

## Ida's Notebook

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Despite all the glowing reports of "life down on the farm", I believe that that life is not for everybody. A case in point is the story of a man who lived in this area at the turn of the century.

From what I've heard this farmer had an illness which today is called alcoholism. Somehow, I've always been intrigued with the various stories.

He is said to have driven his family to a tragic end and he himself had an awful reputation.

The question is "why?" He came from a family with a good background.

Recently, I discovered an account book which belonged to this particular man in the year 1889, when he was 21 years old. Apparently at that time he opened a grocery and provision business in Lancaster.

He listed his assets as a store and lot \$2500, a horse and wagon \$225 and cash \$500. He had two partners in the business and by 1890 opened another store in Mobile, Alabama with a different partner.

His rent for the N. Queen St. property was \$120 per year and he paid his salemen \$6 per month.

Some prices listed are as follows: Rio coffee .24 cents per pound; sugar 11 cents per pound; mackerel 12

cents per pounds; a barrel salt, \$1.25; tea 60 cents per pound; brooms 25 cents; and two wood piles 50 cents.

It would appear that Lancaster County cheese and butter were shipped to the Alabama store. Also in this record book were some personal expenditures such as hair cut 10 cents, shirt 38 cents, overalls 35 cents, cap 25 cents, shoes \$1.50 and a suit for \$4.50.

Even recreational items were listed. The opera was fifty cents the same as "a picnic" which was also fifty cents.

Something must have gone wrong with his business venture as later he was employed by a department store and still later he lived "down on the farm".

I'm only guessing, but, I suspect farming wasn't for him. Pressure from a traditionally agricultural

## N.J. dealer suspended for 20 day period

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## Lycoming County wins 4-H potato grading

HARRISBURG — A sharp-eyed and well coached quartet from Lycoming County took first place in the 4-H potato grading and identification contest at the 1980 Farm Show.

Second place went to Sullivan County's entry and third place to Lehigh County's team

Team placings and members included:

First Lycoming County Tawny Rushoe R4 Muncy Christie Rushoe R4 Muncy Susan Eck R3 Muncy Linda Berger R4 Muncy

Second Sullivan County Chris Voch R2 Dushore Marcy Streby R2 New Albany 3 Ann Voch R2 Dushore 4:Clair Pardoe R2 Dushore

Third Lehigh County Jeff Hausmann R1 Schnecksville Renee Roening R1 Slatington Debra Krause R1 Slatington Ricky Koenig R1 Slatington

Fourth Carbon County Melvin Balliet R4 Leighton Ira Kerschner R1 Kunkletown John Lavelle Leighton 4 Robin Cressley R3 Leighton

Fifth Northampton County Tina Miller Northampton Rose Becker Northampton David Frey Northampton

Sixth Allegheny County Janet Rudy Sewickley Judy Rudy Sewickley Teddy Schaffer White Oak Valerie Schaffer White Oak

Seventh Lancaster County James Kreider Manheim Cindy Risser Leola Guy Eshelman Lancaster Yvonne Eshelman Lancaster

Eighth York County Daniel Baral Gettysburg William Baral Gettysburg David Rupp Gettysburg Shawn Yager Gettysburg

Ninth York County Linda Brown Loganville Joanne Haskins Spring Grove Paul Risser Dillsburg David Deiter Dover

Tenth Lebanon County Loretta Noll Lebanon Michelle Noll Lebanon Fawn Showers Lebanon Bruce Hellerick Lebanon

Eleventh Bucks County Tom Tomlinson Newton Barb Milnor Ottsville Gail Kech Hellerstown Charlene Gormly Newton

Thirteenth Wayne County Paul Bortree Lake Ariel Karen Lupyak Honesdale Larry Crum Jr Honesdale

The three high placing individuals were Debra Krause R1 Slatington Tammy Rushoe R4 Muncy Melvin Balliet R4 Leighton

family may have forced him to be there Not everyone looks forward to crawling out of bed on a cold, dark winter morning and heading for the barn to do chores.

