



Ida's Notebook



Ida Risser

Our family, together with many other Lancaster County families, entertained a 4-H'er from Colorado for a week. It was a busy time.

Besides the planned activities, we took him to tourist attractions and a museum. He also had the opportunity to go to Wildwood, N. J., with cousins from Mt. Joy who he didn't even know he had living here.

He had never seen fireflies before and was quite intrigued by them. We learned some interesting facts about his family, too, which showed up the differences in our backgrounds. He said that they like to just sit and look at the sky - sounds like a real luxury. And when I was canning apricots, he told me his Mother cans "purple" peaches for him by dyeing them. Also his Grandfather was killed in a gold mine many years ago and his Grandmother was so delighted with water from a spigot, that after living in an arid area, she would just let it run and run over her hands when she moved to town.

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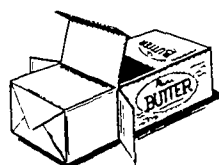
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When we saw the wonderful movie at the Tourist Information Center on Sunday, we met an Oriental family from California. It has been said the native Lancaster Countians are conservative and not too welcoming, and I guess it's true of some, so I was a bit surprised to hear myself invite them to visit our dairy farm.

The "Yee" family with their three children came that night after eating at a restaurant we recommended. They arrived in a camper-truck and were shown the milk parlor, milkhouse, cows, pigs, rabbits, geese, and new puppy. Oh yes, the garden and our old house too. Mr. Yee is a school teacher, and it was our pleasure to share a few hours with them.



Kerstetter warns of defective jar lids

HARRISBURG — With more people turning to home canning as a hedge against inflation, Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Raymond J. Kerstetter recently cautioned consumers against purchasing defective jar lids.

The secretary noted that a study recently completed by the Agricultural Experiment Station at Pennsylvania State University indicated that several brands of jar lids on the market today showed poorly in canning tests.

"For the past couple of years," said Kerstetter, "there has been a sharp rise in the numbers of people canning their own fruits and vegetables. The demand outstripped supplies of non-reusable jar lids and shortages developed."

"Since last year," Kerstetter continued, "new lid

manufacturers have stepped in to pick up the slack. Some of these brands have not tested out well."

Of eight brands that were tested, according to the report, a brand manufactured in Taiwan by Iberia, USA Inc., proved the most defective.

The eight types of lids were tested against lids manufactured by Ball Corp. of Muncie, Ind., which had shown no failures in any treatments. A total of 64 lids of each brand were tested for canning apples and green beans. When a failure to seal could not be attributed to food entrapment between the lid and jar or to jar defects, the lid was declared defective.

With the Iberia brand, 57 of the 64 lids failed to seal. A total of 23 lids rusted.

Other brands that did not test well were, Rockwell, distributed by American Service Corp. of Somerset, Pa.; Jar-Lid Corp., New York, N.Y.; and Plast-O-Top, Plast-O-Product Co., Milton, Del.

Junior Cooking Edition

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2-3 cup soft butter
2 ounces melted unsweetened chocolate
¾ teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons milk

Lorraine Newswanger
Morgantown, Pa.
Age 11

and beat very stiff. The stiffer the egg whites, the better the mixture will turn out. Mix with chocolate mixture. Bake in tube pan in a 325 degree F. oven for 60 to 65 minutes.

Samuel Stoltzfus
Gordonville, Pa.
Age 9

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Chocolate Chiffon Cake

¼ cup cocoa
1¾ cup sugar
1¾ cup flour
1½ teaspoons soda
2 teaspoons vanilla
7 or 8 eggs separated
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup vegetable oil
¼ cup boiling water
½ teaspoon cream of tartar

First mix boiling water and cocoa; set aside. Mix sugar, flour, soda, salt, and vanilla, and make a well. Add cocoa mixture. Put cream of tartar in egg white

Sour Cream Cookies

3 cups brown sugar
½ cup butter
3 eggs
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1½ teaspoons soda
6 cups flour

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix well. Add flour, salt, and soda alternately with sour cream. Bake at 400 degrees F. for six to eight minutes.

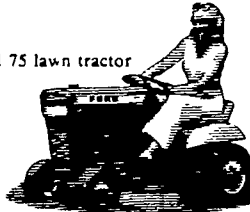
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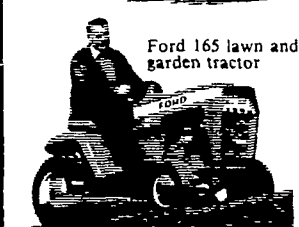
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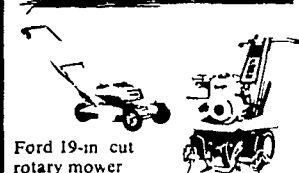
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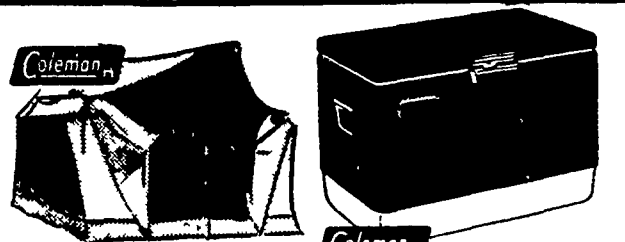
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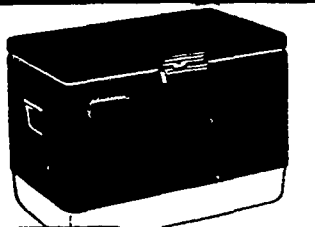


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