

My Thoughts

And welcome to them

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cracker pudding the same as monkey food?" Minnesota hostess inquired with open eyes and interested face. "Pardon," I said, extremely perplexed by the odd question. "Cracker pudding the same as monkey food?" she asked once again without batting an eye or changing the expression on her face. My mind whirling in circles as I tried to find an answer. During my 10 days in "The Land of 10,000 Lakes," I'd had many questions fired at me about Pennsylvania's agriculture and cultural life. I could answer the simple questions like "What crops are grown out there?" and "how is the weather?" but, never in my wildest dreams had I programmed to answer the monkey food question. I kept feeding it into my brain, and my mouth kept spitting out a blank. "I must be kidding, I decided. But, after seeing her face for the third time I realized that

she wasn't. And, unfortunately, it was time to say something.

Gingerly, I began a polite but cautious reply. "I'm not sure," I said slowly. "What exactly is it that they are feeding monkeys these days?"

Instantly, her face turned red, and she let out a laugh to alleviate the pressure.

Plant lovers' corner

Spray lilacs early to stop mildew

Powdery mildew is a fungus disease that attacks many types of plants, but perhaps none worse than the lilac. The white coating becomes so thick on the leaves that many curl and drop off. This in turn reduces

the amount of bloom the following Spring.

James J. McKeen, Delaware County agricultural agent says that he sees lilac bushes are often loaded with mildew every August and September. Their owners say that they started to spray as soon as they saw the disease and it didn't help. It doesn't help to spray at that time. Rather, spraying must start just after the color fades from the last cluster of flowers. Then the spray must be repeated every week to 10 days, until early July. The best material to combat mildew is benomyl or Benlate at the rate of one tablespoon in two gallons of water. This is also an excellent chemical to control rose mildew.

"Monkey food is a kind of pudding we have out here," she laughed, tears rolling down her cheeks by this time.

To prove her point, she got out her recipe book and pointed her finger at a title which, remarkably, said "Monkey Food." The concoction sounded very close to cracker pudding, except for one thing—it lacked crackers, a major ingredient, I made clear.

After a mutual laugh over the misunderstanding, we enjoyed a chat over the nomenclature differences between the two states.

She had never heard of sticky buns (and almost thought it was a dirty word, as a matter of fact,) and had no concept of the taste of sweet bologna.

By the same token, some Minnesota words were totally foreign to me. For instance, I didn't know what a sugar beeter was. (Sugar beeters are workers who hoe the beet fields).

And, I didn't know that a "Mullah" was a polled Hereford or that the grove of intertwined trees near the farmhouse provided protection from the northwest wind.

But, regardless of the differences in terminology and heritage, my Minnesota host family and I came together on many common grounds for one of the most enjoyable vacations I may ever have.

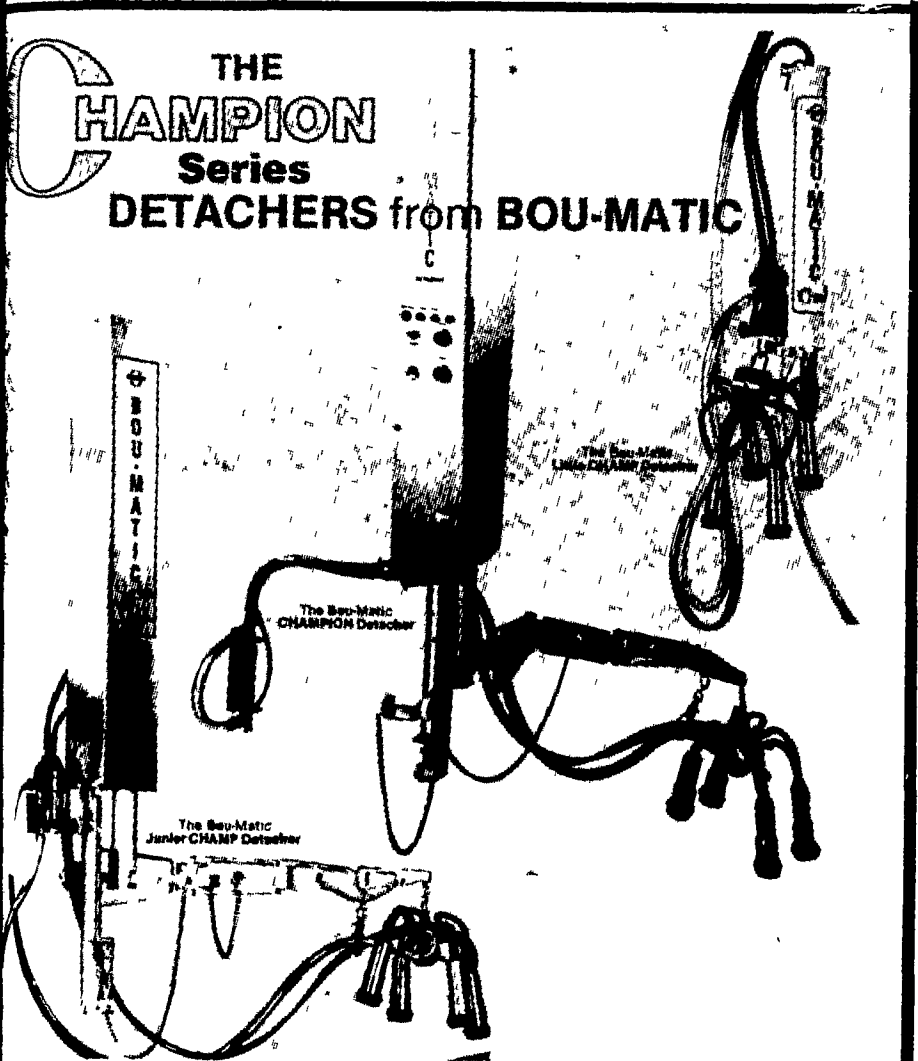
Twila Brubaker

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