

Ida's

Notebook



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With the new year comes hope of better things. It is said that hope and anticipation are what keep us going. Even if it is a small thing, like shopping on the morrow with a friend. We need something to look forward to - no matter our age.

I've just completed 40 years of writing a diary and never missing a day - through births, deaths, trips and operations. Sometimes some action in one's youth is jarringly brought to attention by reading old diaries. Then again one is reminded of special days in the childrens' lives as they grew from 20 in. to 6 ft. 3 in. As an example, when our daughter was 13 month old we tried to get her to say "Daddy" instead of "DaDa", but she wouldn't. When her father disgustedly told her she was a "dumb bunny", she quickly said, "Daddy, Daddy" and surprised us. Another time, one

of our boys asked how they nailed those red lights in the sky when, at the age of 3, he saw a high-tower at night for the first time.

On occasion, I can refer to my diaries and find out exactly how long it takes us to drive to a distant city by checking on a previous trip. And of course, one can always use it to settle a dispute. I've heard it said, that one should pity the husband of a wife who writes a diary because she has written undisputable evidence of a past occurrence - say 29 years ago.

Over the years as I occasionally read part of a certain year, I've been struck by how similar our ways are now compared to how they were years ago. We seem to carry the same habits with us and they either please or displease the people with whom we live. Now's the time for a new start.

Agribusiness seminar set for Jan. 27

YORK, Pa. - The 14th annual Agribusiness Seminar, cosponsored by the York Area Chamber of Commerce and York County Agricultural Extension Service, is set for Thursday, Jan. 27, at Avalong Dairy Bar Restaurant.

The day-long event, which begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 2:45 p.m., will feature three prominent speakers as well as an audio-visual presentation, all addressed to the general theme, "Agriculture Leading the Way to a Better Tomorrow."

Speakers include Richard McDonnell, agricultural economist with the Grain and Feed Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Norwood K. Talbert, director of environmental quality and engineering, Agway, Inc., of Syracuse, N.Y., and a representative from the New Holland Division of Sperry Rand Corp.

The audio-visual program, prepared by the Allis-Chalmers Corp., is entitled, "Historical Review of Agriculture."

Lancaster Co. Society 3

Members of Lancaster County Farm Women Society 3 and their children were entertained on December 18 in the Fellowship Hall of Swamp U.C.C. Church in Reinholds. Mrs. Linda Toledo and Mrs. Esther Stuber were hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Chambers entertained the group by presenting "Humor with a Purpose."

Mrs. Doris Miller, Mrs. Erla Gehman, Mrs. Vivian Stauffer, and Mrs. Eilene Miller took Christmas gifts to the group's adopted daughter at the Hamburg State School on December 19.

Santa Claus visited with the members and presented gifts to the children. A gift exchange also took place between the members

The next meeting will be

on January 15 at the home of Mrs. Vivian Stauffer. Mrs. Mary Alice Gregory will demonstrate scarf tying. Delegates to the state convention will give reports.

Society 9 Berks Co.

Berks County Farm Women Society Group 9 held their annual Christmas party at Sunnybrook, Pottstown, on December 11. Eleven members and their husbands attended

Past president Sue Hendricks was presented with a gift from the group. Presents were exchanged and secret pals revealed for the year. New secret pals will be chosen at the January meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Hafer

Fed. grain inspection takeover beginning on first of year

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Department of Agriculture officials recently announced changes in a scheduled federal takeover of grain inspection and weighing from 15 private firms and trade groups presently designated as official inspection agencies at ports around the nation.

Under the new schedule, as of today (Jan. 1) USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service will take over inspection and weighing at two export elevators and other facilities served by the Destrehan Board of Trade,

one of three non-federal grain inspection agencies in the New Orleans, La., area. At that time, the Destrehan Board of Trade becomes the first official inspection agency replaced by the Inspection Service under a new federal grain inspection law that went into effect last month.

On Jan. 16, the Inspection Service will assume responsibility for all official inspection and weighing of grain in Toledo, Ohio, and Saginaw, Mich., two major U.S. grain ports on the Great Lakes. On Feb. 1, a similar changeover to federal in-

spection and weighing is scheduled to take place in Chicago, Ill., the third major Great Lake grain port now served by a private or trade-operated grain inspection agency.

Inspection Service officials noted that each of the four takeover dates was moved up from previously arranged dates at the request of the affected agencies. Besides the Destrehan Board of Trade, those agencies are the Toledo Board of Trade, the Saginaw Board of Trade, and the Chicago Grain Inspection Bureau, Inc.

Firm phase-out dates for the remaining 11 private or trade-operated grain inspection agencies operating at export locations will be announced on an individual basis in the future. However, Inspection Service officials gave the following tentative dates, ports, and agencies for two nearby ports:

- July 2, 1977, Baltimore, Md., Baltimore Chamber of Commerce; and Jan. 21, 1978, Philadelphia, Pa.,

Commercial Exchange Philadelphia.

Officials stressed that dates for federal takeover inspection and weighing at these ports remain subject to change.

Under the new federal grain law - the U.S. Grain Standards Act of 1976 - within 18 months the Inspection Service must perform all official inspection and weighing of U.S. export grain. The Inspection Service can, however, delegate special export inspection and weighing authority to states currently authorized to inspect grain at export locations.

The new grain inspection law is the result of a continuing federal probe into irregularities in the weighing, inspection, and handling of U.S. grain. The investigation, which has centered in the New Orleans area, has resulted so far in more than 80 convictions for violation of the 1968 U.S. Grain Standards Act, the U.S. Warehouse Act, and other federal statutes

Cattlemen's seminar set for January 22

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - The Maryland Cattlemen's Association has set its second annual "Winter Seminar" for January 22nd, 1977, at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center in Gaithersburg.

MCA president John Stump will serve as master of ceremonies for the day which begins with registration at 9 a.m. The morning sessions will be devoted to panel discussion, lunch will be served at noon, the association will hold its annual meeting at 1:15 p.m., and another panel will be held following the business meeting.

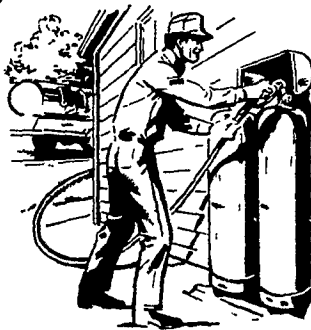
The morning panel will be on "Managing the Breeding Herd for Reproduction;" and the afternoon panel will be "Improved Profits Through Production Testing."

Preregistration is urged. Preregistered tickets for the day will be \$7.50, and tickets at the door will be \$10. Wives' and children's tickets are \$5.00 each.

For tickets and additional information contact: Maryland Cattlemen's Association, Box 337, Randallstown, Md. 21133.

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