

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



That garden of mine is a slave driver sometimes. As soon as I get one thing in line another gets out of line—I could work there constantly.

As soon as I neglect it to harvest crops, the weeds get ahead of me. Then, after I spend a few hours hoeing, I find that the second crop of peas ready for picking. Even though the pea vines turn yellow, I feel it is worth it to let them bloom a second time before removing the 500 feet of fence that supports them.

As soon as the last strawberry is picked, I can turn around and find the black raspberries have ripened. This year, for the first time, my husband has been bringing me a few red raspberries

from time to time — he planted some last year.

When I remove the peas from the garden, I put in a long row of sweet potatoes after Allen kindly hills up the ground for me. One row formerly occupied by peas becomes a home for cucumbers and another is planted into popcorn since it is one of Cindy's favorite snacks.

This year I'll have very few heads of cabbage. I planted some three times, and each time rabbits ate it off down to the ground. This is the first year that I've had this problem but it is also the first year that we've had only a few cats.

One other pest that we must get rid of is the sparrows. We have an over abundant supply and they get the blame for our having no

blueberries this year. Apparently, they ate all the buds off the stalks last winter.

Gardening is necessary, and I like to work with both vegetable and flower plants. I suppose you'll find me out there slaving away as long as I'm able and always hoping for a better season next year.

South Africans visit local farms

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because our type of farming corresponds to farming in this country. We farm on a big scale."

Ross was impressed with the rolling hills of Lancaster County saying, "It is pretty mountainous where we live, with more pasture and more indigenous forests."

The two women interviewed with their husbands said they are eager to learn more about the American way of life, although they are familiar because of all the information about this country received in South Africa. Mrs. Prinsloo stated, "I want to see the way people live. That is most in-

teresting to me."

McDonald said, "There is nothing you can buy here that we cannot buy in South Africa." Furthermore, although the opportunity for shopping had been limited, it was noted that there will be few bargains for the group because of an increasingly unfavorable exchange rate.

The members of the group were still feeling their way and felt their impressions were uncertain, but they agreed that they had had delicious food and warm hospitality. Prinsloo said, "The people were very friendly. They are most similar to ourselves."

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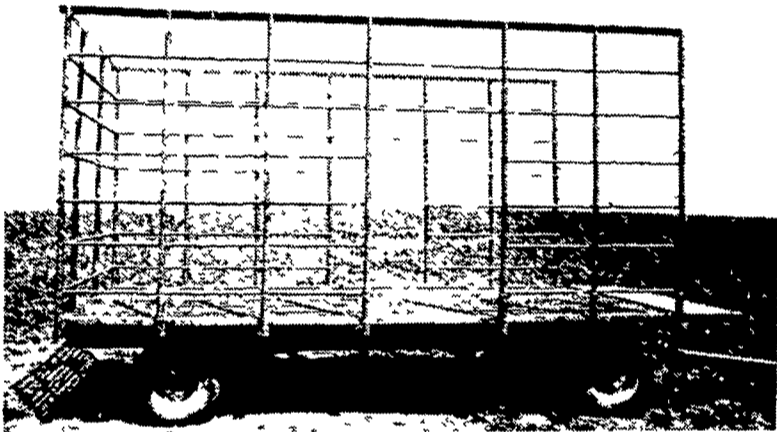
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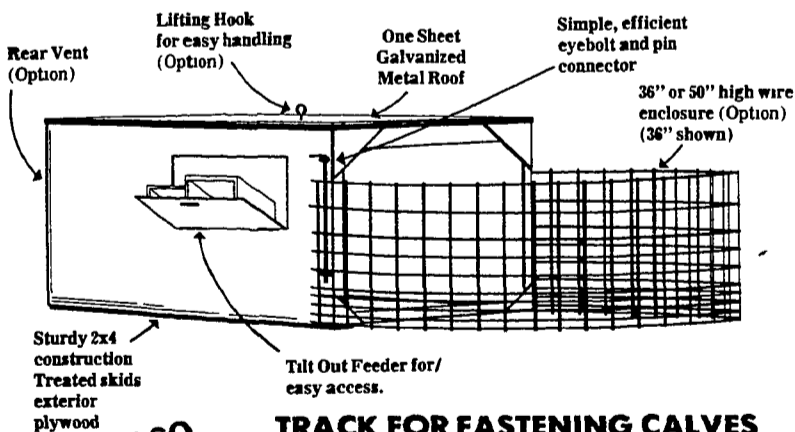
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