

IFYE

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Something that would probably never work out in the States, but is accepted in Japan, is Niko having been chosen to stay on her father's farm forever. Niko is one of three daughters in the Mizuno family. Normally the son is chosen to stay on the farm, or the first born. In Niko's case, her father selected her even though she was the second born daughter. When she marries, her husband will have to change his name to hers in order to carry on the family name. Niko's future husband will be chosen for her by an onnaiai, a matchmaker. The matchmaker can be a relative, neighbor, or a businessman. Niko will be given pictures of eligible young men to examine and she can then request more information if she likes what she sees.

The customs on marriage have been liberalized, she pointed out. When her parents were married, she said, they had dated only two or three times. And before that, brides may never have seen their husbands until their wedding day. "That's blind marriage, not blind dating," chuckled Wilbur.

Niko is planning to spend Christmas in the U.S. She is anxious to take part in the celebration because the Japanese Buddhists don't celebrate Christmas. She said at home they drink champagne and eat cake, and small children sometimes make Christmas trees and receive presents.

The Japanese holiday is New Year's Day. Niko said that most Japanese travel to see the shrine that day. She would rather not fight the pushing crowds, so Niko stays home and watches the sunrise.

"As the sun comes up I pray and make my new year's resolutions," she

said. "Last year I prayed to come to America and to get a boyfriend."

Half of her prayers were answered because she did get to visit the U.S., but she smiled when she said she still hadn't gotten a boyfriend. That fact is hard to believe because Niko is a stunning young woman, with beautiful black hair and dark eyes. She is considered tall, measuring 164 centimeters, or five feet six inches.

Niko said that she was amazed that most American boys were married very young. She said that in Japan, the young men marry when they are between the ages of 26 and 28, and that the women marry when they are 22 to 24 years old.

The charming 23 year old said that she expects that when she returns to Japan, the matchmaker will have many prospects for her to look at. She said that finding a husband is more difficult for her, than for her sisters, because she must stay home on the farm, and most young men will not want to change their names.

During her stay in the States, Niko enjoyed travelling to Chicago and Florida in her free time. She hopes to be able to try snow-skiing, one of her favorite hobbies, before she returns to Japan for the New Year.

While at the Erb's, Niko went on her first small airplane ride. Wilbur Erb, a licensed pilot, took her for a bird's-eye-view of Lancaster County. One of the highlights of the flight was her aerial glimpse of Three Mile Island. Niko is going home with some photographs and a T-shirt of the famous TMI.

She also took a tour of an Amish poultry farm, and visited Wilbur's Chocolate Factory in Latitz. Most of her souvenirs were T-shirts, tourist brochures, spoons and record albums. "A lot of the souvenirs in the States are made in Japan or Taiwan, and we can buy the same stuff at home," Niko said. So, Niko bought blue jeans and shirts instead. The clothes in Japan are much more expensive, she noted. A simple dress can cost \$200.

Before she left the Erb's on Thursday, Niko prepared a Japanese meal. The traditional Pennsylvania Dutch dishes were traded for a meal of sukiyaki and tempura.

The sukiyaki was fried meat, chinese cabbage, onions, leeks, bean sprouts,

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and mushrooms cooked in a common pot in a sugar-based soy sauce. The tempura dish was made up of vegetables dipped in batter and deep fried.

No desserts were served because the Japanese do not eat sweets.

Of all the American dishes that Niko ate during her six month stay, her favorite dish was tuna casserole. She also liked the fancy rice dishes that were served in Louisiana. Eating macaroni and cheese was something different for Niko because the Japanese usually don't mix foods together and they eat very little cheese. Milk and cheese are thought of as foreign, she said.

All told, Niko has had an exciting and educational experience during her IFYE

summer. One of her most memorable times was when she attended the National 4-H Congress. There she met the other 50 IFYE's from 20 countries.

"An African girl said these Americans are crazy...they walk too fast; and, a girl from the United Kingdom said that Americans walk too slow. A French boy said that he missed being able to drink wine; and a German boy said that he missed his beer," Niko recalled.

Niko will be taking back happy memories and information that should help her in her career as a Japanese-poultry farmer. And, perhaps more valuable than anything else, she will take along friendships that will last a lifetime.

Late small game season opens Wednesday

HARRISBURG — Small game and deer hunters will take to the fields and forests for the final times in 1979 when the late small game and archery and flintlock whitetail deer seasons open on Wednesday, December 26.

Small game species which may be hunted from December 26 through Saturday, January 12, include pheasants of both sexes in northern Penn-

sylvania and squirrels and grouse statewide.

Daily and possession limits for these species are: pheasants, two and four; squirrels, six and twelve; and grouse, two and four.

This year the winter season for cottontail rabbits opens on December 26 but closes on January 5. The daily limit on cottontails is four, with a possession limit of eight.

There will be a single season for hunting snowshoe rabbits (varying hares) this year, opening on Wednesday, December 26, and closing on Tuesday, January 1. The daily limit on snowshoes is two, with a season limit of four.

Deer of any age or sex will be available from December 26 to January 5 during the archery and flintlock muzzleloader deer seasons.

