

Ida's Notebook

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A new year is beginning for all of us. For some it will be good and for others not so good.

But as they say, "Hope springs eternal in the human heart," and so we hope for good health to accomplish all the things that we didn't get done last year.

Sometimes it seems as though there are more unpleasant things happening than pleasant ones. I suppose we just remember them longer. All these little frustrations go to make up the pattern of our daily living and so we must accept them.

Recently I bought myself a sterling silver necklace with a

beautifully cut crystal from Austria. You guessed it — the first time that I wore it, it fell off on the driveway. A very tiny link had broken. Believe it or not, I was able to mend it with invisible thread after all other methods failed. I happened to have some remaining from stringing a broken strand of Job's Tears. These are hard and shiny gray seeds which when dried are strung as beads. They've been used, especially for children, since time began.

Another nasty little thing that happened this winter made me angry. I discovered that mice had eaten most of my bunches of

peanuts which I had hung from the basement rafters. They apparently jumped from a nearby box and had a feast.

Of course there are pleasant things to remember — like the surprise I got when my husband mentioned eating out after church. Although other folks might do this quite often, it was a real treat for me because it was the first time in over thirty years of marriage that we'd done this.

And when our son landed safely at the Harrisburg Airport on his return from snowstorm-ridden Chicago by way of Peoria and St. Louis without a mishap of any kind, it was a moment to relish. So we mix the good with the bad and try to make the best of whatever life deals us.

"THE EXECUTIVE" 8085 Series II Computer Controlled Dairy Feeding System



SUMMARY

Cow #	# Feed Programmed	# Feed Consumed	Ration Fed To This Cow
001	20	20	A
002	10	10	A
003	3	3	A
004	25	25	B
005	17	17	A
TOTAL FEED - 00075			

The cow number, feed quantity and choice of rations are entered on a keyboard. The computer looks at a tag permanently fastened to the cows ID rope and will allow her to eat 1/2 of this each 12 hr. period.* At the end of each 12-hour period, the computer will record on tape the consumption of each animal programmed. *Other time intervals available.

THE 8085 will provide for

The cow

1. A feeding stall allowing her to eat unmolested.
2. A feeding area protected from the weather.
3. A control of the quantity and type of concentrate.
4. A gradual increase and decrease of concentrate.
5. Feed control that will eliminate fat cow syndrome, displaced abomasum and other feed related health problems.

The dairyman

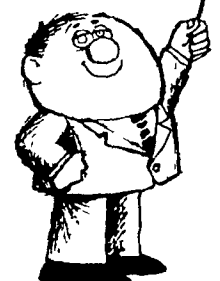
1. A feeding system that will provide the correct amount and type of concentrate.
2. A means of changing amounts and types of rations with no cow handling.
3. Less health problems.
4. More milk with less feed.
5. A printed copy twice daily of the feed used by each animal or animals that need attention only.

SPECIFICATIONS

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