

The Joys of Being A Farmer Boy

Editor's Note:

Here's the fifth of six articles by Daniel Luke Fisher. Daniel tells from an Amish boy's view point what happens around his family farm. You may remember some of the same experiences as you grew up on the farm.

Spring is here!

The cherry tree up behind the garden has hundreds of little white buds on it.

The hedges are covered with green leaves instead of just bare branches.

The tulips are working their way towards that.

The mountain is getting a hint of green.

The fields are being plowed.

"Yep! Spring is here."

Soon the hay mows will probably be bursting with new mowed hay.

Tulips and daffodils now stand in a glass jar on the once hot stove.

Starlings must give up their eggs in despair when an eager nine-

year-old brother gets hold of them. He now has 16 eggs, and has them all arranged neatly in a little blue box.

He keeps his eyes on the starlings and watches where they go. Usually they get some straw or other material and fly straight for the nest.

Samuel waits till they fly away then sneaks up to the nest.

Last year Samuel and some of his buddies collected sparrow eggs. They took them to school every morning. When the total was counted up it amounted to 63 eggs!

Yesterday Matthew found a starling nest in the cow stable. He told Samuel.

They had to climb up through a window to get to the nest. But I'm sure Samuel thought the effort was well worth it. Because he got 5 eggs out of that nest.

Two house finches are nesting right outside the window.

Once a robin was up in a tree

with a string in his beak. He tried to fly away with it but couldn't because the string caught in a branch. The robin had to fly away without it. Later a house finch was trying to get it but didn't succeed. So I guess it gave up.

The barn swallows with their little chirps came flying back. They nest in the cow stable. Dad put some boards up on the beams for the barn swallows to nest on.

By Daniel Luke Fisher

Bradford County 4-H'ers

Bradford County 4-H'ers presented a program on 4-H work in Bradford County at the recent County Homemaker's Day. Marion Ballard, 4-H leader of the East Troy 4-H Home Economics Club; Susie Wrisley, 4-H member of the East Troy Club and Tom Maloney, assistant county agent, presented the program.

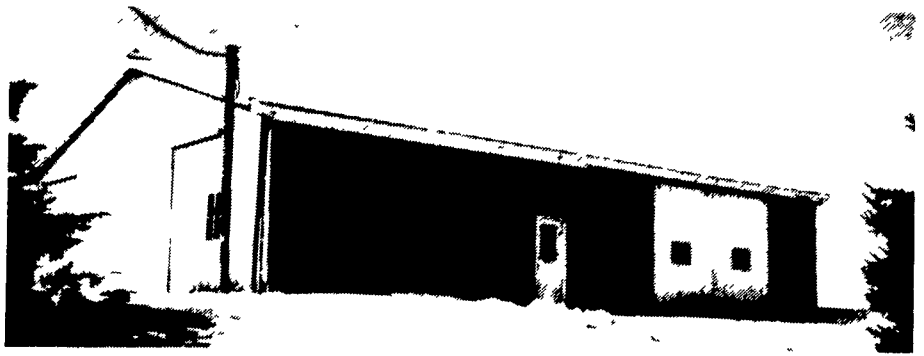
Susie talked about her in-

volvement in 4-H sewing and Fashion Revue programs. She has been a 4-H'er for 10 years and related how 4-H has helped her to be more responsible and self-confident.

Marion Ballard, a 4-H leader for 37 years, talked about her experiences as leader of the East Troy Home Economics Club.

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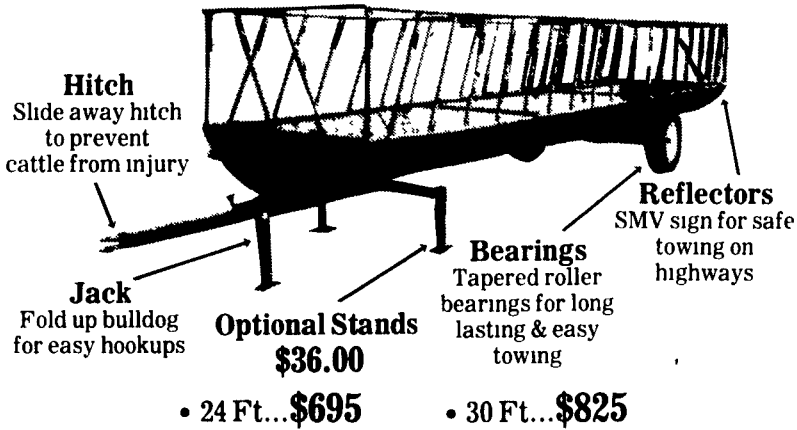
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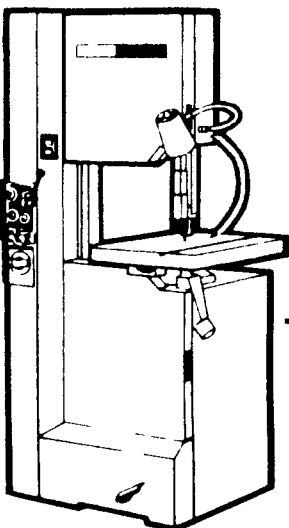
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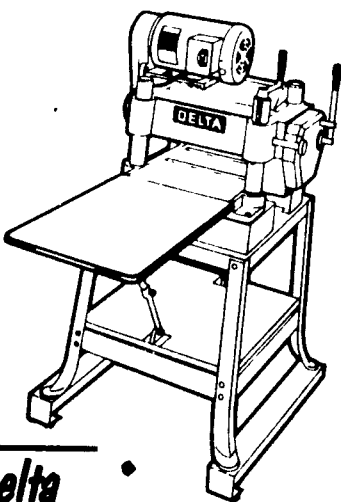
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