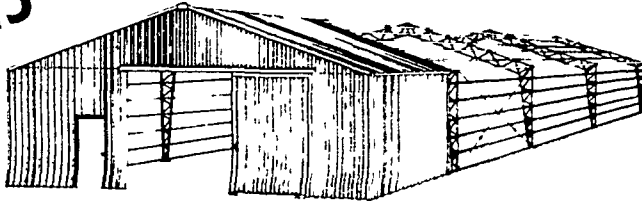
The lesson to be learned here seems to be that children should be allowed to choose their own occupations and not have to follow those of their parents.

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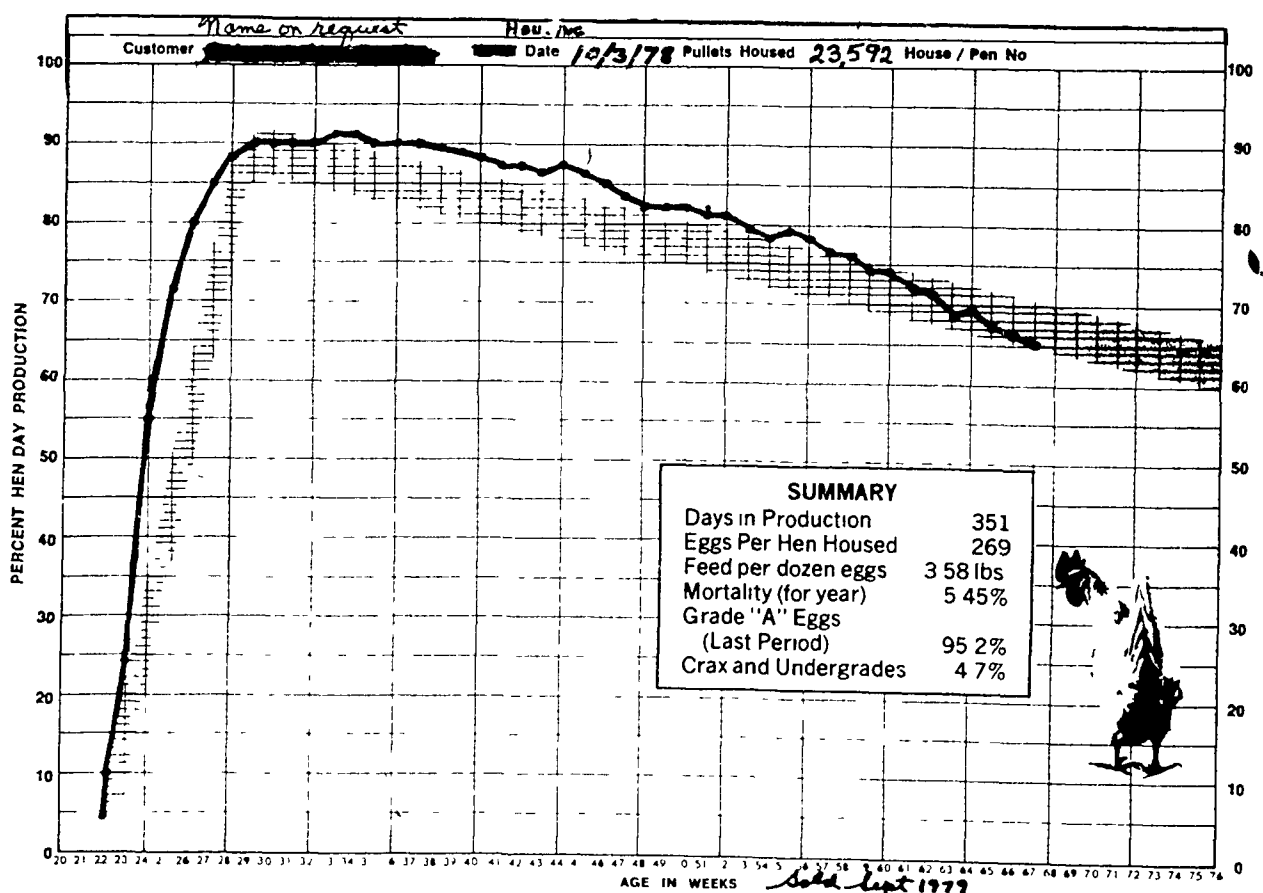
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