Both archers and flintlock hunters will be able to hunt statewide during the winter season. The late archery season in recent years has been statewide, but prior to 1979 the flintlock season had been confined to designated state and federally-owned lands.

A separate archery license and/or a separate flintlock muzzleloader license, available from county treasurers, local issuing agents and Game Commission field division offices, must be displayed on the regular hunting license during the winter deer season.

The only firearms that may be used during the muzzleloader season are single barrel flintlock ignition long guns .44 caliber or larger propelling a single ball. Telescopic and peep or aperture sights are prohibited.

How to cure meat

UNIVERSITY PARK — Home-cured bacon or sausage make good eating on cold mornings.

But it may be difficult to find a butcher or meat market selling real, old-fashioned, home-cured meat.

The nine-lesson course includes instruction on how to slaughter, dress and cure meats; location of different cuts and their preparation for the table; most up-to-date methods of curing and handling variety meats, and complete instructions on how to make such delicacies as sausage, scrapple, and liverwurst.

To get the complete course, send five dollars plus 25 cents postage to: Butchering, Box 5000, University Park, PA 16802. Make check payable to Penn State.



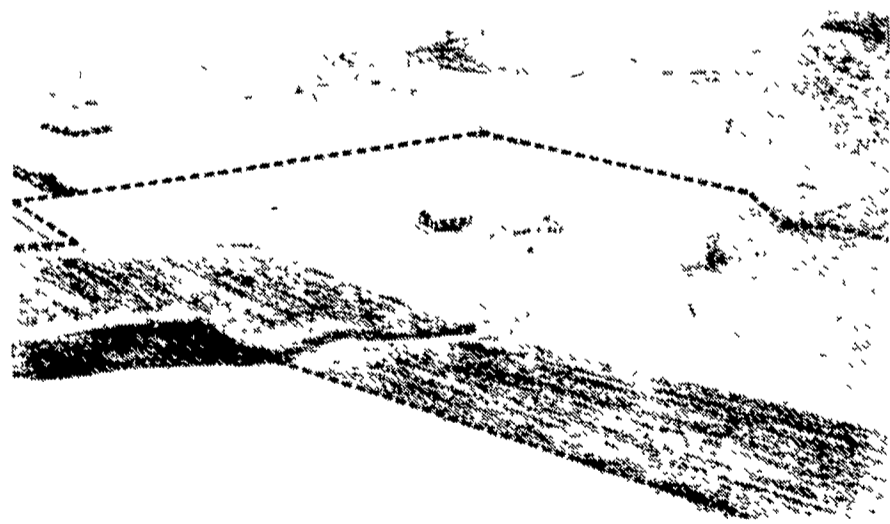
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Time to wish a Joyous and Blessed Christmas-tide for you and yours. May all good things come to you in 1980!!
D.H. and Peg and Everyone at Rumsey Sales, Bath, N.Y.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1980

At 1 P.M.

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PUBLIC SALE

OF REAL ESTATE
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Along Sprecker Road, 5 miles South of Lancaster. 1 mile South of New Danville, Mennonite Church, ½ mile West of Willow Street.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 A.M.

App. ½ acre land erected thereon 2½ story frame dwelling 24x26 covered with Glazed Tax Siding with enclosed porch. 3 bedrooms & bath on 2nd floor, 3 rooms on 1st floor w/full basement, slate roof, 2 car garage, never failing well & cistern. Nearly new carpet in L.R. & D.R. Blinds and some new drapes go with property. Macadam drive & large garden.

Property well cared for and in very good state of repair.

Frigidaire refrigerator (nearly new), Imperial gas stove, 2 Coldspot freezers, radios, television, Dexter wringer washer w/twin porcelain tubs, Whirlpool dryer, Electrolux cleaner, Kenmore cleaner, matching sofa and love seat (nice), occasional chairs, occasional tables, end table, library table, magazine rack, china closet, buffet, 8 matching plank bottom chairs, 6 matching plank bottom chairs & table, bedroom suite (handmade), 2 other bedroom suits, chest of drawers.

Doughtray, Coverlet, ship trunk, old pictures, 6 gal. crock w/lid & other crocks, flat iron.

Service for 12 dishes & other dishes, cake stand, water set, 2 hens on nest, double candle holders, set of 8 glasses, tablecloths, extension table w/6 boards, bed linens, blankets, metal wardrobe, metal utility cabinet, wooden cabinet, Minnesota treadle sewing machine, 2-9x12 rugs, 8x10 rug, oriental rug, grandmother plank bottom rocker, cane bottom chairs & rocker, large drysink, stools, pigeon blood dish, vases, set of silverware for 12 in chest, other silverware, 3 roasters, pots & pans, Sunbeam steam iron, metal base cabinet, kitchen stool, baskets, metal table, lawn chairs, day bed, ironing board, step ladder, storage chest, drying rack, 2 benches, work table, 2 galvanized tubs, wicker laundry basket, coal bucket & shovel, window fan, homemade soap, watering can, large aluminum kettle, ladder, garden tools, hand tools, wheel barrow, many clear & green qt. jars. Canned food & contents of 2 freezers will be sold.

Terms: 10% down. Final settlement March 15, 1980.

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EMMA E. CHARLES

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