

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



The merry, merry month of May! A time to be outside enjoying the spring flowers and the sunshine. But as I still have things undone in the house, I put off going outdoors.

My collection of dishes in the old corner cupboard did finally get washed and rearranged with Cindy's help. Although, I never did get to sort through some boxes and bags of old papers from my mother's house that were shared last year. Maybe there will be a rainy day and I'll settle down and browse through them.

When I do finally go out to work, there is so much to be done. This

Spring I dug up four buckets of garlic which grows in clumps everywhere. Of course, I couldn't throw all of it away, so I kept the biggest garlic cloves to use in cooking and even froze some.

My pruning shears is always handy as the forsythia, pussy willow and mock orange bushes all need trimming again. Also this Spring, we planted 150 asparagus roots with Allen's help.

As I work I notice that the pair of wild geese are nesting on the island below our house again this year. This means that our big white geese live in the yard as the wild gander will not allow them

anywhere near the meadow. He is a vicious and mean fellow.

While hauling manure and preparing the ground to plant corn the other week, my husband saw a red fox running along a fence row. I wish he were an enemy of

groundhogs as there are several that live too close to my garden and chew off the new bean sprouts. I'm thankful that they don't like strawberries and sugar peas or I'd be out of the produce business.



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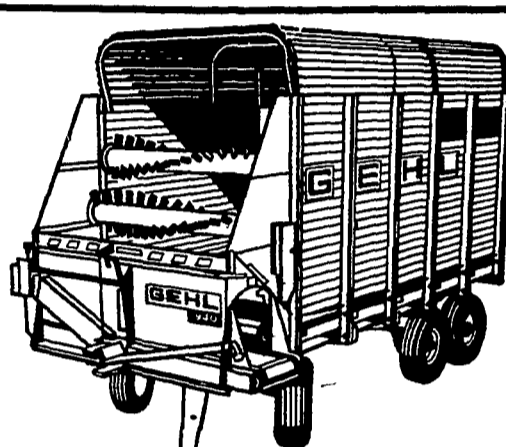
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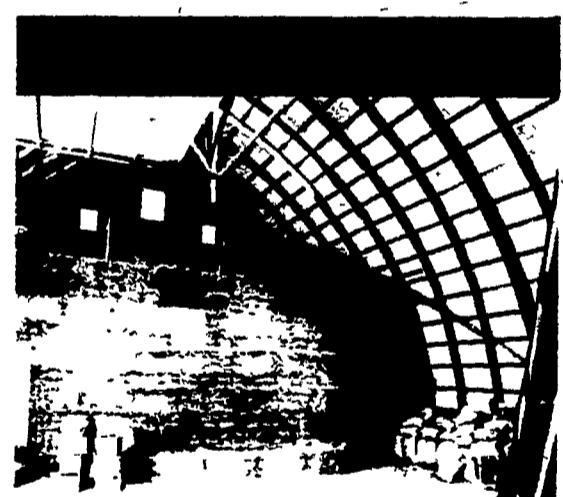
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