

# Ida's Notebook



**Ida Risser**

During my cruise of the Caribbean, we visited five different islands. At night we traveled and it was just like sleeping on a water bed, as we gently swayed from side to side. We docked at Barbados on Monday. The cards that I sent had to bear the stamps of that particular place — sometimes French, sometimes Dutch and sometimes British.

I went on a six-hour tour of the island. We usually had an open-sided van that held 10 to 20 people. The first stop was at the former summer home of Anthony Eden; a stone mansion built in 1834. Here, we were shown many unusual shrubs and flowers including wild orchards growing on the trunks of trees. We strolled around the grounds in sunny 80-degree weather.

Our next stop was St. John's church that was rebuilt in 1886 after two previous ones were destroyed by fire and hurricane. The cemetery here had large tombs dating back to 1678. A large field of sugar cane was nearby and I had my first taste of the raw sweet cane — too sweet really.

Our last stop was Sam Lord's castle which was built near the

ocean. The water was the bluest that I've ever seen. We swam in it and watched natives opening shells on the beach. A buffet lunch here cost \$25, but their money is double our money. Therefore, the five dollars per gallon that they pay for gasoline would only be two dollars and fifty cents in U.S. dollars.

We drove on the left side of the road and passed many poor looking homes. There were fields of carrots, onions and cabbage. They have chameleons, wild monkeys and we even saw a mongoose. Goats roam freely and donkey carry loads for their masters. As they get 80 inches of rain all the flowers were enormous. Poinsettias and impatiens grow wild and some are five feet tall.

I bought a dress and a blouse with very bright colors and I wore them on the cruise. Some evening meals required formal dress and the parade of evening gowns was something to behold. As we sat on the deck at night and watched the twinkling lights ashore, a soft breeze blew our hair. The evenings ended with a show in the Starlight Lounge or the larger International Lounge.

## Boots and Saddles 4-H Club

The Boots and Saddles 4-H Club met Feb. 10 at the Farm and Home Center and elected officers. They are: Valerie High, president; Jessica Watts, vice president; Janet Wheat, secretary; Tammy Long, treasurer; Heather and Todd Wardell and Tina Redcay, newsreporters; Scott and Shawn Seibert, Jennifer Eckel, Melody

Shenk and Krista Knox, scrapbook reporters.

A film on horsemanship by the American Quarter Horse Association was shown.

The next meeting will be March 9 at the Farm and Home Center at 7:30 p.m. The club will travel to the New Bolton Horse Center on April 14.

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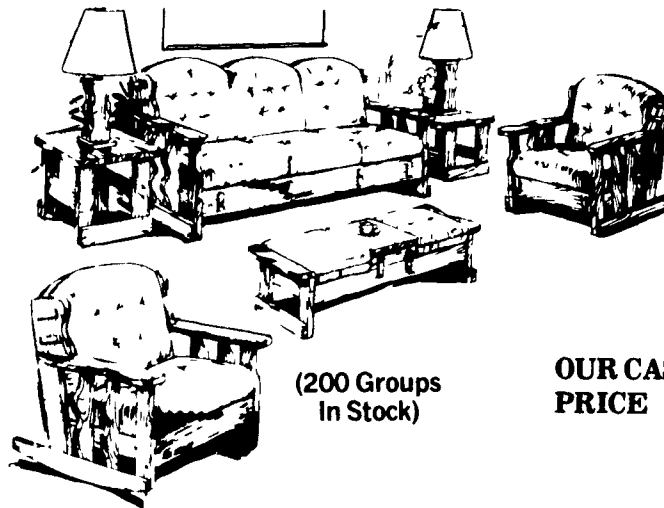
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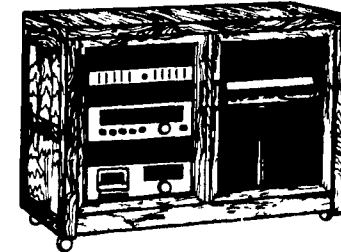
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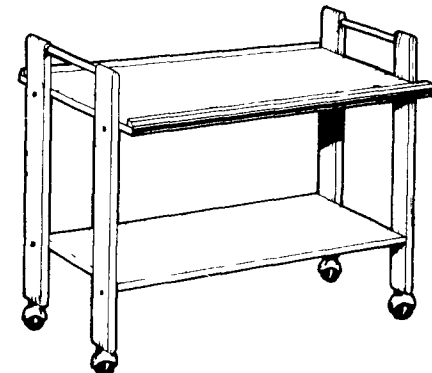
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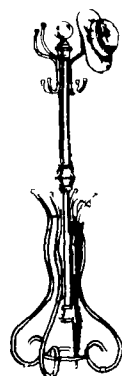
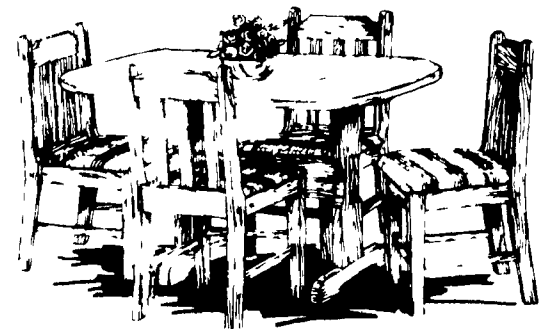


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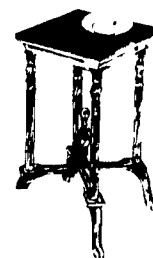
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