

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



some 50 quarts of sugar peas and lots of tiny strawberries. The earlier dry weather seemed to affect their size. As they were too small to sell, I had lots to stem and freeze and make into jam.

When people come here to buy peas for freezing, I usually send them away with fresh dill and a small bouquet of flowers. But I am surprised that they refuse any plants that will make work for them. They don't want annuals that must be replanted next year. They don't want gladiola bulbs, dahlia tubers or lily bulbs as they must be taken inside during winter months. Now, I don't feel that way as yet. My lily bulbs take over 100 feet of row and must all be dug and I enjoy doing it. Maybe my feeling is that you don't have anything worthwhile without some effort.

So many of my garden things had to be replanted this year. The soybeans did not come up very well and the popcorn did even worse. They were both from seed that I'd grown last year. But, I do believe that all of the peanuts came up.

I suppose that as time goes by I too will have to make adjustments. And eventually, when I push my arm through a sleeve, I will see my mother's hand come out. I'm hoping it won't be too hard for me to accept all of this gracefully.

Dairy Judge To Address 4-H Overnighter

MERCER — Jim Lewis, a highly-regarded dairy judge and Holstein breeder from Orient, Ohio, will be the featured speaker at the Northwest Pennsylvania Regional 4-H Dairy Overnighter July 2 and 3 at the Mercer County 4-H Park.

Lewis has judged the Eastern and Western National Holstein Shows in past years. He served on Holstein World's all-American

panel for 20 years and was an official judge for the Hoard's Dairyman judging contest. He was a director of the National Holstein Association for eight years. Currently, Lewis is vice-president of the Ohio Agricultural Finance Commission.

Jim and his son, Dick, own and operate a 310-acre Holstein farm in Pickaway County, Ohio. Their DHR herd average is 21,700 pounds of milk and 827 pounds fat. The herd is classified with a BAA of 108.9 and 20 Excellent cows.

The two-day event also offers in-depth training on dairy business promotional skills, dairy careers, judging, record keeping, pedigree reading and show and sale ring skills.

Also included will be clipping, showing, leading and washing demonstrations. All dairy 4-H'ers from the Northwest District are invited to attend.

In addition to Lewis, other speakers will be local dairymen, extension agents, and dairy princesses.

Fun activities include a mock sale, promotional skits, games, and a rail bird judging contest for 4-H'ers and their parents. A potluck picnic for 4-H'ers, friends and family will conclude the event.

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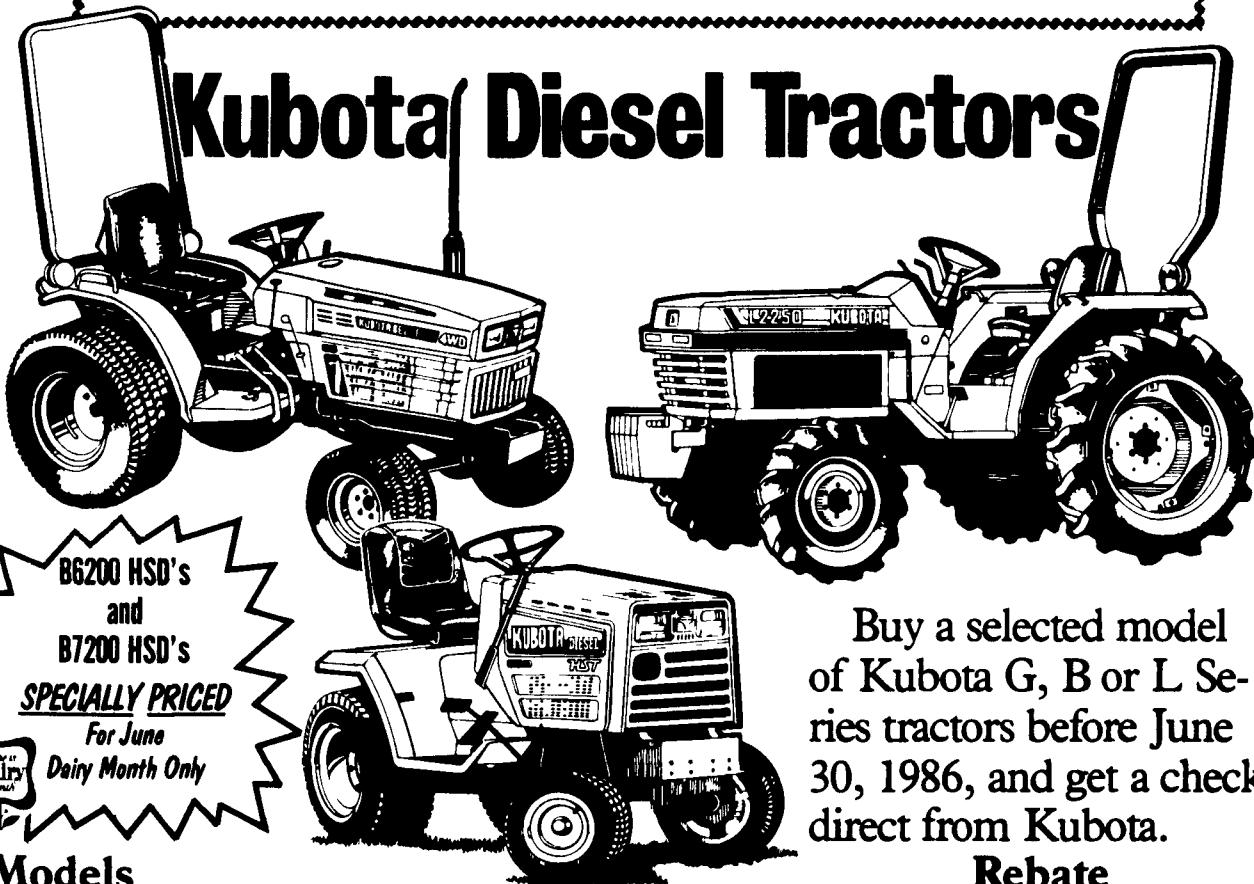
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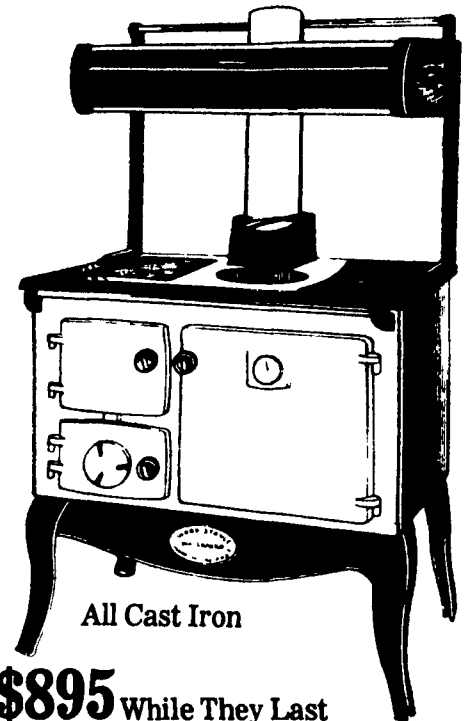
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