

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



Ten days ago was cookie-making day at the Risser's and I put 18 boxes of ten different kinds in the freezer.

One thing that urged me on was the fact that I wanted to mail a box to my daughter's family in Seattle. We had just purchased a 40 pound block of cheddar cheese from our

milk company and I also wrapped 60 pounds of bologna last week, so packages of these items were included. In addition there were jars of jelly, pickles, relish, maple syrup and dried vegetables.

Previously, I'd sent a toy cloth book which I made for our grandson. It included buttons and but-

tonholes, zippers, buckles and different colored patches to identify. Embroidery on the book took a while as I did not plan it properly. The hand sewing should have been done before I stitched the double pages shut with bias binding. And after all that, my daughter says that what David really liked was the "kitty" appliqued on the back page.

This year I also made a fancy pin cushion as a gift. There is a certain satisfaction in giving something that you created yourself.

Each year I try to use a different Christmas arrangement for the table. Often it includes bright red apples with evergreens and candles. This year I added shiny, dried white honesty which I grew, and I liked the appearance.

The weekend after Christmas will be a busy one for us as we plan to have my relatives come here on

Saturday for a meal and have my husband's relatives come for a Sunday dinner. But having my girls home to help will be pleasant. The boys help by carrying chairs from the attic and putting extra

boards in the big tables.

It takes time to catch up with the family news and there will probably be lots of picture-taking as a new granddaughter has just arrived.

Del. Ag has toll-free number

DOVER, Del. — The Delaware Department of Agriculture announces it now has a toll-free number, 1-800-282-8685.

Agriculture Secretary Donald J.

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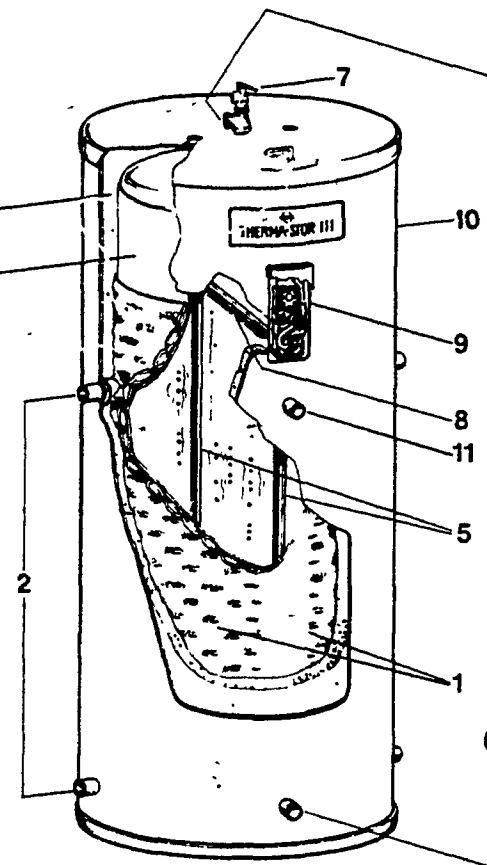
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