

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



For the past ten or more years, my husband and I have taken part in a program called "Supper for Eight" that our church sponsors. It is divided into a fall and spring session.

We belong to a very active suburban church with a large membership of over 2,000 people. As our church holds two services each Sunday, there are some people whom we rarely meet. Thus this "Supper for Eight" serves as a place to meet other members in

their homes.

One Sunday night we are hosts and the other times we are guests in someone else's home. We are assigned to couples from the list of those who sign up for the program. Then we can invite one couple of our choosing. They advise us to consider inviting a couple that have just joined our church.

It is suggested that we serve an appetizer, salad, casserole and dessert; although I admit that I don't stick to this menu as I'm

better at making a roast and then adding several vegetables from my freezer plus a nice dessert.

I've told several people about this program and they were impressed and have started a similar plan in their church. It does take someone with the time to arrange the names, telephone numbers and dates in order that the whole thing will be co-ordinated.

When it started over a decade ago, it was suggested that we spend the evening discussing other church activities. However, most of the time we simply talk about our families and jobs and things in general. A few times we've had to listen to complaints about the songs that the choir sings or doesn't sing on Sunday morning. The number of homes that we've been in have ranged from average to super elegant. I don't know what they think of ours except that as an 1813 brick farmhouse furnished with antiques, they find it a bit unusual.

It is a pleasant way to spend a Sunday evening.

Jennifer Mohler wins \$100 giveaway



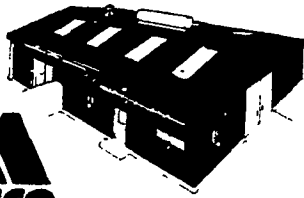
Six-year-old Jennifer Mohler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moher, Manheim, is pictured accepting a \$100 Savings Bond from Penn Realty's Rick Hershey. Jennifer was the lucky winner of Penn Realty's Manheim Farm Show promotional drawing. Along with the \$100, Jennifer was given one of the Penn Realty "Good Guy White Hats."

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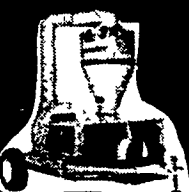
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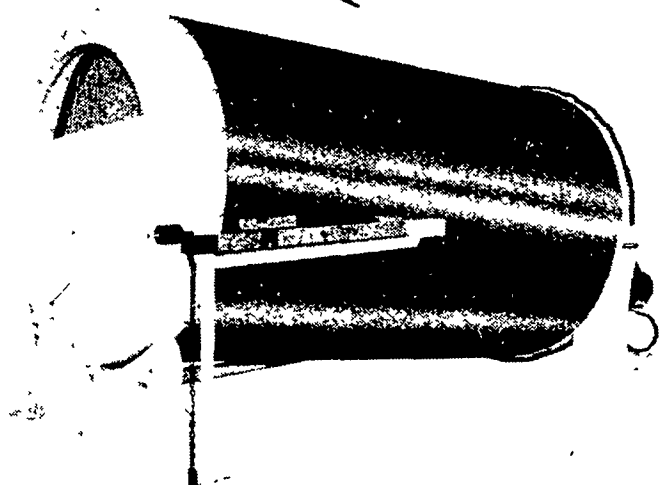
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