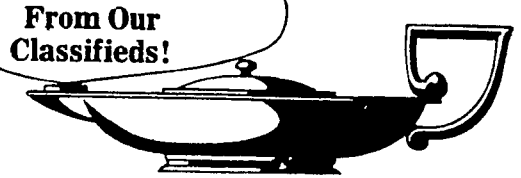



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**York 4-H
County Council
schedules events**

YORK — The April meeting of York County 4-H Council was held at the 4-H Center.

The 4-H Expo will be held at Delco Plaza on April 25 and 26. Included in the 4-H Expo will be club displays, a fashion show, poster exhibitions, demonstrations, and a petting zoo.

Junior Exchange is on May 31. York County will be hosting Indiana County 4-H members.

Hanover, Jefferson, and Southwest Dairy 4-H Clubs have the Reporter Assignment for April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.

The club's next meeting will be on Wednesday May 7 at the 4-H Center.



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"Mom, what's that funny-looking thing propped behind the door to the stairs?"

"What funny-looking thing?"

"You know, that folding metal thing with blue legs and flowered pink material on it?"

Oh, that thing. That, my dear, is an ironing board. Yes, it is something left over from the "olden days," when I was younger.

You see, once upon a time we used that contraption every week for a job called "ironing." There was this electrical appliance, kind of triangle-shaped with a handle on top, that got very hot when you plugged it in. When it got too hot to touch, then it was ready to use. You'd spread clothing out over boards like the one behind the door, and push the hot iron over the cloth to smooth and press the wrinkles out of it.

"Wrinkles? What are wrinkles?"

Well, back in those ancient times, there were no such things as polyester double knits or electric clothes dryers or fabric softeners. When clothes were washed, the fabric dried looking like something that had been lost under the bed for a week or two. Then we had to stand for hours holding that hot iron and pressing those creases out. As I remember, there was also a thick, gooeey liquid called "starch" that you dipped the shirts and blouses in to make them real

stiff and itchy when you wore them.

"Why?"

You know, I used to wonder the same thing when I was a kid. I never got a sensible answer, either.

We little kids used to learn how to iron on simple, flat things like hankies and cotton dish towels, before they'd let us go on to the harder stuff like shirts or dresses. And, seems I've even heard of people that actually ironed denim jeans and tee-shirts, like the ones Daddy wears to the barn and gets coated with mud and manure. No, it doesn't make much sense, does it?

"Ge, I think I heard somewhere recently that some of those wrinkly fabrics might be coming back. You're liable to have to learn to iron, after all, before you grow up."

"Yeah, it is a silly idea."

"You're right. Some man designer probably thought it up"

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