

Ida's Notebook



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As I write this article, about ten days before you read it, the sun is shining, the sugar peas are up, and I'm looking forward to a day spent at home doing little things. After I've been "on the road" for several days in a row, I appreciate time to catch-up with my work.

We took our daughter back to college at Mansfield and that was an eight hour drive. Today my dentist appointment was cancelled so I'll try to prune the blueberries. Small jobs are relished when you needn't hurry through them — feed the goldfish, water the flowers, or cook a dessert.

I even took time to make a patriotic bouquet of red and white geraniums (now they bloom, after waiting all winter) and of blue hyacinths.

I mentioned cooking a dessert for my family. Well, one of the dishes that consistently turns up on our breakfast table over the years is pudding. Now this isn't the mush and pudding (a ground meat dish) that my parents ate regularly for breakfast.

Rather, I'm talking about a dish which starts with one quart of milk in a double boiler. And what could be more healthy and more economical on a dairy farm! Then we add 8 tablespoons of cornstarch. All of my six children learned to count before they were two years old by helping to cook this dish.

Now the variations run all the way from vanilla, chocolate, lemon, peppermint, butterscotch, coconut and almond to black walnut.

Open to Lancaster County students

F & H scholarship bids due May 1

LANCASTER—One of the objectives of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation is to encourage the higher education of the youth of Lancaster County. In this respect the Foundation is announcing the offering of scholarship awards in 1976, in the fields of Agriculture, Home Economics, and Nursing. Depending upon the financial need and ability of applicants, a maximum of ten scholarships may be awarded.

Each scholarship award will be in the amount of \$400.00 and may be used to help defray tuition, fees, or room and board expenses at any accredited educational institution, which offers a course of study in Agriculture, Home Economics, or Nursing.

These Farm and Home Foundation Scholarships are earnings from an Irrevocable Trust Fund set

up by the late Elmer L. Esbenschade, one of the founders of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation. The income from this trust fund will be offered annually in the form of educational scholarships through the Foundation. In addition, funds from the Foundation treasury are being used to help finance the scholarship program.

All senior guidance counselors throughout the Lancaster County School Districts are being informed of these scholarships in order to get prospective boys and girls informed.

Interested youth are urged to contact their senior guidance counselor for details and an application blank. Additional information is also available from M. M. Smith, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pa. 17601 (Phone 394-6851). Application forms

must be forwarded by May 1, 1976.

Senior students in public and non-public high schools in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, or Lancaster County residents who have completed high school training are eligible.

Applicants must meet scholastic and other entrance requirements for an accredited program in either

agriculture, home economics, or nursing at an accredited college, university, or other acceptable educational institution.

Children of members of the Board of Directors of the Farm and Home Foundation are not eligible.

Winners will be notified and public announcement made by May 15, 1976.

PFA meeting held

The Chester-Delaware County Farmers' Association Board of Directors met April 7. Meeting was brought to order by president Horace Mowrer with nine board members present.

Under old business, evaluations were made of several recent activities. On April 5 local farmers went to Harrisburg to meet with the legislators. Chester County had the largest turnout over all the counties in the region, with 35 men and women represented. These people had a chance to talk over current issues with their legislators.

The Legislative Tour to Washington D.C. was also evaluated. Response was good.

Jim Smith, accountant for F M B A S (Farm Management & Business Analysis Service) in this area could use five more accountants. Any PFA member wishing to make use of this service, contact Smith at (717) 548-2600. It was moved and seconded

that Chester County Farmers' Assoc. set up a booth again this year at Goshen Fair. Frank Hash is in charge of this. Anyone who would like to run the booth for an evening, or just help out in any way, contact Hash at 399-0418.

The last fruit order for this spring will arrive May 10. All orders must be in by April 23. No more orders will come in again until next fall.

Our sun is really a star — albeit a colossal one with a diameter of 864,000 miles. But stars don't live forever, and this one is already middle-aged. The April issue of Reader's Digest calculates that it will make 20 more turns around the heart of the Milky Way before the sun begins to die. That's some time in the distant future though: each trip takes 250 million years.

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