

Ida's Notebook



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This year I picked our first quart of strawberries the middle of May and the first sugar peas a few days later. By the end of the month, I'll probably have a backache

from all the stooping. I have planted five 100 ft. rows of peas and hope to sell several bushels. The problem is that when I'm busy harvesting I don't have time to keep up

the continual weeding that is necessary and so I have a big unpleasant job the end of June getting the garden in shape again.

It seems that the "wheel that squeaks the loudest gets the oil." When I worked at the former Farm Bureau for eight years, I learned that the farmer who demanded immediate service usually got it while the others waited their turns. If I have something important to do like preparing a speech for the May Luncheon on the history of Presbyterian churches here in Lancaster County, somehow I find the time to do the necessary research. Or if I'm com-

mitted to a meeting at a certain time, I get there.

But, oh those little jobs that wait and wait - wash the dishes on display in the old corner cupboard, sort my papers and letters from weeks back, or wash the windows. They seem to be chores that are neglected and undone because there is no pressure to do them.

Maybe now that Judy has come home from college, I'll have a little spare time as she is very good at cooking and baking. However, she does hope to get a summer job and not just stick around to help me. So I guess I'll just keep plodding along and do the best I can.

Cooking Club meets

An organizational meeting of the Mt. Joy Cooking 4-H Club was held recently at St. Mark's United Methodist Church with 26 members present.

Officers were elected with the following youths taking leadership roles: Lori Vogt - president; Tracy Underkoffer - vice-president;

Janelle Lesnefsky - treasurer; Sue Groff - news reporter; Loretta Stoltzfus, Gina Murr, Michele Groff - game leaders and Patti Hershey, Lisa Stauffer and Pam Snader - song leaders.

The first meeting will be held June 18 and dues are 35 cents per meeting.

Know Where the Activities Will Be? Read the Farm Women Calendar.

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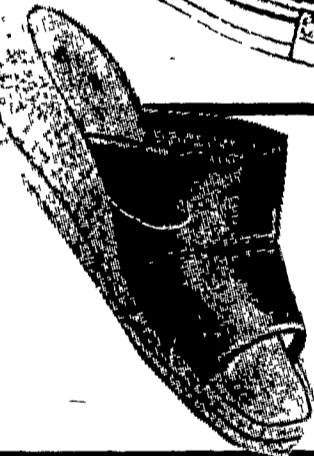


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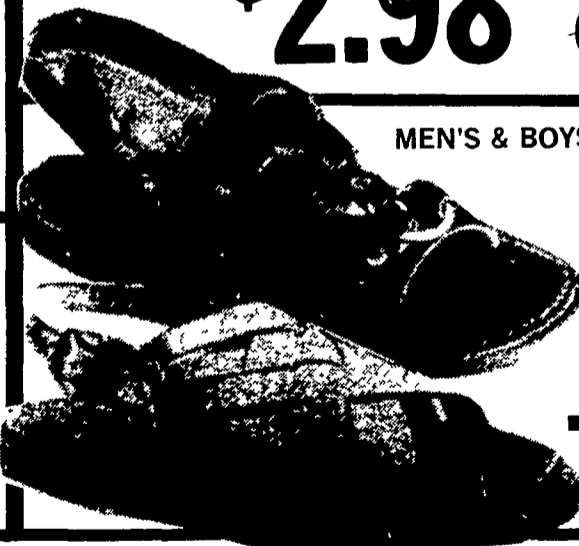
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