

# Ida's Notebook

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guinea fowl, sheep, cattle, horses and even peacocks. My grandmother had a beautiful arrangement of peacock feathers hung in her bedroom and I remember admiring them as a child.

My great grandfather crossed the ocean seven times to visit relatives in Germany. He must have been an unusual man as he decided one year to put a glass roof on his barn. Later it had to be removed as it was too heavy and it got too hot in the barn. I still have some of the ridged yellow, blue, green and amber glass that was used.

It is also said that he had bad luck because his barn burned twice. One time the hired girl accidentally dropped a candle in the hay while hunting the eggs. When he was coming home from Lancaster, he was informed of the fire and he immediately turned his team around and drove back to town for a load of lumber to rebuild.

It appears that farmers are not easily discouraged!

Every now and then I like to reflect on the life-style of my great grandparents who lived on a farm in easter Lancaster County.

I've been told that in the mid 1800's their general farm resembled a tiny villege with several tenant houses, a blacksmith shop, a cooper, a wagon and corn crib shed, a pig sty, a summerhouse with a bake oven, a springhouse in addition to the large bank barn and a huge brick house.

A small stream ran through the meadow and was the scene of a tragedy that the family never completely recovered from. My grandmother and her older sister were to watch their baby brother but somehow he disappeared and was found floating in the stream. In later years, my great grandmother kept one room full of dolls that she made to give to children who visited her.

They had a variety of animals on their farm including geese, ducks,

## York 4-H'ers plan Fun Night

**YORK** - The annual 4-H Family Fun Night will be held Saturday, Feb. 9th from 7-10 p.m. at the York Co. 4-H Center near Bair. The evening will include a covered dish dinner, square dancing, bingo and lip sync performances by 4-H members.

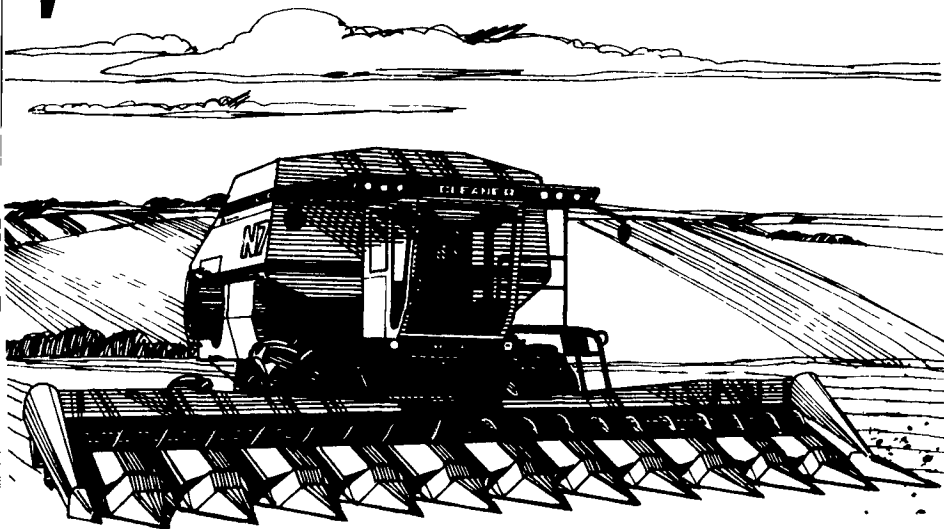
In conjunction with the Fun Night will be the 4-H Poster Contest. All 4-H Members are encouraged to create a 14"x12"-inch poster on one of the following themes: "Learning For Life;" "Picture the Possibilities" or Open. Junior Division is for contestants age 8-12 and Senior Division, age 13-19. The top three posters from each division will be sent on to state competition.

## Valentine desserts

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time and continue beating until stiff peaks form. Tint with food color. Spread on heart shape, forming sides 1 1/2 to 1 3/4-inches high. Bake 45 minutes. Turn off oven. Leave in oven 45 additional minutes. For filling, drain pineapple, reserving juice. Combine sugar, cornstarch and salt in a 1-quart saucepan; gradually stir in pineapple juice. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly; until thickened and mixture reaches a full boil. Boil and stir 2 additional minutes. Blend a small amount of hot mixture into egg yolks; return all to pan. Cook 1 minute. Stir in pineapple, orange peel and orange juice. Chill. Fold in whipped cream. Chill filling 2 to 3 hours before serving. To serve, spoon filling into meringue shell. Garnish with strawberries.

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