

Ida's Notebook

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My husband says that if we only left the farm when the work was done, then we would never leave it.

I'm afraid that is only too true as we still have a field of rye to plant. Anyway, we spent two short afternoons fishing and hunting.

Our first little trip was to Conewago Lake in Pinchot State Park in York County. It was a cool, breezy day and I almost felt that I needed gloves to hold my rod. As usual the big ones weren't biting, but Allen enjoyed using our new electric motor on our boat. He even maneuvered us close enough to shore so that I could get a few wild grapes.

They tasted fine after I cooked them and added sugar. Even the small fish were a nice change from our regular hamburger diet.

After doing the milking and morning chores on another day, we started for the Blue Mountains in Perry County. We usually take turns driving so that neither of us gets too tired.

When we arrived at the very top

of the mountain, we found it silent and deserted. It was the most isolated area that I'd been in for a long time. The silence almost gave me goose bumps as I realized there was no one but me for miles around. We went our separate ways to hunt turkey.

As I set on a big rock in the warm sun and looked over the stark, bare, grey trees, I began to notice a little bit of life. A few moth-like insects, a fly and a larger, buzzing creature flew by. Later in the afternoon, a sparrow, a downy woodpecker and a nuthatch began to fly among the trees. Then I heard some dry leaves rustle and became alert only to discover that it was some chipmunks playing. So I ate my cheese sandwich and moved to a new spot to watch.

When a slight breeze blew through a nearby pine tree, with a singing sound, it made me think of the hymn that I heard in church on Sunday, "Breathe on me breath of God." It had been a pleasant afternoon.

Berks 4-H swine club holds banquet

VIRGINVILLE — The Berks County 4-H Swine Club recently held their Annual Awards Banquet at the Virginville Grange Hall. A Berks County ham meal catered by the Virginville Grange was followed by a slide presentation "Agriculture in China Today" by Ernest Heckman.

The awards program began with the presentation of trophies to owners of the Champion and Reserve Champion animals. Allan Rohrbach, Shoemakersville, was presented the trophy for champion animal, and Terry Snyder, Hamburg, received the trophy for exhibiting the reserve champion animal. These awards were sponsored by F.M. Brown's Sons, Inc. and Eastern Pork Producers Association.

Allan Rohrbach was also awarded a trophy for winning the showman championship in the senior division, and Terry Snyder received a second trophy for his first place victory in the senior fitting division. These award were given by Berks-Lehigh Production Credit Association, Shoemakersville, and Farm Bureau, Bechtelsville.

Charles Seidel, Lenhartsville, was awarded a trophy for his championship in the intermediate showmanship class, donated by Agway, Inc., Leesport. Kenianne Rarick, Reading, was presented with a champion trophy for intermediate age division fitter given by Anthony's Feed Mill, Strausstown. In the junior age group, Steve Rohrbach, Shoemakersville, was the

champion showman and fitter for the second year in a row. These awards were sponsored by Van-Mar Feeds, Shoemakersville, and Kuzan's Hardware, Hamburg.

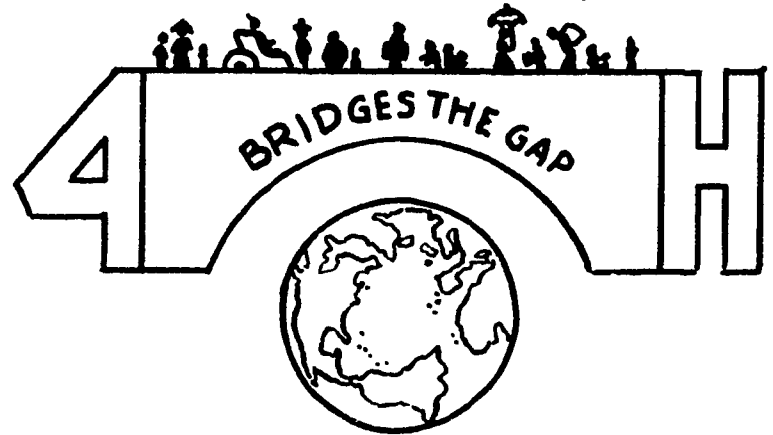
The club also gave trophies for the best blueforms, a record of their involvement in 4-H and other activities, and project books. In the blueform category, the best in the senior group was presented to Jan Adam, Hamburg. The intermediate group award was given to Charles Seidel, Lenhartsville, and the junior group award was presented to Clarinda Leatherman, Hamburg. These trophies were sponsored by Mogel Brothers Feeds, Hamburg; Dekalb's Seeds, Ernest Miller, representative; and Dennis and Beth Cooper, Lenhartsville.

