

# Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



November is hunting season. We've had quite a few fellows walking through our fields and woods recently. This year there are plenty of rabbits and squirrels but few, if any, pheasants. We've been too busy to hunt at home, but one hunter gave us a skinned rabbit.

Not everyone hunts in the fields. Quite a few hunt from boats and canoes as they hope to get wild ducks or one of the seven wild geese that were raised in our

meadow.

One of these hunting expeditions turned into quite an expensive episode for two canoeists. You see, these two fellows upset in the Conestoga and lost their guns. One cold evening when they walked up through the meadow to our house in their "almost birthday suits" I was shocked. Swimming at this time of year did not make sense. After repeated diving over several days, including help from professional scuba divers, they finally recovered their precious

## Virginia youth named top livestock judge in KILE contest

HARRISBURG—Virginia boasted the top individual and top collegiate team in the intercollegiate and Junior Livestock Judging Contest conducted at the 28th Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

Lee Brown of Purcellville, Va., was selected recipient of The Max Smith Award for his first place showing in individual overall judging encompassing three areas—sheep, swine and beef cattle evaluation. A total of 36 contestants from eight states competed in the junior phase of the contest.

Meanwhile, a team from Virginia Polytechnical Institute

captured overall honors in the team phase of competition. Eight collegiate teams participated in the annual event.

A rundown of the individual placings in the contest is as follows: 1. Lee Brown Purcellville, VA; 2. Saralyn Porter, Grace, KY; 3. Bret Unger, Peebles, OH; 4. Bruce Bassler, Elliott City, MD; 5. Jan Waltz, Manheim, PA; 6. Tracey Braxton, North Carolina; 7. Denny Sells, North Carolina; 8. Michael Gardner, Cave City, KY; 9. Lisa Johnson, Maryland; 10. R. Raines, Englewood, OH.

Team placings were: 1. Virginia, 2. Ohio, 3. Kentucky, 4. North Carolina, 5. Maryland.

guns.

A break in my routine of cooking, baking, shelling lima beans and cracking nuts came when I spent a day working at the polls during the recent election. It was a long day but a definite change as I had an

opportunity to see many friends and neighbors.

During the 14-hour day, I registered over 700 people. Some folks became quite impatient when the lines were long in the morning and they feared being late for

work. There are always more people willing to make the effort to vote during a presidential election than during a primary. The absentee ballots, which must be tabulated at the end of the day, always take extra time. But it is all worth the effort.

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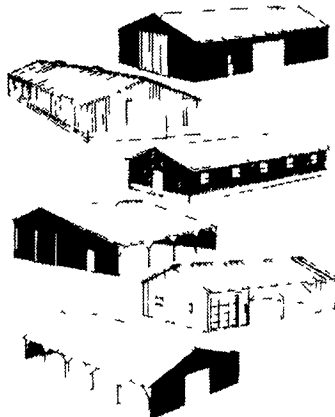
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