

Ida's Notebook

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The delightful island of St. Maarten is half Dutch, half French. They have had a peaceful coexistence for over 300 years. When I took a three-hour tour of the island last month, the tem-

perature was a balmy 80 degrees. We drive west past the Great Salt Pond which is no longer in use but still forms salt. Cows and goats roam freely but seem to stay off of the roads. Both stone fences and stick fences are used. We were told that there are more television sets than telephones on the island. There are very large estates in the high hills with iron grill gates at the entrances. We had a half-hour stop at Marigot, the French seat of government and saw the public markets. I took pictures of the bunches of bananas piled on the wharf. We discovered that a dark green skinned banana is really sweet and ripe. Plantain, which is

a staple food of the islanders, looked exactly like a banana to me. We drove past coconut groves and small villages to Cole Bay Hill where we had a view of the lagoon and neighboring islands. There is a large airport on the island, golf courses, and luxury hotels. When we got back to Philipsburg, I went shopping with two sisters. In fifteen minutes, I bought an embroidered blouse and eight applied hand towels. They "shopped" for hours in order to find the particular tablecloth that they wanted. I finally left them;

found a taxi and went back to the ship by myself where I was able to get a few hours of sun by the pool before dinner. At 11 p.m. all the passengers were invited to the Continental dining room to view and take pictures of a lavish display of very fancy dishes and ice sculptures. If we had waited until midnight, we were invited to eat the picturesque food spread on long tables. However since I felt that I was fed well enough, I skipped the food and went to bed.



F.W.S. Calendar

Saturday, March 17

Lancaster Society 3 meets at Florence Weit's, 1136 Lincoln Heights Ave., for a program by Doris Ortman on Irish wit and song.

Lancaster Society 8 meets at Grace Bixler's for a program on Canadian Homesteaders and their foods.

Lancaster Society 13 meets to entertain Society 7 at 1 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center.

Monday, March 19

Lancaster Society 29 meets for a program on egg decorating by Mary Fyock.

Lancaster Society 30 meets for a program on gardening tips by Witmer's Greenhouse.

Lancaster Society 34 meets for a program on plants.

Tuesday, March 20

Lancaster Society 27 meets for a birthday parties program at Vera Frey's home in Maytown.

Thursday, March 22

Lancaster Society 28 meets for an egg decorating program by Mary Alice Fyock.

Saturday, March 24

Lancaster Society 23 meets to entertain husbands at Meadow Hill Dining Room. Lanco Lads will have the program at 6:30 p.m.

Lancaster Society 26 meets at General Sutter Inn at 6:30 p.m. to entertain husbands. The program will be an African safari with Bob at the Brubakers.

Lancaster Society 4 meets at the home of Lorna King for a program by Kristine Van Erlach.

Sheep Club Holds Meeting

CARLISLE — The Conodoguinet Sheep Club held its organizational meeting recently. Twenty-three members, including six new members, voted for their 1984 officers.

The officers are as follows; Joe Wynn, president; Eric Nace, vice-president; Vickie Holtry, secretary; Susie Wenger, assistant secretary; and Michelle Walker,

treasurer.

Other officers include Bobby Day and Melissa Walker, social chairpersons; Carol Perry, news reporter; Vickie Holtry, county council representative; and Ed Wenger, alternate representative.

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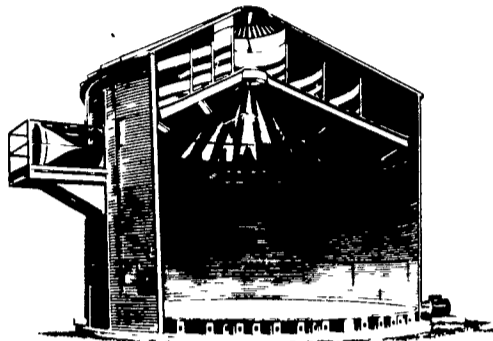
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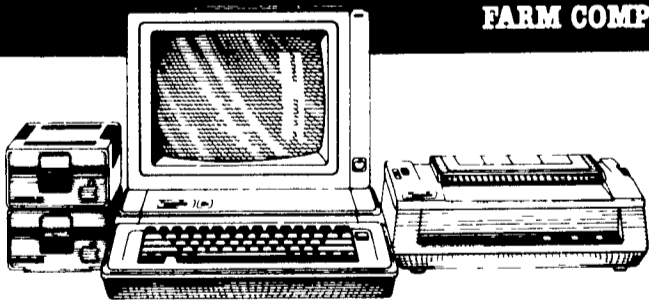
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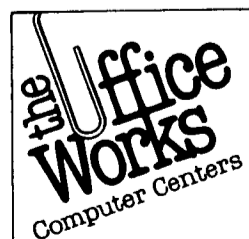
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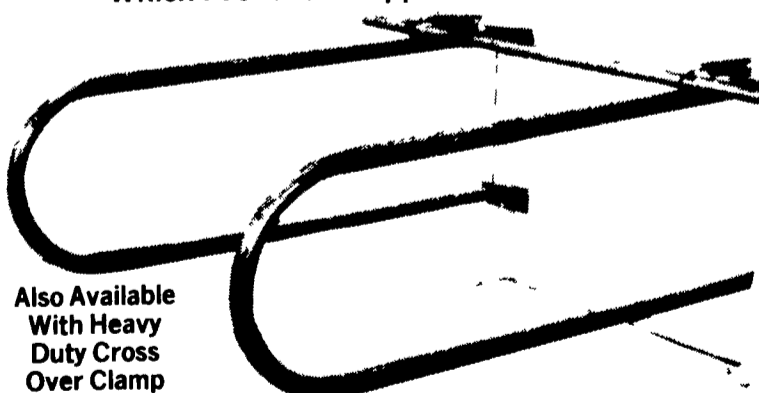


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