

# Ida's Notebook

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Recently I mentioned misplacing a scrapbook. However, since then I found the book and filled it with newspaper clippings.

My mother had boxes of health articles, poems and many obituaries which she saved over a period of many years. When I sorted them, many of the yellow, wrinkled ones were thrown away. I think that putting things in a scrapbook is a better way of preserving them.

My great uncle was a retired gentleman farmer for some 30 years. He was a man with many interests and he had a valuable coin collection. He also bought every stamp that was ever issued; he had a standing order with a local postoffice for them. Beside these two hobbies, he was a fine photographer. And, he kept his valuable items and some not so valuable items in large scrap-

books.

I was lucky enough to be able to buy some of these when they were inadvertently placed among less important papers. He had saved old letters, 1840 tax receipts, 1734 draughts of his farm, Confederate money and photographs of different types of architecture in Lancaster and surrounding towns.

Among my other scrapbooks are some postcard albums which I made from piles of cards that our parents saved. Now all I need to do is find the time to sit down and enjoy them.

But I suppose it is good for us to get away from the farm and mingle with other people too. Last week we spent a day at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg and I met some folks who had come with a tour from Virginia. It was interesting to talk to them about their farming operations.

## Handwoven clothing judged at Farm Show

HARRISBURG — Due to popular demand, hand-woven clothing was judged for the first time at this year's Farm Show. "While the craft has never been judged here, hand-woven clothing is common at other state fairs," said Ruth Prest, Crawford County extension agent. "Craftspeople asked us to include this category and there seems to be enough interest to keep it in future shows."

Hand-woven clothing is an open adult class. Each project is judged

according to the weaving, spinning, dyeing and technique used in construction. Garments eligible for competition included suits, jackets, vests, coats, blouses, shirts, shawls, stoles, skirts, pants and art-to-wear clothing—garments that can be isolated as works of art.

In the art-to-wear category, Jean Kimmel took first place with a woven checkerboard shawl, complete with woven checkers.

## Franklin County Seeing Eye Club in second year

CHAMBERSBURG — Franklin County 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Club started the New Year with the addition of a new puppy. On Dec. 30, Rhonda Garling returned her first Seeing Eye Project puppy, a one-year old German Shepherd, to the Seeing Eye Center in Morristown, N.J., for formal training by a professional dog trainer.

The Garling family received a tour of the Seeing Eye Training School and Breeding Farm where Rhonda and Rodney Garling received their next Seeing Eye Puppy, a 2½-month-old black Labrador Retriever named "Dora."

During 1986 this puppy will live in the Garling's house, sleep beside Rhonda's bed, and go to as many meetings and family outings as possible. The puppy will be taught to walk on a leash and will visit area banks, the post office, and various business establishments.

At the January 4-H County Council meeting Rhonda and Rodney Garling presented a slide presentation about the Seeing Eye School and Training Center and introduced Dora to council members.

On Jan. 16 the new Seeing Eye puppy joined the three other Seeing Eye dogs for a 4-H demonstration given to the Franklin County Support Group for Parents of Blind Children. At this meeting Kelly Boyd, Denise and Collene Kessler, and Rhonda Garling gave talks and dog demonstrations. The blind children were then allowed to touch the puppies.

The dogs ranged in size from the

17-pound, 2½-month Black Lab puppy to the full-size one-year German Shepherd and 75-pound Golden Lab. The blind children were delighted to feel the difference in the size of the dogs and

fur texture. One of the children had not touched a dog before this meeting and giggled with delight.

The Seeing Eye 4-H Puppy Club meets the last Monday of each month at Franklin Farm Lane.



Rhonda Garling, Chambersburg, cuddles "Dora," her second Seeing-Eye 4-H Puppy project. Rhonda will be like a foster parent to the puppy during its one-year stay in Franklin County.

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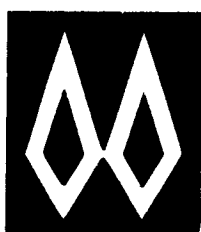


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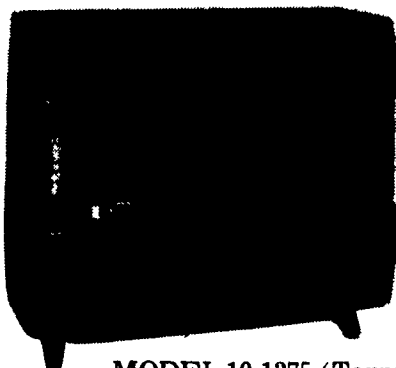
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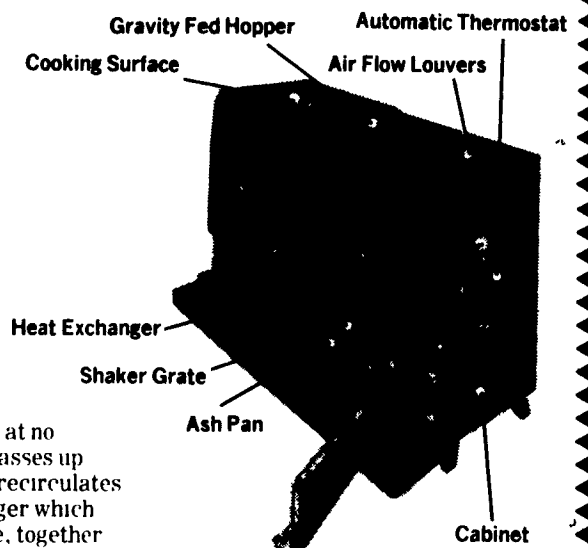
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