

**Ida's
Notebook**



Ida Risser

The big week of deer hunting has just passed. As usual some hunters have been successful and many more have not been. It depends on what you call a successful trip. For me, it is a day when I've at least seen some deer wondering through the forest.

This year I made twenty sandwiches the night before using turkey from Thanksgiving and some of our own bologna. You see, at five in the morning, I find making several thermos bottles of coffee and cocoa sufficient work before leaving for the Blue Mountains. My husband had to rise at three o'clock and milk our fifty cows much earlier than usual in order to go hunting.

We then had to drive our trusty Datsun through the seasons first snowstorm. There were many cars and trucks unable to get up hills

and we saw a few minor accidents. But, with our small car, we were able to weave in and out around stalled vehicles. Our oldest daughter, who lives on the West coast, had driven this car across the country several years ago and now it is back East where it started by pushing through the snows of Rochester, N.Y.

We traveled through mountain roads, with chains on, for fifteen miles until we

saw no more vans or cars parked along the road and only then did my husband say, 'Here's the place to stop.' We pulled on extra clothes and set out with a sandwich in our pocket and a few extra shells. As I've been lost in the woods at nightfall, I am now very cautious about getting too far from a trail but our two sons, who were with us, climbed up one side of the mountain and down the other.

The four inches of snow covered everything and the woods were quiet. Occasionally a shot in the distance echoed and re-echoed through the mountains. Barely audible was a lone dog barking on some far away farm. There were no rustling leaves as squirrels and chipmunks scurried by—they were hidden away as the snow had turned to sleet and rain. The small stream winding through the hemlock stand made a peaceful rippling sound. Soon it was late afternoon and time to leave for home. This year I saw no deer.

Farm Women Societies

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and gave information on the State Convention to be held January 8 and 9 in Harrisburg. The Society will have a bus going to the convention. The bus will leave Field's at 9 a.m. on January 8, and at 8 a.m. on January 9.

Mrs. Marion Zechel presented a program on "Bells". She opened the program with the poem "I heard the bells on Christmas Day". She also had a display of bells from around the world and spoke on the materials, meanings and the uses of different kinds of bells.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Paige on January 3.

York Co. Society 29

Plans were made to attend the State Convention by the York County Farm Women Society 29 at their recent meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by Betty Heffner, Brogue. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by a meeting and exchange of secret pal Christmas gifts.

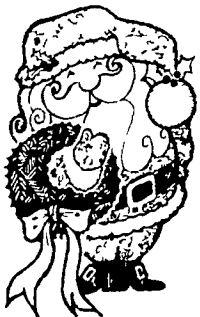
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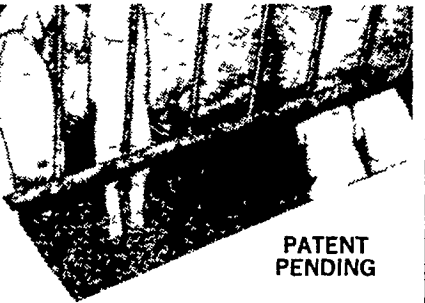
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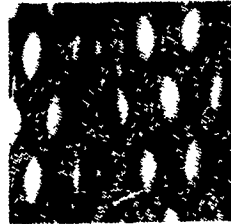
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