

Ida's

Notebook



Ida Risser

What a backbreaking job gardening is! Strawberries must be weeded, flowers transplanted, and seeds planted. Everything is on ground level and it seems as though we haven't lessened the labor in this area for hundreds of years. I and my trowel and trusty hoe are all that stand between a clean garden and a weedy one.

Now kitchens are something else. They really have changed and have lightened women's work. When we moved on this farm some 20 years ago, I had to walk down to the far corner of the yard where the pump was located. After I pumped a bucket of water, I carried it up the hill, heated it on a wood stove and then washed the dishes, diapers or whatever. Now hot water is mine in an instant (if the furnace doesn't breakdown).

There is a garbage disposal in the sink and no need to run outside in nasty weather to toss the peels over the back fence. There is a specially built "baking center" with everything within easy reach. There is a hood over the stove to keep the kitchen odorless and cleaner. There is a built-in dishwasher—what more could you ask?

Come to think of it - with everything under finger tip control in the house, maybe it is best to have to really exercise while doing the outside work. The Egyptian onions are ready to pull and eat; last year's parsley, which I covered, is beautiful and tall; and some parsnips are ready to be dug.

It is in the Spring, Summer and Fall that I really appreciate the conveniences, because then I am so busy outside the house.

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White House eggroll to use 'real thing'

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Plastic spheres (sometimes referred to as plastic eggs) will not be on the White House Easter Eggroll this

year thanks to Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, the American Egg Board, and the Georgia Egg Commission.

A shipment of real eggs was delivered to the White House on April 6 with Amy Carter scheduled to appear for pictures.

James Fleming, United Egg Producers vice president for governmental relations, said the plastic spheres were used last year and generated considerable

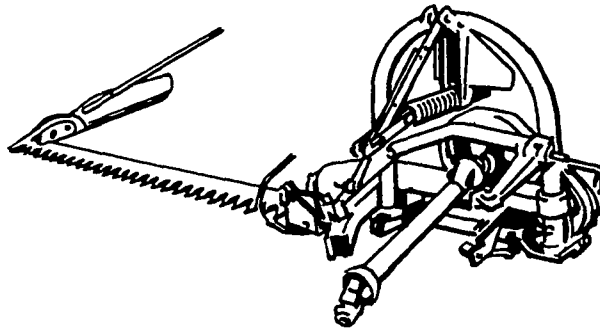
publicity. Egg producers took exception to the traditional event using anything less than "the real thing." The American Egg Board agreed to sponsor the affair, and the Georgia Egg Commission agreed to supply the eggs. So, last Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. real eggs again returned to the White House eggroll.

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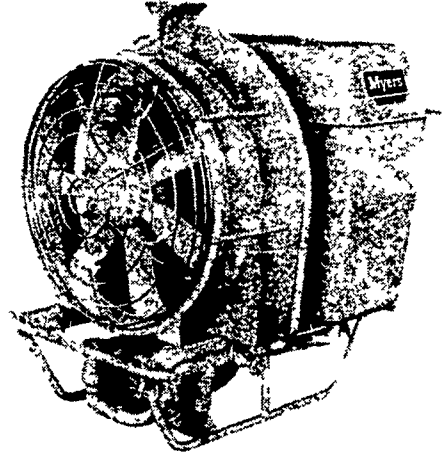
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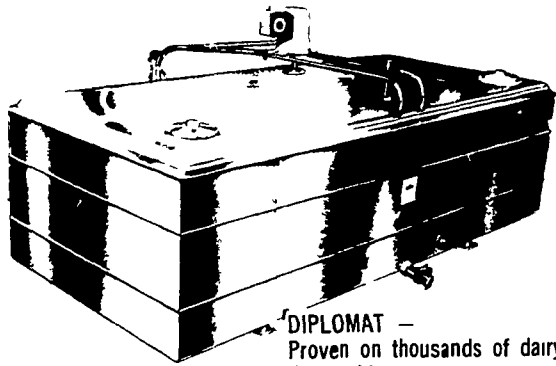
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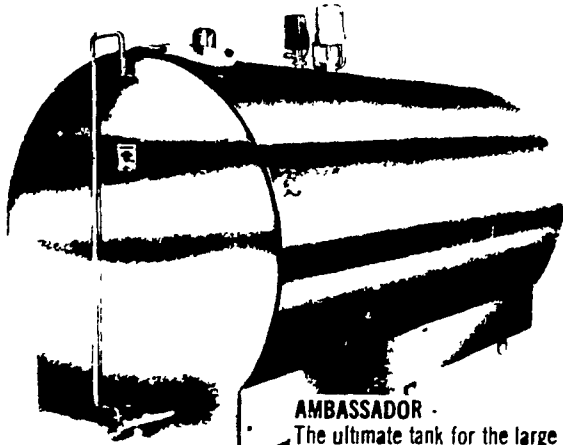
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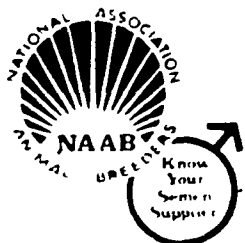


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