



"Indian doors" were used to keep the arrows from breaking the windows in farm houses. A front panel slides up over the panes and is bolted into place as a form of protection.

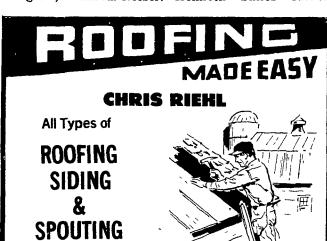


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the land until the early 1900's when he passed the legacy onto his only child - a only one son, Samuel, who is

At this point, the Reeser name stops and the Skiles name begins, because after Elizabeth married Amos Skiles, enough sons were Samuel. Samuel then tilled born to perpetuate this

name. Actually, Amos Skiles had daughter, Elizabeth Reeser. Kenneth Skiles father.



Because Samuel was the only son of Elizabeth and Amos Skiles, he was a direct heir to the property.

"But that is where the "passing down" tradition stops," notes Kenneth. "Since I have a brother, I purchased the farm," he continues.

That was four years ago, the same time the family began the remodeling.

At the present time, the farm, like the house is undergoing change Consisting of 113 acres of mostly corn and alfalfa and a 60-cow dairy operation - mostly registered Holsteins - , it is about to become the object a partnership. Skiles' son Jere, who went to dairy herdsman trade school in Wisconsin, would like to go into business with his father, and they hope to be able to do it by next year.

Also, the Skiles family is now in the process of building a new dairy barn. So, just like their house, the Skiles family farming operation moves into the future by building onto the past.



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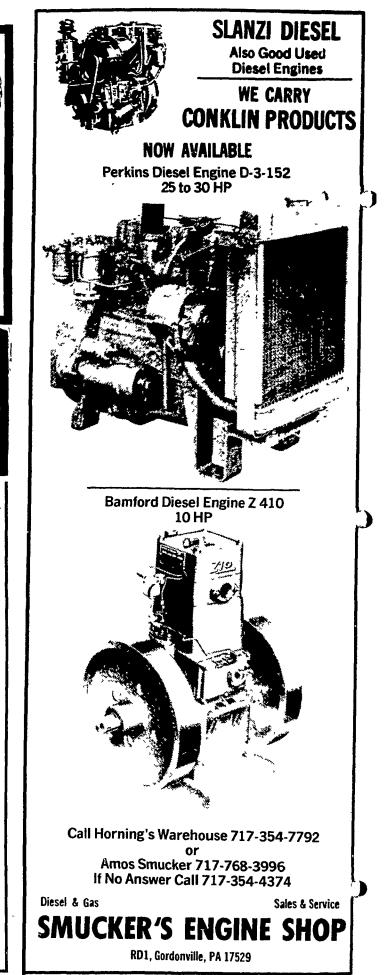
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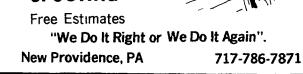
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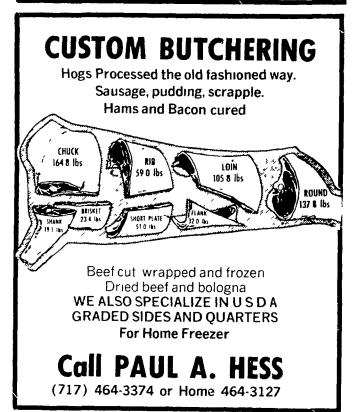


Mrs. Kenneth Skiles shows one piece of a doll tea set that belonged to her husband's grandmother, Elizabeth Reeser Skiles. The set was brought all the way from Philadelphia

in a stagecoach. The dishes are kept in a built-in corner cupboard, one of the many architectural nuances of the farmhouse.









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