

Ida's Notebook

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Recently I attended my 45th high school reunion. I know that gives away my age and I do find it difficult to realize that so many years have slipped by since our graduation.

We had a large gathering of our class of some 70 members as over half of them attended the buffet supper at the Brunswick in Lancaster with their spouses. It is said that "We get together to see who has fallen apart." And in a sense, that is true. Some of the most attractive members of long ago now show the greatest signs of wear. The former heavy ones are thin and the thin ones are now heavy. Some of the quiet, shy ones are no longer quiet and are capable of making fine speeches as they reminisce about our shared experiences - the cars that we drove, the teachers that taught us and the

places that we went.

Some of the folks traveled far to be present and share fellowship with classmates. They came from Florida and Louisiana, plus nearby states of New Jersey and Maryland. Although most of us live here in Lancaster County, we find that our paths seldom cross in our daily lives.

Talking about anniversaries, I was quite impressed when my husband's aunt told me that this year is her 82nd year since graduating from Maytown High School in 1901. She walked from her farm near Donegal to the school and was one of only a few girls in her class. She will be 99 years old this fall and remembers events very clearly. Compared to her, I should feel like a youngster as I still have 37 years until my 82nd reunion.

Montgomery SCS gets no-till drill

NORRISTOWN — The Montgomery County Conservation District will be leasing a 10-foot-wide Tye no-till Drill for no-tilling soybeans and re-seeding pastures and haylands. The drill will be available to Montgomery County landusers for a flat rate of \$10.00 per acre.

The USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) will be coordinating the scheduling of the no-till drill for the Conservation District. The Conservation District Directors feel that this will be an excellent

opportunity for Montgomery County farmers to re-seed those pastures and haylands that they were afraid to plow due to the hazard of excessive erosion.

The no-till drill will also provide crop farmers an opportunity to try no-till soybeans after barley and wheat.

Interested parties should contact the Soil Conservation Service at 1725 Markley Streetm Norristown, Pa. 19401 - phone 279-1178 for details.

Ayrshire, Jersey, Brown Swiss Club meets

MT. JOY — The Ayrshire, Jersey, Brown-Swiss Club met at the home of George Gordon on June 13.

Guest speaker was Extension agent Glenn Shirk who demonstrated how to clip heifers. Each member then had opportunity to

practice clipping.

The next meeting will feature a showmanship workshop at the home of James Spickler, July 11.

New Holland Beef club holds demonstration

NEW HOLLAND — The New Holland Baby Beef 4-H Club met recently at the home of Roy Weaver for a showmanship

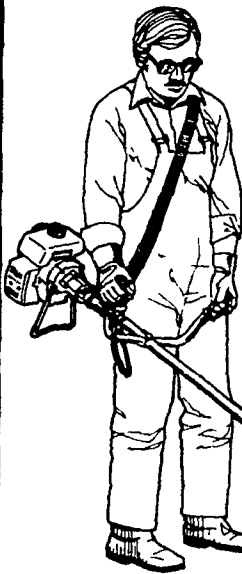
demonstration.

Larry Weaver and Extension agent Chester Hughes conducted the program.

The next meeting will be a picnic and swimming party at the home of Bob Martin on July 19.

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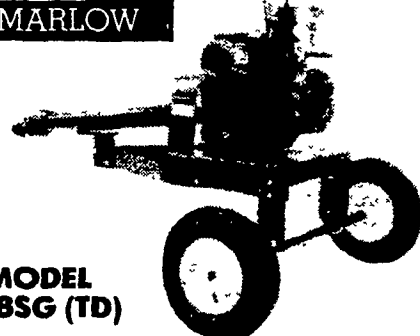
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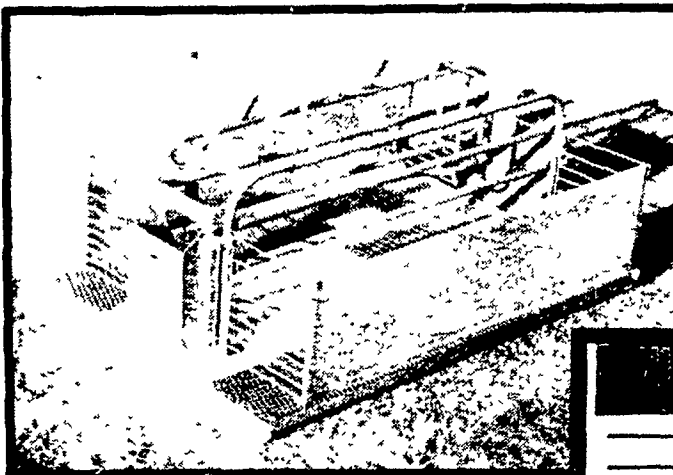
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