

## Home decorating topic of course

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - The Penn State Extension Service has planned a "Workshop For The Home" where design principles of interior decorating and the practical application of these principles in renovating and maintaining the home will be discussed. The Workshop

will be held at the Holiday Inn on the Baltimore Pike west of Media, (Route 1) on March 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The registration fee of \$5 includes lunch.

To register, make a check payable to "Home-Economics Workshops" and mail it to Mrs. Greta Vairo,

Penn State Extension Service, Toal Building 2nd and Orange Sts., Media, Pa. 19063, along with name, address and phone number. Registration is due by March 1. The public is invited to attend.

At the workshop coordination of furniture design,

color, and texture in the home will be taught. Mary Saylor, related arts specialist from Penn State University, will be the guest speaker. Other topics covered will be care of wood furniture, how to hang wallpaper, the care of upholstered furniture, and the selection of furniture and accessories for the home.

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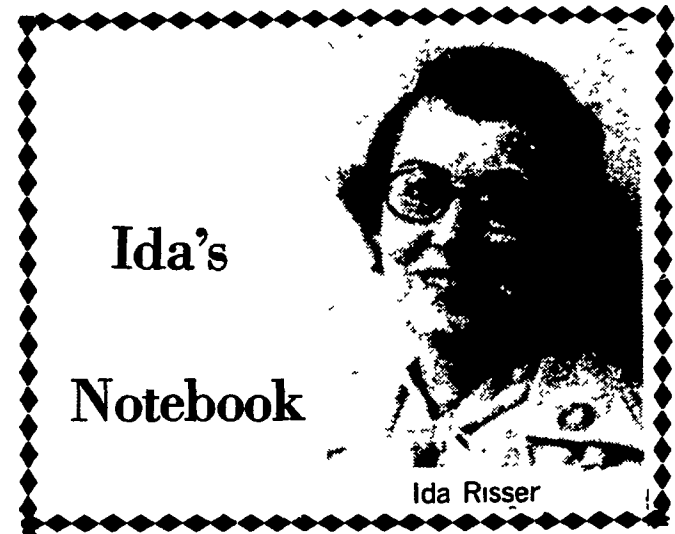
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## Notebook

Ida Risser

I've always been interested in historical items and I have a good imagination. (Although, sometimes that "good imagination" can get me into trouble).

The nearest village to our farm is a small place called Oregon. It was first settled in 1717 by a Jacob Bear who built two mills on Carters Creek, now Lititz Creek. The locality was often called "Catfish" from the great abundance of those fish in the creek.

It was a thriving place at one time and contained a post office, hotel, dry-goods store, coach makers shop, shoemaker and blacksmiths shops, two butcher shops, four cigar manufactories, a grist mill and a church. Lately, I've been reading entries made in the Oregon Mill book when it was owned by my great, great grandfather, Benjamin Landis from 1836 to 1844. Then, even as now, some grains purchased in 1840, '41, and '42 were not paid until 1846. And then they were paid with a copper kettle \$12, a sow and

a boar \$16 or five bushel of apples for \$1.

A George Weidler hauled three hogsheads of whiskey to Lancaster for \$1.87; 18 barrels of flour to Lancaster for \$1.80, brought one load of boards from Marietta for five and also delivered two ton of plaster from Conestoga Navigation for \$1.50.

One entry which I didn't understand - Levi Reist, "Boulting 100 barrels flour \$25 on March 22, 1844" - what is Boulting? An interesting item was the fact that Isaac Landis paid the \$2 bill of "Black John", who got 86 pd. of flour Dec. 18, 1843.

In 1840 one bushel of bran was 15 cents one bushel corn 40 cents, one bushel wheat 1.05, one bushel oats 25 cent and one bushel rye 65 cent. Mostly, the people seemed to come for one, two, or three bushel of grain at a time. Widow Good got three bushel of wheat in May of 1843 and apparently only ever paid 28 cent of her \$3 bill in October.

Even though life moved slower in those days, I'm sure it was full of frustrations too.

## Plant lovers' corner

RUTGERS, N.J. - Now is a good time to remove the old canes and dead wood from your climber or old-fashion rambler rose bush. The plant is still dormant and it is almost safe to assume that the worst of the winter damage is about over, says Donald B. Lacey, Extension specialist in home horticulture at Cook College, Rutgers University.

If the canes are about an inch in diameter and the plant is six to eight years old or more, remove the canes fairly close to the ground or at least to the point where you find some younger and more productive canes coming out. Brown or dead tips on remaining canes should also be pruned.

The severed ends should be covered with tree wound paint, chewing gum, melted paraffin wax or any sticky substance to prevent rose borers from entering the stems, says Lacey.

After the old canes are removed, train the younger shoots by tying them to a fence or trellis. This will distribute the blooms more attractively as well as anchor them against the strong March winds.

Young climbers planted in the last year or two should not be pruned until they are sturdier and well established, Lacey advises.

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