## Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



My garden is finally slowing down a bit. It has kept me very busy this summer.

I do believe that lima beans like dry weather as I've picked more bushels this year than previously. Although, I did feel it was

necessary to lay the soaker hose on the 100 foot row of sweet potatoes and the 50 foot row of Kentucky Wonder beans. Now when the snap beans are finished, I'll still have lots to pick off of the , have lots of cats to patrol the

My cucumber seed did not

germinate very well but I can be glad as the eight plants that grew have given me 40 pints of tiny spiced pickles so far.

The ears of sweetcorn were small and the harvest less than ample. However, if I couldn't sell any, at least I managed to freeze 50 quarts. Some of these foodstuffs will be given to our college son as he has an apartment and cooks for himself and every little bit helps.

We've never had trouble with animals in the garden until this year. We listened to others say that birds ate their peas and strawberries and rabbits chewed off the plants and felt secure in that it couldn't happen to us as we

Well, this year we had to

fend off a fat groundhog that feasted on the tender bean plants and something that was eating the fruit from 28 tomato plants as fast as they ripened.

My husband is not fond of tomatoes and so all my complaints fell on deaf ears until I said not only would we have none this summer but I'd have to buy them canned all winter. Then he set the box trap and caught several opossums. Now I am getting tomatoes.

As cold weather approaches, I think the flower garden becomes more and more beautiful. The petunias are so very pink, the forgetme-nots so very blue and the cockscomb are bursting with bright crimson color. So I pick bouquet after bouquet and hope that frost will be late in coming this year.

## Davidsburg 4-H meets

DOVER — The September meeting of the Davidsburg 4-H Club was held at the 4-H Center as a Family Fun Night. The business meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with reports given as follows: 4-H Fair, Kathy Eyster; 4-H Olympics, Hans Spahr; County Council, David Detter; York Fair, Amanda Spahr; and Farm Women's Monthly Meeting, Annette Shermeyer. Lee Augustine volunteered to be the club's cookie chairman this year.

Election of officers followed the business Elected was meeting. President, David Detter; Vice President, Hans Spahr; Treasurer, Annette Shermeyer; Assistant Treasurer,

Beth Sheely; Secretary, Amanda Spahr; Assistant Secretary, Lisa Miller; News Reporter, Joanne Markman; Assistant News Reporter, Todd Snelbaker; Historian, Karen Ruhlman; Assistant Historian, Stephanie Hotchkiss; Song and Game Leader, Audrey Shermeyer; Assistant Song and Game Leader, Wayne Eyster. After the election, members participated in group games.

The next meeting will be a Halloween Party.



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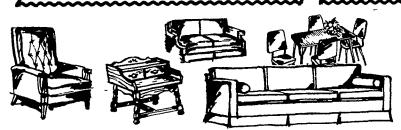
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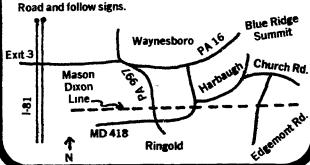
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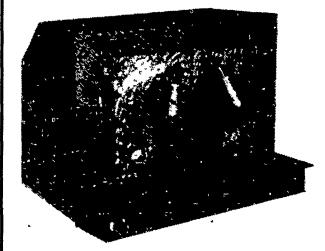
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