

## Ida's Notebook



Ida Risser

Winter is usually my time to catch-up with the mending. This year it seems that I'm only keeping up with the torn-pieces in each week's wash. The overall pile is as high as it was in September.

The number of patches put on overalls by farm wives over the years are countless and the hours spent are innumerable, especially if put on by hand. Many years ago my eye caught an advertisement for an electric sewing machine for a nominal price. But when the salesman brought it to my house, I was sure it was the one Howe invented in the 1800's. Of course the idea was to sell me another one for three times the price stated and he just happened to have one in the car. I was desperate for a machine, with small children to sew for and mend for and all by hand, so I got out my check-book.

More recently my teen-age girls persuaded me to buy a new sewing machine with attachments (which never get used) and now I put big and little patches on overall in 5-10 minutes.

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With all of our cold weather there has been ample time for everyone to get their share of ice skating. Phillip and Cindy have ice skates laying in our utility room ready for use on the ponds in that meadow.

Well, I wasn't about to be left out of the fun so I went along one evening. Phillip very nobly helped me get started. But then I fell and hurt my knee. It got red then black and blue and finally yellow and green almost to my ankle. Allen couldn't sympathize with someone who should have acted her age and stayed in the kitchen.

## Women's Calendar

**Saturday, Feb. 7**  
Society 1 meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Brunnerville Fire Hall.

**Tuesday, Feb. 10**  
Society 22 meeting 1:00 p.m. Jack Matthews speaking on exotic plants.

**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
Society 12 meeting 1:00 p.m. for sewing.

Society 14 meeting at 1:30 p.m. for a tour of the Mennonite Historical Society.

Society 6 of York County meeting at the home of Mrs. Marion Hewitt.

**Thursday, Feb. 12**  
Society 21 meeting at 7:30

p.m. - program on the president's women.

Society 8 meeting at 2:00 p.m. - "Dolls" by Ruth Eby.

**Friday, Feb. 13**  
Society 13 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the East Town Mall for Hobby night.

**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
Society 19 meeting at 1:30 p.m. for a program on Japan.

Society 25 meeting at 1:30 p.m. for a safety program.

Society 2 meeting at 1:30 p.m. for a valentine party at the Danner Home.

Society 7 meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Carlton Homsher.

## Sewing contest underway

**HARRISBURG** — The annual Pennsylvania State Grange sewing contest - for both men and women and for contestants ten years old and older - opened this week and continues through April 30.

A record number of participants, including members and non-members of the Grange is anticipated this year, according to Mrs. Leroy Hoover of Roaring Spring, Blair County, director of women's activities for the state Grange. Last year more than 2,800 garments were entered in the contest and one - a three piece suit made by Mary Schuler, 17, Fleetwood RD3 - won first place in Class B of

the National Grange competition.

Mrs. Hoover said the contest is divided into four categories. They are:

**Class A**, women's garments. Any type dress, suit or pantsuit made by a contestant 18 years of age and over for self or another person of the same age group.

**Class B**, women's garments. Any type dress, suit, pantsuit, jumper or skirt and blouse made by a contestant 10 to 17 years of age for self or another in the same age group.

**Class C**, any type dress, suit or pantsuit made by a contestant 18 years of age and over for a female under 18 or a male under 13.

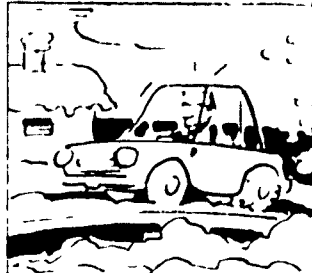
**Class D**, men's garments. Any type sport coat, pants or suit made by any contestant for self or another person 13 years of age or over.

Following the April 30 deadline, garments will be judged at the subordinate, or local Grange level. Winners then will be judged in Pocono (county) Granges and those winners then will be judged in the statewide competition. The state winner in each of the four categories will be sent to New York for judging in the National Grange finals.

In addition to Grange members, Mrs. Hoover pointed out, non-members who are sponsored by Grangers may compete in the contest.

## Tips On Bad Weather Drivin

When bad weather blows in, emergency tow truck drivers get ready. They know that within minutes, switchboards will be lighted up with emergency calls. Yet it is astonishingly easy not to have trouble in and



or rain. Here are some useful tips. Turn on lights. In rain cars tend to disappear. Use parking lights at least, to make your car more visible.

