

## Ida's Notebook

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I'm sure most of us have been listening to chain saws buzzing these last few weeks. The recent wind storm that damaged many farm buildings also brought down many trees.

We were lucky in that when a large branch broke off of our 4 foot in diameter white mulberry tree, which is just a few feet from our new kitchen, it hit the building and glanced off and only broke one board. My garden didn't fare as well as the tree collapsed on it. How Allen and I did work to cut it up and carry all those limbs away to be burned.

The job fell on us as our son was at the shore for a week and our daughter was attending a National Conference of Christians and Jews at Millersville College last week. When you need them, they aren't home. So, we bought another chain saw and got to work.

This wasn't the only tree that came down during the storm. A large ash fell across the lane and several tops were torn from linden and walnut trees in our woodland. At one time, no one would have bothered about the fallen trees but now things are different!

Our eighteen cottagers vie with each other as to who shall have the privilege of sawing the wood. It can even cause hard feelings. Our neighbors in a nearby building development get into the act also and ask for permission to cut their winter's supply of wood from our meadows.

Trees can mark milestones in one's life as they are often referred to when stating when something happened. We might say that was before the plum tree fell or after the Bartlett pear tree came down. Many photos of my childhood include a family group posed beside a fallen tree in our yard. A gift of a tree will remind one of the donor many years later.

This year for the first time, the papaw trees that my father and I planted are bearing fruit.

I've always thought of trees as my friends, as I can name each one that I see, but recently they've been causing us trouble.

## Seed firm pays \$1350 fine

LANCASTER — Crosman Seed Corp., East Rochester, N.Y., has paid \$1350 to settle a case involving shipments of lettuce, parsnip, and chives against alleged to be in violation of the Federal Seed Act.

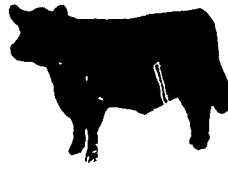
The case was settled in an agreement between the company and officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service. In agreeing to the settlement, the company neither admitted nor denied any wrongdoing.

The case involved eight shipments made into Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida from June through August 1977.

Alleged violations, while not the same for all shipments, were failure to show the germination percentage, date of test and words "Below Standard" for vegetable seeds germinating less than the prescribed standards. Other alleged violations included false labeling of the date of the germination test and failure to keep required records.

The act is a truth-in-labeling law designed to protect farmers and consumers who buy seed. The Agricultural Marketing Service administers the act with the help of state seed agencies.

Seed regulatory officials in Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey and Florida cooperated with the Agricultural Marketing Service in the investigations.



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