

Ida's Notebook

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It appears as though Spring and Easter will both be late arriving this year. I was lucky to get my five pounds of sugar peas planted the first week of April. Last year they were in the ground three weeks earlier. Maybe I'll be able to finish my third braided rug this month if I can't work in the garden.

However, there are signs of spring that one can't help noticing, like the 50 robins that flutter around the edge of my garden. And, the wild geese have come back to our meadow and our big, white ones noisily greet them. There is a certain amount of conflict and discord between them. I also notice rabbits chasing around in the black raspberries that I've trimmed. Now I must finish the red raspberry patch before the weather gets warmer.

The tulips that my daughter brought from Holland are finally blooming. The hyacinths had their leaves frozen when they ventured out of the ground too soon. My rhubarb is quite high and doesn't seem to mind the cool weather.

At night when the wind whistles through the very tall evergreen trees near our house, I find it to be a soothing sound to fall asleep with. It is similar to the rain which I enjoy hearing as it falls on the tin roof outside our bedroom windows.

But then in the morning, I pay for it by picking up dead limbs all over the yard as our maple, walnut and persimmon trees need pruning.

So I will have to bide my time until better gardening weather arrives. In the meantime, I'll buy a coconut and bake a fresh coconut pie and also a cherry pie and maybe an apple and raisin one. I'll mend some torn and worn overalls before the rush of outdoor work arrives. I know that I can find plenty to keep me busy as even reading the newspaper cover to cover takes a lot of time. Spring will be here before I realize it.

Towamencin 4-H Club

The Towamencin 4-H Club will meet at the Montgomery County 4-H Center on May 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

New members are invited to join the old ones in making Mother's Day corsages. The cost of materials is 50 cents.

New and old members may also sign up for the spring and summer sewing program. Beginners are welcome.

The club needs adults interested in helping with sewing and other 4-H projects. For more information call Helaine Brown by May 1 at 277-0574.

Red Rose Beef Club

The Red Rose Beef Club held their second meeting of the year on April 4. The entertainment for the night was Mike Pfautz who spoke and showed slides of his FFA exchange trip to Japan.

After the meeting, the ground beef leftover from the 4-H banquet was sold.

The next meeting will be on May 2 at the home of Abe Flory, Lititz.

Golden Guernsey 4-H Club

The first meeting of the Golden Guernsey 4-H Club was held Tuesday evening April 10 at Peter Witmer's home.

Officers elected were: Dan Nolt, president; Mary Lou Rohrer, vice-president; Janice Garber, secretary; Denean Charles, treasurer; Judy Rohrer, news reporter; Steve Wagner and Kurt Brenemen, song and game leaders; and Joe Rohrer, county council member.

Club leaders are Gerald Garber and Peter Witmer.

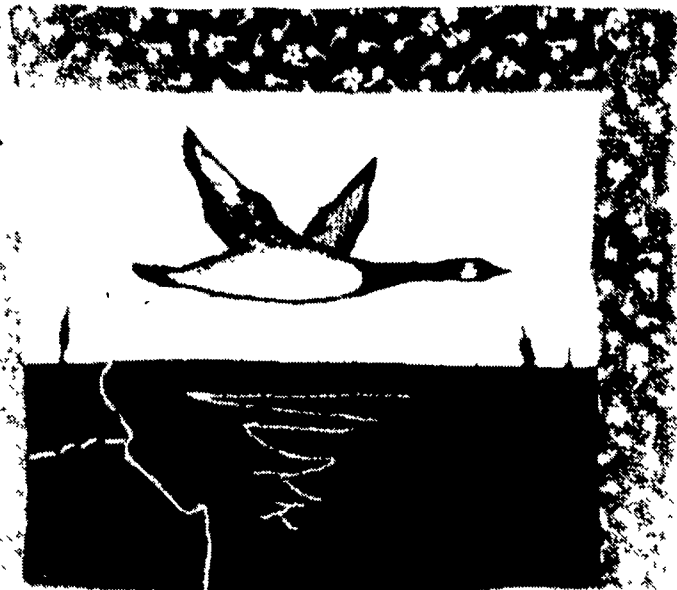
Bridgeville quilter represented at world's fair

BRIDGEVILLE, Del. — The handwork of a Delaware homemaker will be on prominent display at the New Orleans world's fair this summer.

A handmade patchwork quilt representing individual states will be featured at a fair pavilion called "Women in the Mainstream." Delaware's blue and gold square was designed and executed by Jane Duvall of Bridgeville, and shows a Canada goose in flight over marshland, with the words, "Delaware Is Beautiful" across the bottom.

Duvall is a member of the County Seat Extension Homemakers' Club in Georgetown, one of many similar clubs across the country sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service. Each square of the large patchwork quilt measures 9-by-9 inches, and was created by extension homemakers of the individual states. After the fair, the quilt will go on tour.

Duvall is also a member of the Delmarvalous Quilters club. She and her husband are retired and they are the parents of four grown children.

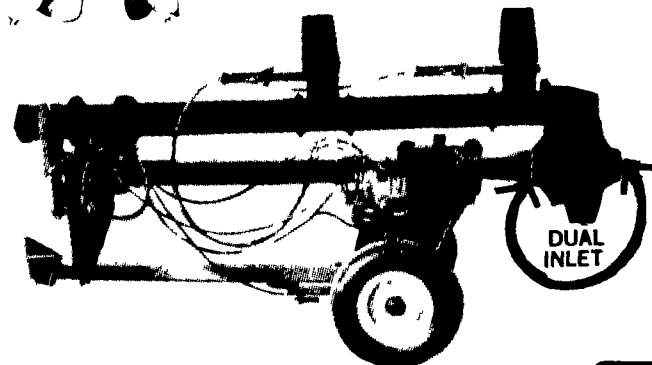


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Delaware's quilt block, created by Jane Duvall of Bridgeville, will become part of the National Extension Homemakers' patchwork quilt, a feature of the upcoming New Orleans world's fair.



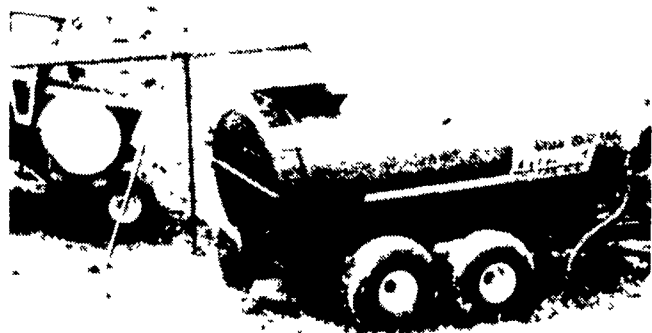
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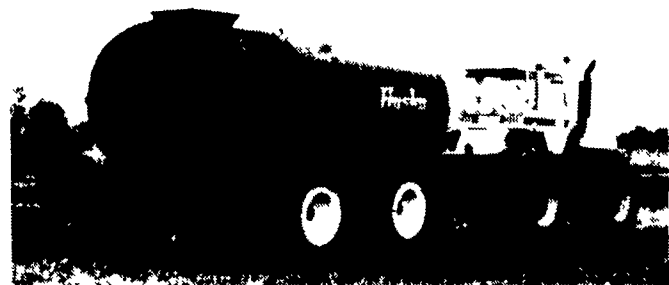
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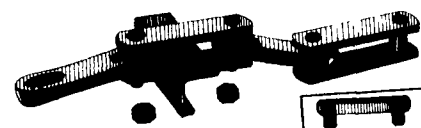
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