

## Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



Today is a rainy day, and so I hunted one of my diaries that I wrote in the 1950's. After reading it for two hours, I felt as though I was in another world.

At that time, we had four small children. The oldest was seven and the youngest a few months old. Oh how busy those days were. Not only caring for the youngsters but also canning and freezing 20 quarts of beans and corn at a time.

There were so many trips to the doctor for shots and many times when they had colds and fevers. Then the nights when one couldn't get any sleep as they cried off and on all night long. Of course, there were accidents like falling off a big wood pile or pushing beans up their noses or playing in poison ivy.

The 2½-year-old was a little rascal and played in the car after he took the keys to unlock the trunk. He pulled up my gladiolas as he thought they were onions. He hosed my good rugs that were on the porch to be swept and took his Daddy's tools out of the tractor and lost them.

But then there were the good things like the clover blossoms that he brought me and the cake he beat

for me. He asked me to put bottles on the baby so she could go in the meadow with him and bring up the cows. And, when asked to check why his dog "Susie" was barking, he said, "Because she's a dog."

The children helped to work in the garden, clean the house and wash those perpetually dirty dishes. And, I'm amazed to read that sometimes I paid them 8 cents, 4 cents, or 1 cent according to their ages. We seemed to visit and have more visitors than we do today. It was a lot of work to get them "spick and span" for Sunday School and Church every Sunday.

I hope they have some pleasant memories of the tea parties on the front porch and the swimming in the Conestoga River and don't just remember all the work that they had to do.

## Round-Up

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Champion Heavyweight - Matt Harley, R2, Douglassville;  
Reserve - Lynn Lorah, R2, Oley;  
Grand Champion - Matt Harley;  
Reserve - Michele Harley.

## 4-H'ers Participate in Engineering Event

NEWARK, Del. — Two 4-H'ers represented Delaware in the 33rd annual Eastern U.S. 4-H Engineering Event at Richmond, Va. David Hudson, of Milton, participated in the tractor event, and Amy Magargal, Landenberg, Pa., took part in the small tractor event. They were accompanied by Rodney Reynolds, Smyrna, who is a 4-H adult volunteer.

Hudson, son of James and Phyllis Hudson and a 4-H'er for nine years, has completed three 4-H tractor projects. He receives plenty of driving practice on his family's 400-acre home farm and through his local 4-H project training groups.

Amy Magargal is the daughter of

Polly and Buck Magargal. She has been a 4-H member for eight years. Since enrolling in the compact tractor project last year, she has

been working on her family's compact tractor at home and helping a younger 4-H member work on his.

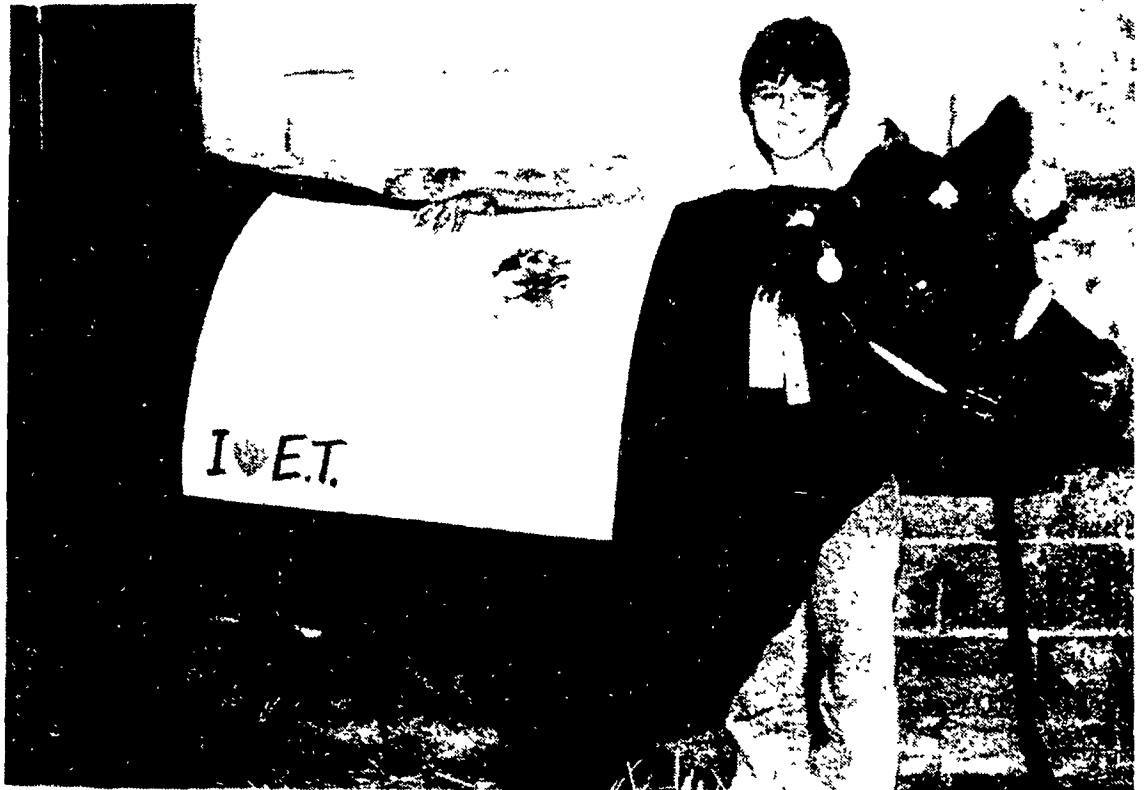
## Homemakers Day Scheduled

WEST CHESTER — The Chester County Cooperative Extension Service will hold its annual holiday program on November 10. The meeting is open to the public and sponsored by the Family Living Advisory Committee.

