

Ida's Notebook

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We started out with high hopes of a wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime vacation—a drive across America. Our son came home from State College to run the farm for a month. We worked very hard to get everything caught up in the fields and garden so that we could leave

and feel at ease being away from our chores.

Allen and I took turns driving to Toledo, Ohio the first day. We had reservations and stayed at a nice motel. The next morning, early, we got our complimentary cup of coffee and a newspaper and set out

for breakfast hoping to eat on the way to Dearborn, Mich. Here we spent the day walking through the Greenfield Village which Henry Ford created in 1929. It is a large collection of buildings including the birthplaces of many famous men. We toured the homes of Luther Burbank, Noah Webster, Wright Brothers and the famous H. J. Heinz. The latter made his first horseradish sauce here in his home. It was the start of the huge processing plants which now bear his name. There were antique cars, trucks and even horse drawn vehicles continually being driven through the streets to explain places of interest to the tourists.

In the afternoon we walked through the adjacent Henry Ford Museum. We saw many different areas devoted to transportation,

agriculture and home furnishings of long ago. Our feet were dragging but we forced ourselves to view the sistership of the Spirit of St. Louis, enormous steam engines, antiques of all kinds and so much more.

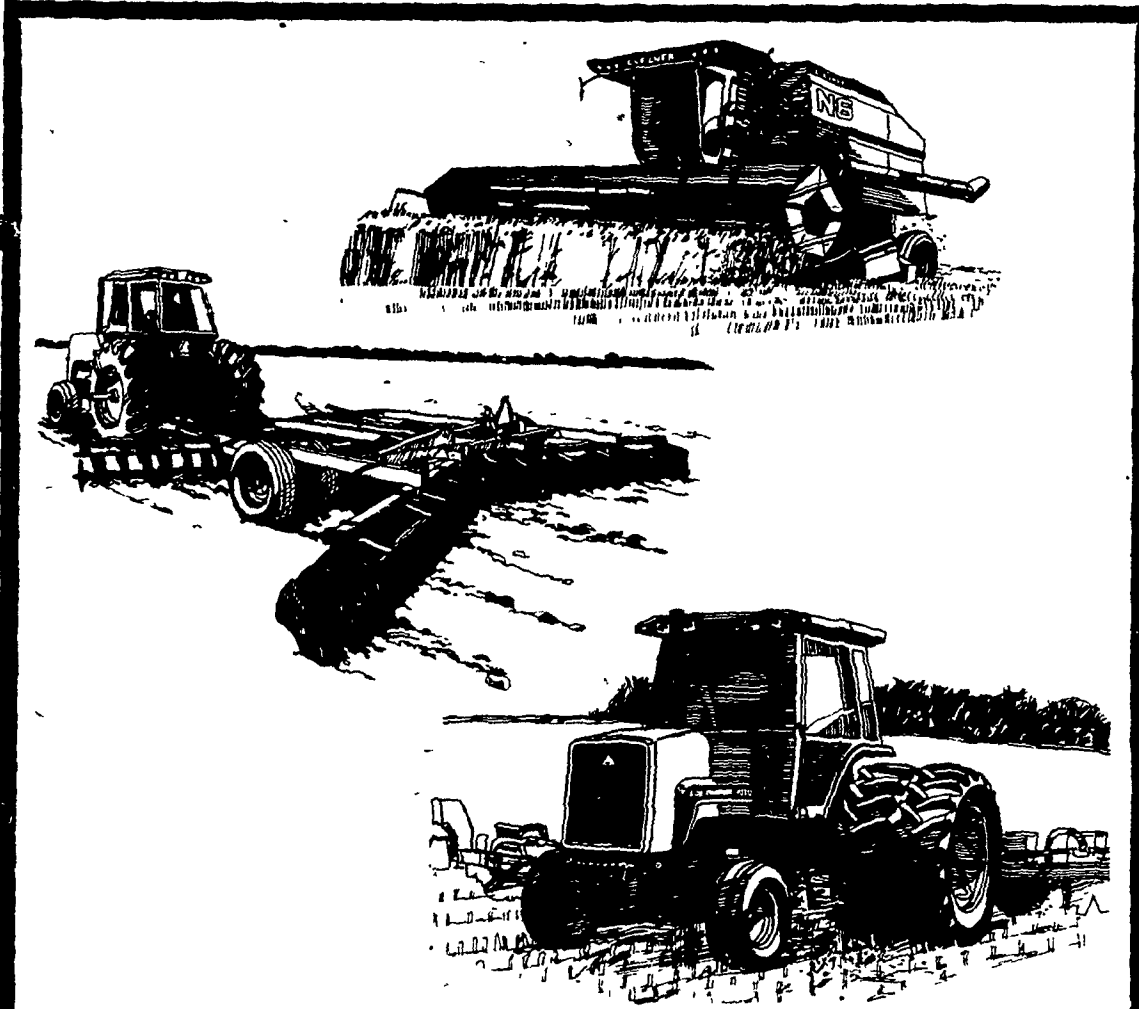
Then we started for Lansing, Michigan where my sister lives. We went by way of Ann Arbor in

order to look up an old friend, who by the way, we were not able to find. On the way out of the town we had an accident. It happened so quickly that we didn't know what hit us. But we were hit! The whole side of the car was smashed in with many, many repairs necessary. At least we were not injured. What to do now!!!

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