, melted

Defrost rock Cornish game hens according to package directions. Season lightly inside and out with salt and pepper. Place breast side up on rack in a shallow roasting pan. Brush liberally with melted butter. Roast uncovered in preheated hot oven (400 degree F.) approximately 45 minutes or until tender and done. Towards end of baking time, baste several times with melted butter. Serve with Mushroom Sauce Sauterne. Makes 6 servings.

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