For best project book awards, Mark Rohrbach, Shoemakersville, received the trophy in the senior age group, Kirk Fisher, Oley, received the trophy in the intermediate age group, and Kent Fisher, Oley, was given a trophy

for the junior winner. Donating these awards were Kissling's Mill, Bernville; Shartlesville Equipment, Shartlesville; and Sechler's Poultry, Strausstown.

Receiving certificates for completing their swine projects for 1981 were the following members: Denton Beck, Douglas Beck, Kristen Reifsnider, Kenianne Rarick, Greg Stricker, Charles Seidel, Henry Seidel, Gary Rohrbach, Mark Rohrbach, Kirk Fisher, Kent Fisher, Darlene Dietrich, Harold Dietrich, Dennis Cooper II, Terry Snyder, Allan Rohrbach, Steve Rohrbach, Lisa Leatherman and Clarinda Leatherman.

Assisting with the 4-H Swine Club for this past year were leaders: Alton Rohrbach, Shoemakersville; James Dietrich, Hamburg; Leonard Rohrbach, Shoemakersville; Dennis L. Cooper, Lenhartsville; Shirley Stricker, Bernville; and Kenneth Rarick, Reading.



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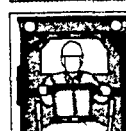
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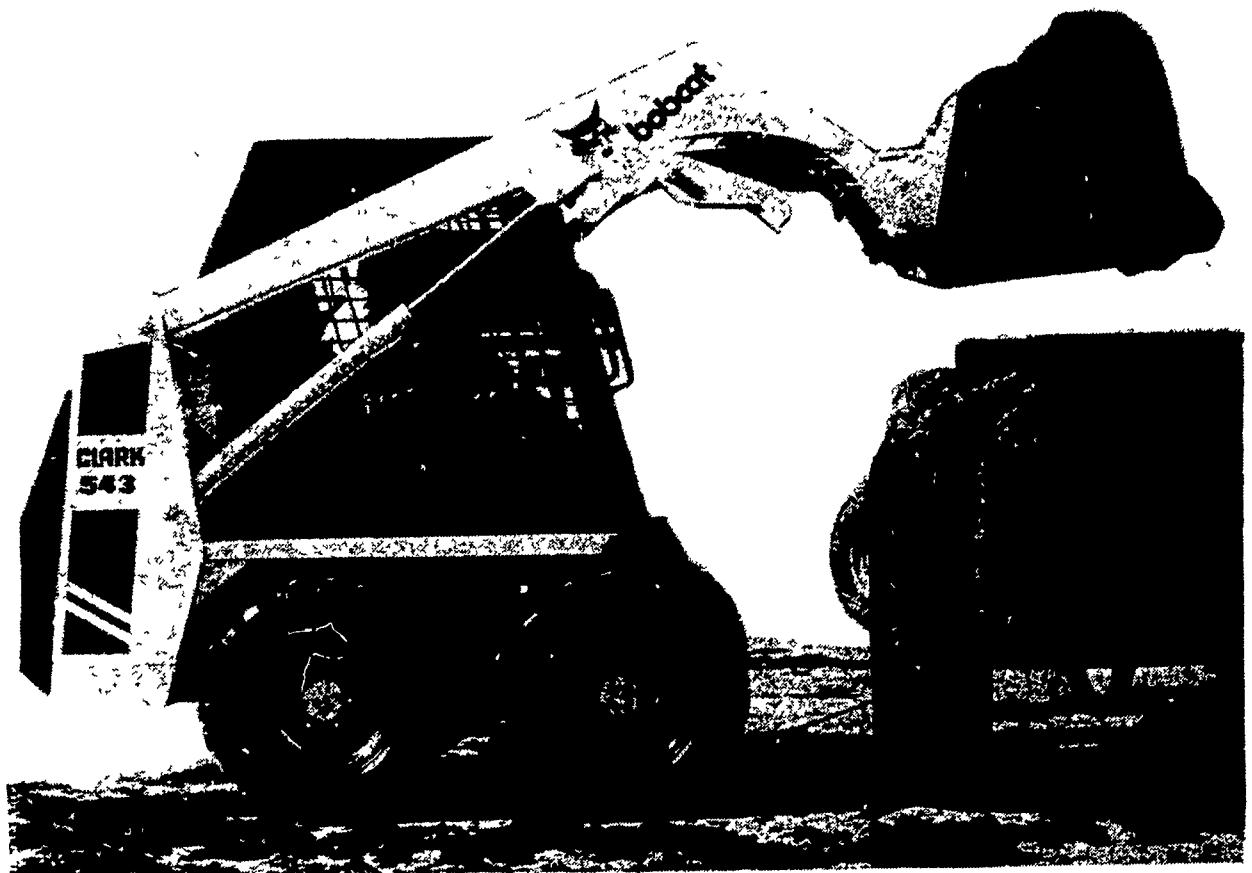
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