

Ida's Notebook



Ida Risser

It was not until the 1940's that my mother finally got a sink with running water in her kitchen. Up until that time, we used a dry sink.

This piece of furniture was a yellow-grained poplar wood piece that was set in a dark corner behind an Indian door. It was three feet from a coal and wood stove that had a hot water reservoir. Now this was handy, but in the summer the heat in this windowless corner was unbearable.

After washing the dishes for our family of nine, the water had to be carried outside and dumped. Of course, some spilled over the edge of the dishpan and over a period of many years rotted out the corners of the sink. Some drysinks were lined with metal but ours never was.

Anyway, for almost 50 years, this piece of furniture sat on my attic. The top half was devoid of

any paint whatsoever. A corner was broken off the drawer and a latch on one paneled door was missing.

Finally last fall I decided to do something about having it restored. As it needed repairs, I gave it to a professional refinisher and ask that it be given a natural finish.

It now sits in my kitchen, much darker than I expected, but filled with small antiques that were used in kitchens of long ago. It is always a difficult choice to make—refinish a piece and lose some of its value or display a worn-out looking object. I hope that I made the right decision.

Cedar Crest students earn proficiency awards

HARRISBURG — During the Mid-Winter FFA Convention in Harrisburg recently, two Cedar Crest students received state proficiency awards. Proficiency awards are based primarily upon the individual's Supervised Occupational Experience Program and career objectives. The youths received a cash award for their achievements.

They were: Jeff Zuck of Cedar Crest FFA, agriculture production proficiency award; and Ann Lansberry of Cedar Crest FFA, who received the horse proficiency award.

Jeff Zuck

Jeff's project work consisted of work experience on a dairy farm. He also had projects consisting of a dairy heifers corn and soybean, swine animals and rabbits.

Jeff served as sentinel, vice president and president of the Cedar Crest Chapter during high school. His FFA activities included county treasurer and county vice president, alumni relations, committee chairman of Supervised Farming and Community Service Committees, State Project Book Contest and State Parliamentary Procedure team.

Jeff also worked on various other projects, including Building Our American Community program and chapter banquet committees.

Jeff's career objective is to own and operate his own dairy farm.

Ann Lansberry

Ann's project work consisted of work experience on a dairy and a horse farm, raising, training and showing pleasure horses.

Ann served as vice president and reporter of the Cedar Crest Chapter during high school.

Ann's FFA activities have in-

cluded county secretary, Star Greenhand, state Pleasure Horse Judging Contest, state Project Book Contest, and state Parliamentary Procedure team.

Ann also worked on various other projects, including Food for America program and chapter banquet committees.

Ann's career objective is to have a job in agriculture sales or management.

Both students received \$100 checks made available from the state FFA Foundation.

Mid-Atlantic Direct Marketing Conference set for Feb. 13-15

NEWARK, Del. — The 1986 Mid-Atlantic Direct Marketing Conference will be held Feb. 13 to 15 at Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, in Hunt Valley, Md.

The conference is designed for roadside market, pick-your-own, nursery, garden center and other farmer-to-consumer direct marketing operators. It is being sponsored by the Cooperative Extension services of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania in conjunction with the Delaware Direct Marketing Association, other state associations, agencies and related groups.

The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 13, with a session on "Industry Successes." The event will conclude on Saturday with a tour of Valley View Farms and the Lexington Market. The latter is a world famous city market, a storehouse of ideas on display and merchandising.

During Friday's session, marketing consultant Ransom Blakely will lead a session on market layout. Communication consultant Don Nelson will conduct another session the same day on improving employee relations.

For further information and registration forms, contact University of Delaware extension marketing specialist Carl German at (302) 451-2511.



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