

Ida's Notebook



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We know October has rolled around as we notice a chill in the morning air when we dash to the school bus. The sun is just peeping over a nearby hill and a mist rises from the Conestoga and floats toward the meadow. The first rays of sunshine filter through the trees and splashes of light move on the roofs of the summer cabins along our lane.

Soon the fields will be bare as the corn gradually disappears into the silo and we again join the outside world. Most of the summer we've been surrounded by tall corn stalks and the privacy was quite nice. But, no one can hide forever.

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As I pick the last baskets of

sweet corn that I'm sharing with the groundhogs and raccoons, I think of all the other work which I'm not getting done today. In my early years of keeping house, I felt it necessary to clean each of the eight rooms in the house each week. And, I did it too - even though it meant an ill-tempered mother and wife by the end of the day.

With the years, I've relaxed a bit and chosen some new priorities such as a bit of enjoyment for myself. Sometimes, I sit down to read or write a letter and clean the bedrooms some other time. Do others find that they change their decision-making in regard to what they "need" and what they "want" out of life as the years go by?

Farm Women Societies

Society 8

Farm Women Society 8 met in the Brethren Church, Florin, on September 25 at 2 p.m. President Grace Bixler presided over the meeting. Thirty members, two visitors, and one child were present.

The Ways and Means Committee is planning a bus trip to Philadelphia on November 4. Those interested in going should call Margaret Heisey (phone 426-3311).

On October 1, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Gunder, Kathryn Erb, and Kathryn Heisey will sell apples at Park City for the Heart Fund.

Interested members will sew at the General Hospital on October 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. November 6 is the county

convention date at the Farm and Home Center.

The society is planning to have a food table at Homemaker's Day, November 8 at 9:30 a.m. Margaret Heisey will be supervisor.

Nominations were accepted appointing Kathryn Heisey president and Kathryn Erb vice president.

George Endslo presented the main feature of the afternoon as he showed colorful slides of Austria.

The next meeting will be held October 16 at 2 p.m. at the Chiques Methodist Church. Lester Hostetter will speak on "More about Chrysanthemums". Society 26 will be entertained at this time.

Society 27

Farm Women Society 27 recently met at the home of Mrs. Albert Fry, Jr. for a business meeting. Mrs. Wilmer Sherrer served as co-hostess.

Mr. Harold H. Fry led in devotions. Secretary, treasurer, and committee reports were given.

Election of two new officers resulted in Mrs. Robert Feltenbaum named president and Mrs. Lester Good named recording secretary. Both of these offices are a two year term, beginning January 1977.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Raymond Martin, gave final plans for a bus trip to Smithville, N.J. on October 12.

Ways and Means Committee chairlady, Eileen Benner, gave news concerning the Society's garage sale to be held at Mrs. Roy Sauder's home Friday and Saturday.

County convention tickets were sold.

Berks Co.

Society 6

The Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 6 held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Roger Wagner, Oley R1, on September 21 at 8 p.m. Sixteen members and one guest attended. Donations of used bed sheets are needed to make cancer pads for Berks Heim.

The group will purchase Christmas wrapping paper for the Hamburg State School.

Fourteen members planned to go to the county convention on October 2 at the Berks Ag Center, Leesport R1. The women were urged to wear Bicentennial dresses and to bring articles for the bazaar with prices on the items.

The members of Group 7 invited Society 6 to help celebrate their 10th anniversary on October 19 at 8 p.m. at the Conrad Weiser School. The women planning to go to the event will meet at the Oley Legion at 7 p.m.

The October 12 meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Abraham Keller, Oley R1 at 8 p.m.

Berks Co.

Society 9

The Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 9 held its September meeting at the home of Mrs. Nancy Gross.

Seven members of the group will attend the county convention to be held at the Berks Agricultural Center. Ruth Hafer will serve on the bazaar committee, and Karen Schrier will be on the nominating committee.

The group donated to the following organizations: Hamburg State School, for Christmas presents, Blue Birds, Amityville, for group projects or trips, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville, for use of their camp grounds.

Plans were also discussed for a hoagie sale to be held either on October 16 or 23.

Elections will be held at the October meeting scheduled for the home of Mrs. Pat Haas.

Classes open

KENNETT SQUARE - There are still openings in two horticultural short courses being offered this fall at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa. The evening class in "Ferns for the Home," which will meet from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on October 28 and November 4, has room for more registrants. Both morning and evening classes in "Terrariums," one meeting from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and the other from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on November 11 and 18, have openings also.

"Ferns for the Home" will be taught by Rolfe W. Smith and "Terrariums" by Rolfe W. Smith. Registration fee for the fern course is \$10 and for the terrarium course, \$20.

To enroll in either class, send a check for the registration fee with your name, address, and phone number to Short Course Office, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa. 19348. Specify either the morning or evening class when registering for the terrarium course. For more information on the short courses call 388-6741.

Organ concerts begin

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. Longwood Gardens will open its 1976-77 series of Wednesday evening organ concerts on October 6, at 8:30 p.m., with a program featuring church music by American composers. Clarence Snyder, Longwood organist and choirmaster of Christ Church, Greenville, Del., will perform on the 10,010-pipe organ located off the main conservatory at Longwood. Included in his performance will be the works of Richard Purvis, Everett Titcomb, and Robert Elmore.

Snyder is well-known as an organist and as founder of the Oratorio Society of New Jersey, and the Cantata Choir and Chamber Opera Group of Wilmington. He

was 13 years old when he entered the Curtis Institute of Music and 17 when he made his first continental tour as a concert organist. On May 30, 1969, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Music degree by the Westminster Choir College in recognition of his distinguished service to the cause of music in America.

For the pleasure of visitors, the conservatories will be open for one hour before and after the concert. The day's general admission fee of one dollar will be charged for the concert. Longwood Gardens is located at the junction of U.S. Route 1 and Pa. Route 52, northeast of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

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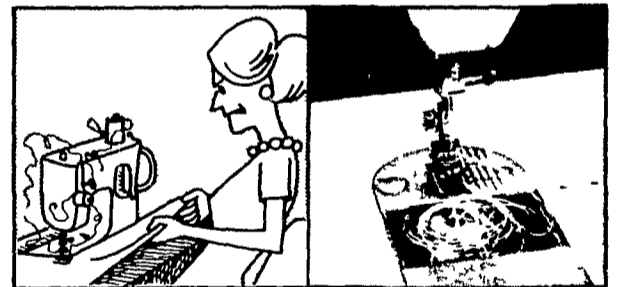
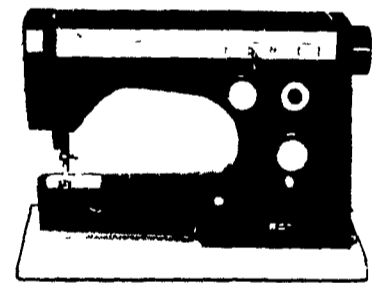
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