

Ladies Have You Heard?

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SEW YOUR OWN SPORTS GEAR

In this era of dwindling energy supplies and lower thermostat settings, today's seamstress has an edge on the rest of the population. They can use their talents to create warm clothing and energy-saving home furnishings for themselves and their families—and save money in the bargain.

For example, kits now on the market contain all the materials needed to make an insulated outdoor garment such as a ski parka or a backpacker vest. Other kits include materials for making bib overalls, sleeping bags, down-filled comforters, even tents!

Several companies manufacture these kits, which are sold through retail outlets and by mail.

The kits are unique because they contain no patterns. Everything is pre-cut and pre-marked, so careful body measurements for clothing items are important.

Sewing an item from a kit usually results in a 20 to 25 percent saving over the retail cost of a comparable

ready-made item. It's also a great way to spend a cold winter evening!

Several sewing notions companies have free brochures available with instructions for making home furnishings that help beat the cold; lap robes, drapery liners, draft-stoppers for the bottoms of doors, quilts and braided rugs. Major pattern companies also feature quilts which can be machine sewn in less than half the time it took your grandmother.

Patterns are now available for ski parkas, pants, overalls, leg warmers and other previously un-sewable garments. Sewing techniques have been simplified on these patterns so that inexperienced sewers can stitch up a garment and have it ready to wear in no time at all!

The need to keep warm has also increased the popularity of knitting and crocheting. New patterns and yarns are tempting do-it-yourselfers to create scarves, hats, mittens, sweaters, afghans and other times. Many yarns are easy-care as well as very durable,

and there are many appropriate new fabrics treated to resist rain and snow.

When the wind howls and the snow blows, try creating a made-to-order garment or furnishings for your home. You'll stay warmer just thinking about it!

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Most consumers think of warranties as the certificates that come with many products they buy. These should be filed along with the sales slip, in case a warranty claim needs to be made.

But what about products that have no warranty? Do you have any rights if the product doesn't perform? Yes you do. Implied warranties come automatically with every sale, even though they are not written out.

These warranties are called "merchantability" and "fitness of purpose." Merchantability means that you have a legal right to get what you paid for. If you open the box with your new food processor and find the blades missing, or you find a set of mixing bowls instead, your implied warranty says that the merchant must take back what's in the box and give you your food processor complete with working parts.

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Fair Acres Center, Building 5, Middletown Road, Lima, PA 19037. State time preferred.



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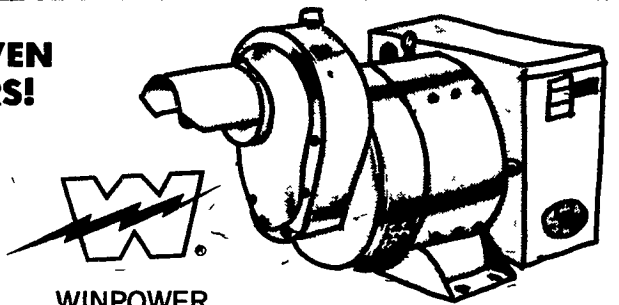
Thursday, October 2
Lancaster Co. Society 17 meets at 9:30 a.m. at Musser's for a shopping trip.

Saturday, October 4
Lancaster Co. Society 6 will hold its 60th anniversary celebration at the Pennsylvania Dutch Diner, 501 E. Main Street, Palmyra. The speaker will be Margaret Frey. Lancaster Co. Society 10 will meet at the Refton Fire Hall to elect officers.

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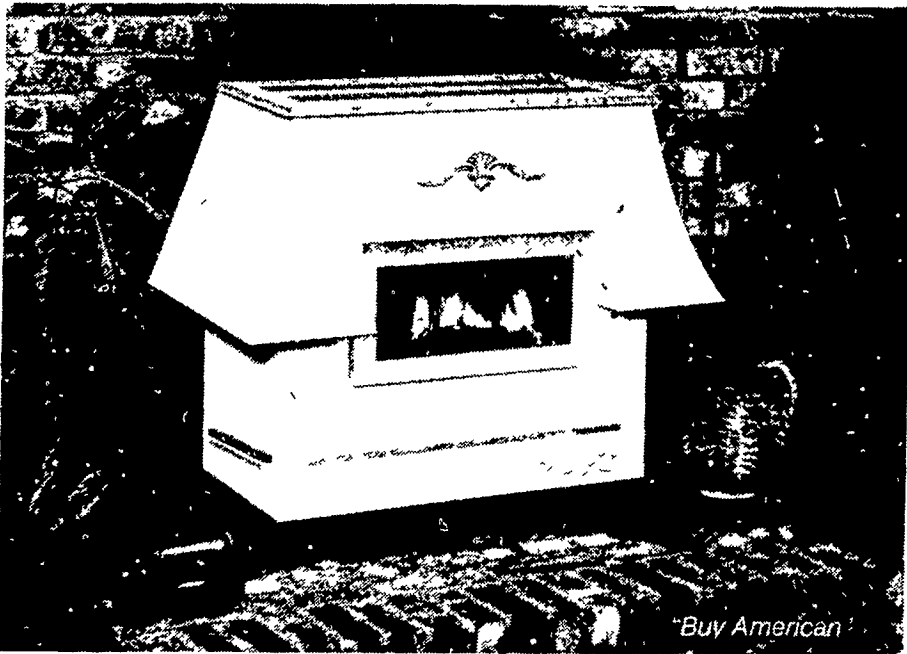
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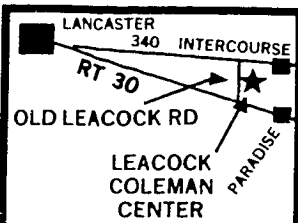
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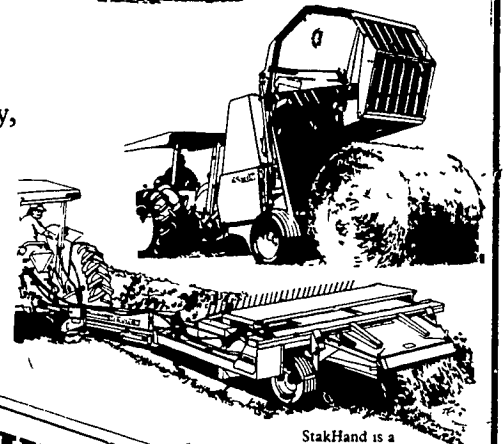
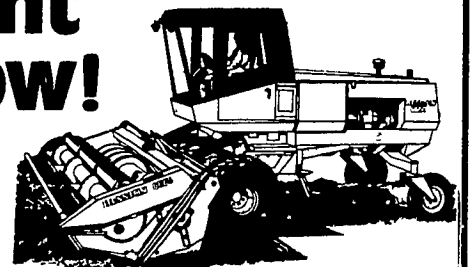
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