## Crown gall attacks plants

Once in a while you may notice that one of your house plants has a gall, or enlargement, in the stem at the soil line.

If you dig around with your fingernail you will find a hard, nut-like object growing on the stem. This is the result of Crown Gall disease, says Spencer H. Davis, Jr., extension specialist in plant pathology at Cook College, Rutgers University.

A bacterium causes Crown Gall. Once it is in the soil other plants placed in the same soil may get the disease.

If any of your plants do have the hard knots on them, discard both the plant and the soil, advises Dr. Davis.

Be sure to wash your hands thoroughly before working with soil in other flower pots to avoid spreading the disease.

### THE GOOD WORD from the Bible

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!  
Chronicles 16:8-11

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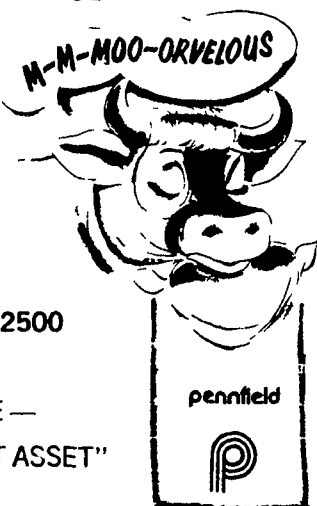
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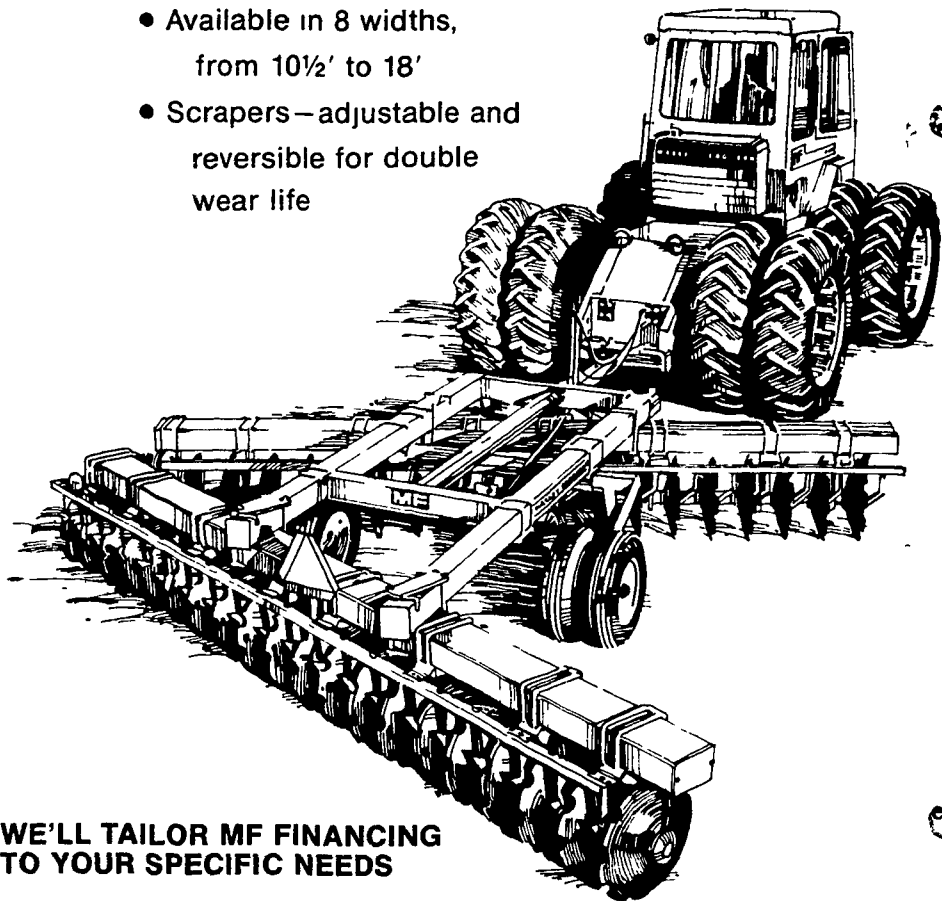
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