

Ida's Notebook

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Today I've decided to take a trip back into my memories of Christmas in the 1920's and compare it with our Christmas in 1984. At that time our immediate family all lived at home but now our immediate family is scattered and we look forward to having them come home. Both times the setting was a dairy farm just north of Lancaster, Pa.

As the oldest of several girls a lot of work fell on my shoulders. It seemed as though I was always being sent to pick up cobs and wood chips to start the fire in our big iron cook stove. Another job was peeling potatoes and setting the table. Somehow I was also the chicken "feeder" and egg "gatherer" for many years. My but those hens could pick your hand when you reached under them to hunt for eggs. Now my

duties are mostly confined to gardening, cooking, baking, cleaning, etc.

In those days when we went to Lancaster to shop, we dressed very warm as we had a 1923 Overland which was an open touring car. If we managed to save our pennies and had twenty-five cents, we thought that we were rich. I can still see the five and ten cent store on North Queen Street. Naturally, there were clerks standing behind

each counter waiting to take your money for any of the many items displayed. For five cents you could buy a handkerchief, a comb, a picture or candy to give as a gift. Nowadays one is lucky to find a suitable gift for someone even if you hand over a ten or twenty dollar bill.

We usually had a small tree that my father cut from our meadow. We hung red paper wreaths at our door and windows. Lately, we've had to buy a tree as those on our farm have grown too large.

We children slept three in a bed in a room slightly heated with the kitchen stove pipe. Pity the one who slept crosswise at the bottom of the bed. Even so, we could expect an orange in the tip of our long, brown cotton stocking, some English walnuts in the shell and a little hard candy. No wonder we couldn't wait for the box of chocolates that our Sunday School gave us each year.

That stocking with an orange, nuts and hard candy is the one thing that has remained constant — my own children can expect to find the same thing.

Christmas tree short course offered

YORK — A Christmas Tree Pest Management Short Course will be held at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, on Jan. 7 & 8, 1985.

Topics to be included in the two-day short course are Weeds and Their Control, Pesticide Safety and Safety Equipment, Insects and Diseases of Christmas Trees, and Pesticide Usage and the Law. Discussion session and hands-on lab periods will be also held. Buckout Lab will be the site of the course.

The cost for the short course is

\$35. To register send a \$35 check payable to the Pennsylvania State University to: Short Courses in Agriculture, 306 Agri. Admin. Bldg., University Park, PA 16802.

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Jefferson 4-H Club

The Jefferson 4-H Club held its meeting on Dec. 11 at the Jefferson Firehall.

Old business reports were given by Robin Shive, Cathy Shive, and Chris Wherley.

A \$50 donation was given to the Seth Reese Fund.

Members exchanged gifts and played games.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Jefferson Firehall. IBM forms will be filled out and project selections completed. New members are welcome to attend the meeting.

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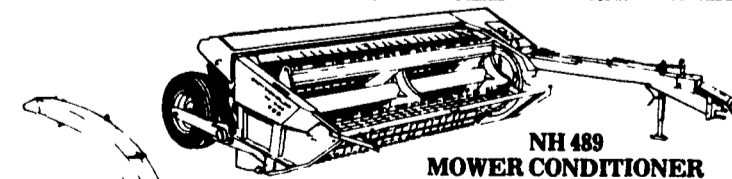
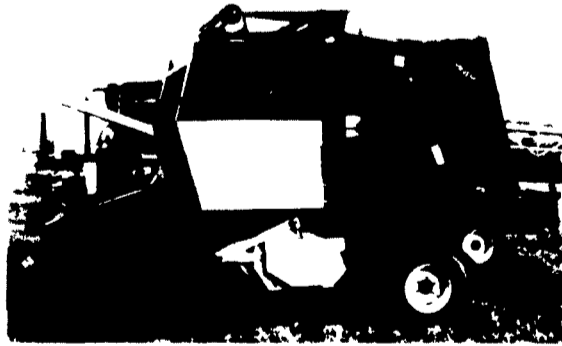
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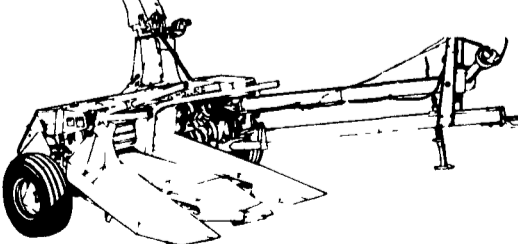
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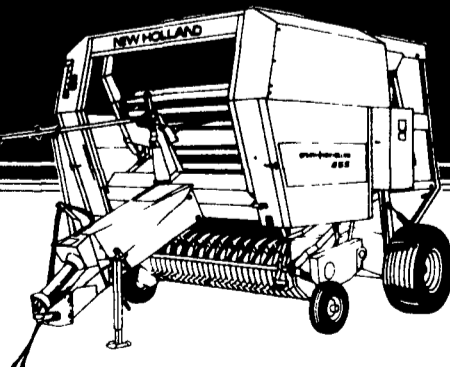
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