

Ida's Notebook

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I'm sure you've all heard of people who work best under pressure. That seems to be my case as I can find all kinds of small jobs to keep me busy while postponing big jobs.

Recently I finished my fall house cleaning only because I was expecting guests. When you try to see your home through someone else's eyes, you polish the silver, shine the light globes and wash the porch. Other times you can live

with a bit of dust and dirt.

When you know a hard frost is coming, then the last tomatoes and peppers are picked. The last vines and flower plants are potted and put on shelves in the house. Even raking leaves can be delayed for a few days. I've been told by some men that if they waited long enough, they thought the wind would blow them all away. However, that would not happen

with our pine needles since our tree shed several wheelbarrow loads this year.

If I am to lead our Bible study group then I read and study in order to do a good job. But, if someone else will be teaching, then I sometimes only glance over the lesson.

Our son showed up, unexpectedly, one morning at 6:30 a.m. He had driven all night from his home in Maine. He helped his father for two days. While he was home, I cooked up a storm and served some of his favorite dishes—including parsnips.

I'm wondering if we go to extra effort simply to impress other people rather than to satisfy ourselves. Although it is so easy to become too complacent and merely let things slide. So, I suppose we need pressure sometimes to accomplish things.

NJ lists FFA Member of the Month

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ — Ronald Vassallo from the Woodstown FFA Chapter is the New Jersey FFA Member of the Month for November.

Vassallo, 17-year-old senior of Newfield, is currently the president of the Woodstown FFA Chapter. He has been enrolled in FFA for four years and has held other offices and chaired many committees in his chapter.

Supervised Occupational Experience Programs involving grain production, beef production, and carpentry have lead Vassallo to develop occupational skills. SOEP allows students to develop and experiment in many fields of agriculture.

Ronald's involvement in FFA

has encompassed public speaking contests, competitive judging activities, and participation in proficiency award areas.

His advisor, Jeff Coles, commented, "Ron's achievements have made him an asset to our school and our chapter."

The FFA and vocational agriculture work together to give students practical experience for their future.

Vassallo is now eligible to compete in the FFA Member of the Year contest held at the FFA State Convention.

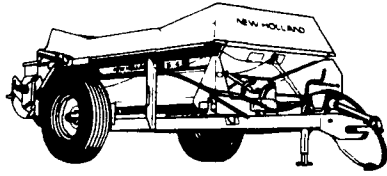


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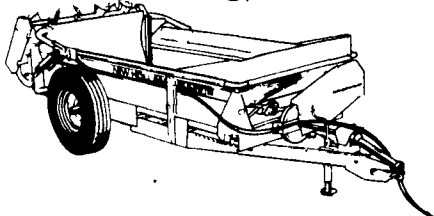


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