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It comes as no surprise when she says she enjoys sewing her own clothing, and enjoys doing handwork, including quilting.

An avid swimmer, she likes to swin three to four miles a week, and as a water safety instructor is required to teach at least one class per year to keep up her certification. She is already inquiring about the possibility of finding a class to teach.

Hiking is another sport she enjoys, and particularly enjoyed a recent two-week visit to Montana and the Glacier National Park.

If time permits, Donna is interested in pursuing an interest she has in old architecture, and has already cast some interested glances toward downtown Lancaster and its treasure trove of old buildings.

Another interest outside what

might be considered the obvious area of home economics is in child abuse. Although she has never served on committees which deal with this problem, she said she has taught about it and would like to get more involved.

The first few weeks on a job may be the easiest ones because the phone is not ringing and responsibilities are not yet filling the calendar. Donna is beginning to feel she has passed those quiet days, and finds her days filled as she spends time learning about 4-H and about Lancaster County. With a trusty map of Lancaster county to guide her, she says with a smile, "I haven't been lost. I'm pretty good with a map.

After two weeks she says confidently, "I am really liking it. Everything has fallen together in the last week really well. I like living in an ag community."

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



Each season of the year brings its own special jobs. My cellar is beginning to look like a squirrel's cache as the rafters are hanging with bunches of popcorn, drying peanut plants and bags of walnuts.

With her winning smile and personality, there's little doubt that this community is going to like having Donna in charge of the 4-H program.

Our black walnut trees have given us more nuts than we can use this year. When I offered them free to anyone willing to pick them up,_ two people came and got twelve bushels. I've hulled over two bushel and our son took some to State College for one of his professors. I doubt if we've picked half of them up this fall.

Another job that takes time is digging sweet potatoes. This year I put seven baskets around the turnace to dry and cure. Now I have a lot of tubers and bulbs to dig as the dahlias, gladiolus, tuberoses and three kinds of lilies must all be brought in for the winter.

On my way to the canning shelves, I pass baskets of big yellow onions, green tomatoes wrapped in newspaper to ripen and flowers hanging up to dry. There are over one hundred flower pots all over the house on the windowsilis. It does take time to water and tend them but I enjoy doing it. The impatiens are so very colorful as are the begonias. The small ornamental peppers are also quite attractive.

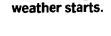
When I'm not working outside, I'm trying to finish two patchwork pillows that I started a few weeks ago. You see, I took a machine quilting course and found it very interesting. I don't have much patience and though this "lazy" way might be for me. It was amazing to see what could be created by following instructions.

I guess other farm wives are as busy or busier than I am and are also looking forward to an easing up of their work load in the winter months ahead.



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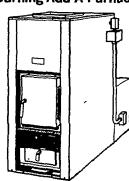


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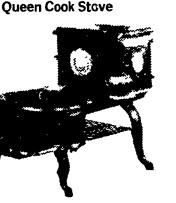
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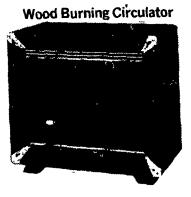
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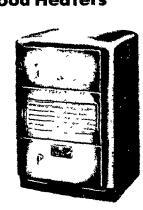


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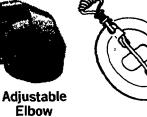
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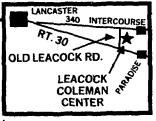












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