

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



Last week I thought that I had something figured out, but now I'm not too sure. You see, every time that I am outside working up a sweat, my tiger cat lays in the

shade and watches me. That is unless I'm picking peas or strawberries and then she lays down in front of me so that I must ask her to move continually. When

I finally get tired of her and use a stern voice, she will run and lay under the hemlock tree.

Anyway, I figured she was very smart to just relax and rest while I weeded the garden and planted seeds. No wonder they say a cat has nine lives — they take care of themselves!

But then several of our children came home for Memorial Day weekend and they had no sympathy for my hot job of mowing the yard. In fact, they said that it was good for my health, to get my heart pounding 120 times per minute as I push the mower up our hilly lawn.

So I got to thinking about the people who retire and simply relax in front of the television. Sometimes they don't live as long as those who have a hobby or other interests that keep them on their feet.

I suppose a happy medium lies somewhere between complete retirement and the way my husband, Allen, and I are working.

We're both trying to do too much. But, as they say when you have a baby and you are in your forties — it will keep you young.

Farm Vacation Directory Available

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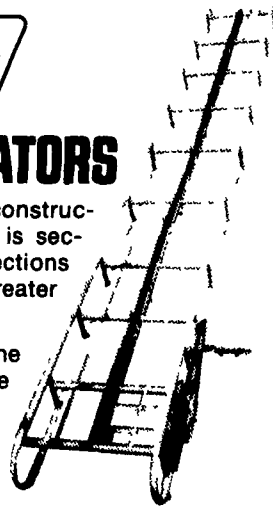
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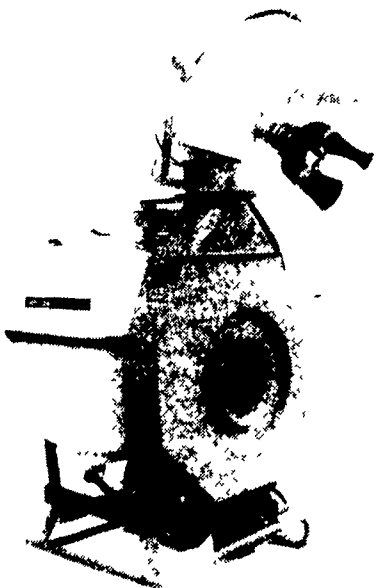
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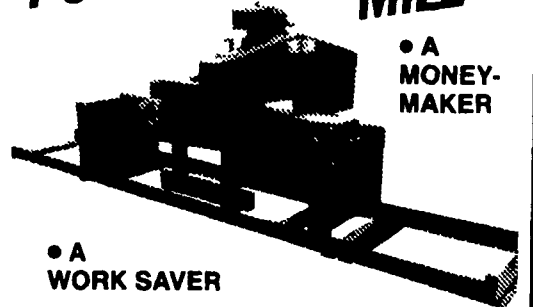
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