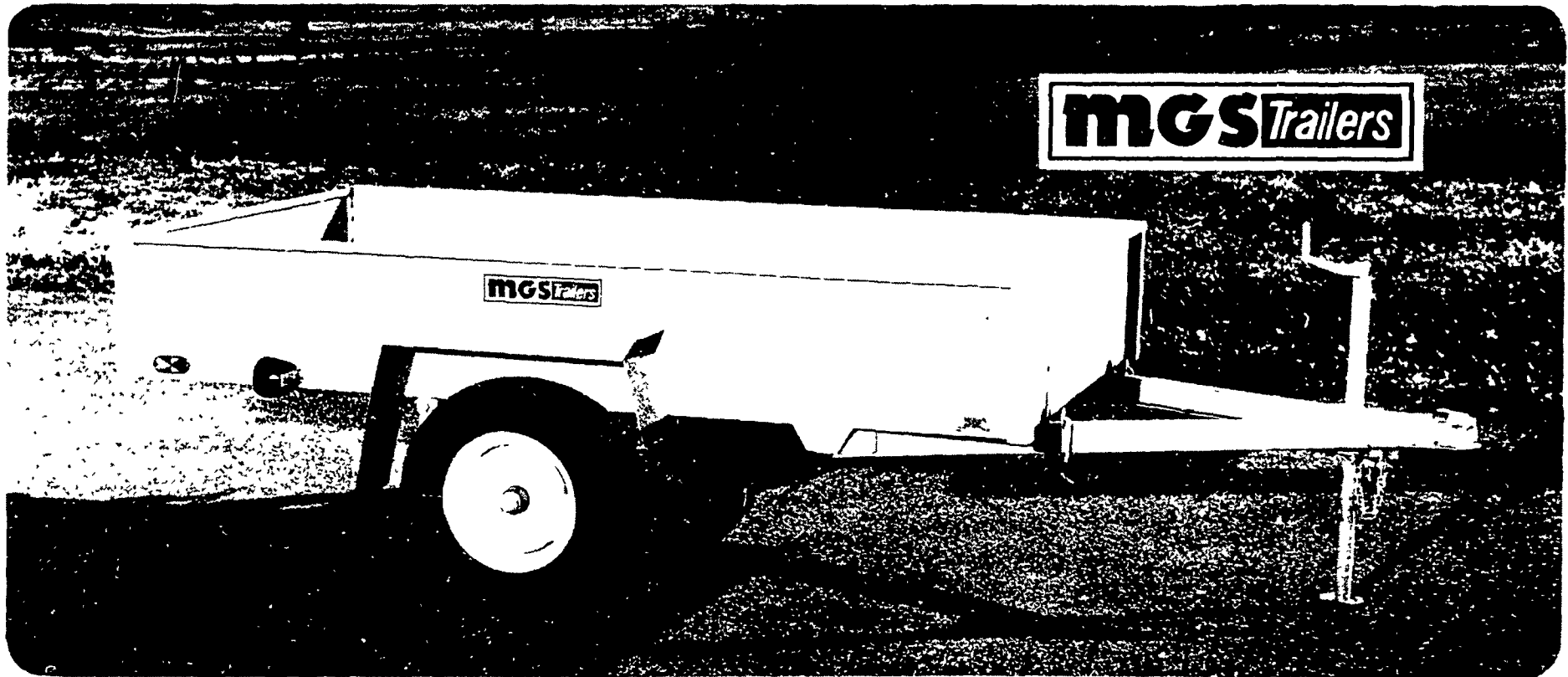
The speakers for the program are: Norman Baker, executive from Bell Telephone, who will discuss the services and changes of Bell Telephone on the individual; Cathy Lapp will demonstrate how

you can debone a turkey for holiday meals; and Dorothy Dee Bailey and Mildred Cook will talk on the subject of "Greenland, It's Food and Family Customs."

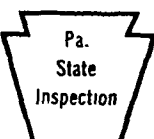
A luncheon will be served and pre-registration is necessary by November 4, 1983. The program and luncheon will be held at the Black Angus Inn, Route 100 and 401, Eagle. For further information call the Extension Office at 696-3500.



"E.T.," owned by Lori Rabenold was purchased for 81 cents per pound and will be chanced off in a drawing at Farmer Browns Market, Kutztown.



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