

# Ida's Notebook

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But, now she couldn't stop telling us how wonderful it was — the delicious bacon, the good oatmeal and the special custards that she made in it.

One lady's understanding of farmers situations surprised me as she was a city dweller who had moved several times and lived in many states. However, it became apparent, that her feeling for farmers was due to the fact that she has worked for a company that prepared income tax forms. Despite the large income from milk, beef, or eggs, she was shocked to see how the expenses of feed, seed, fertilizer and machinery repairs ate into the income leaving little for the family to live on.

When lunch time rolled around, I really didn't care much for the topic of conversation — cremation. Talked over were the experiences of some members in having their parents cremated. Do you keep the ashes in an urn on the mantel, bury them in the backyard or scatter them at sea? Guess I'm

old-fashioned but I think I'd prefer a regular burial. Although, it is

interesting to hear what other people think about the subject.

## 4-H Baby Beef Club

The Franklin County 4-H Baby Beef Club had their reorganizational meeting on Jan. 19. At that time they elected new officers. They are: Club Leader - Leon Lebo, Project Leader - Steve Upperman, President - Cathy Wildeson, Vice President - Kevin Kuhns, Treasure - Greg Christman, Secretary - Molly Reichard.

Best wishes were extended to Paul Stratton, Brenton Upperman,

and Rhonda Fahrney who have graduated from the club.

For some of the coming monthly meetings the club has planned a feeding program demonstration, a dissection of a calf by a veterinarian, a tour of Dr. Weisenbaugh's beef farm, a fitting and showing demonstration, the Spring Preview Show, and their annual roundup and sale in October.

## 4-H Sheep Club

The Hunterdon County 4-H Sheep Club met at the Jones home in Lebanon Township during January. Two presentations were given. Michelle Fugazzi discussed Prolapse with the group Genetics

Selection was the topic covered by Debbie Gengler. Ideas on lambing were shared by members during the meeting. The club will visit Somerville Sheep Farms in March.

The house is quiet except for the ticking of the grandfather clock and the humming of the furnace in the basement. My husband has gone to a two day milking and mastitis prevention school. The snow is swirling down outside and my thoughts are dwelling on his coming home tonight as he is the milker in the family.

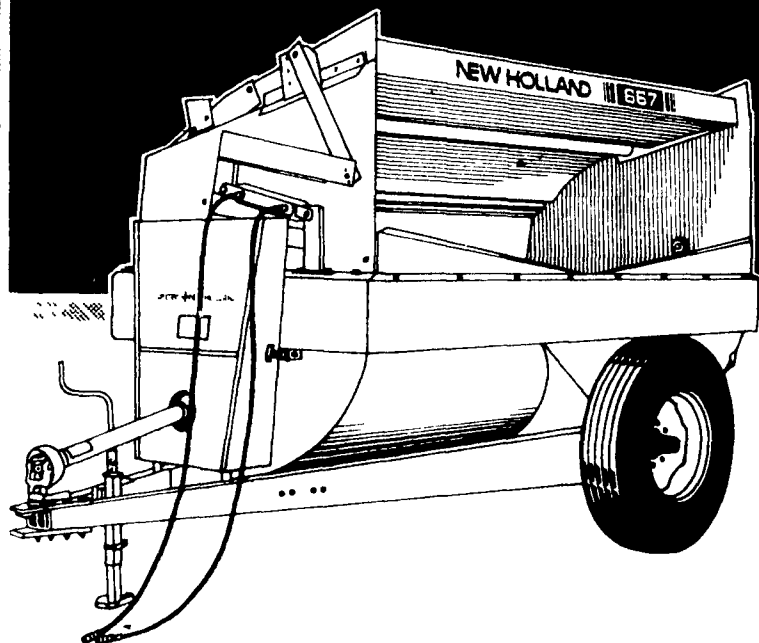
Yesterday I went to a Needlework Guild meeting at our

church. There were only a few in attendance but we were able to complete several new garments. Naturally, conversation sprinkled throughout the day made the time pass more quickly. One lady extolled the virtues of the microwave oven. It seems that she had resisted her husband's efforts to buy one for years. When he did finally purchase one, she refused to accompany him to the store.

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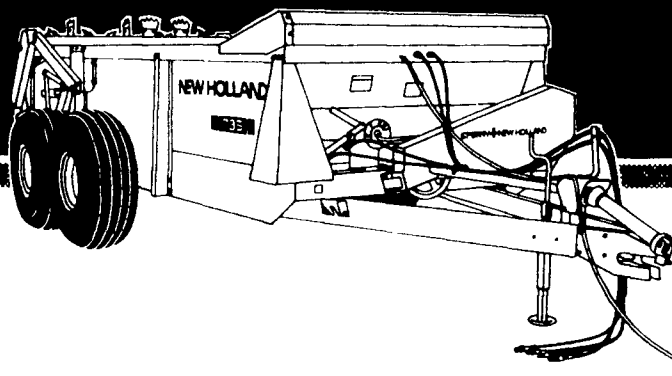
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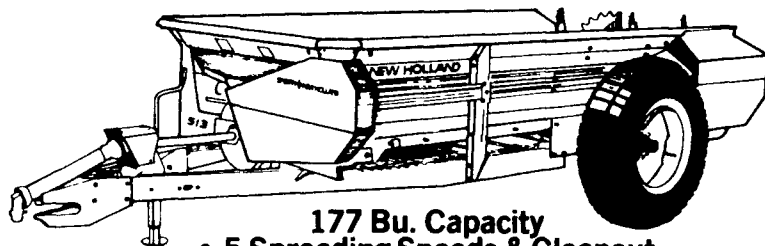
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