

# Ida's Notebook

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The other morning I heard a sound which I recognized as a blast of heated air into an air balloon. So, I hurried outside to see the colorful balloon. It seems that they are quite numerous in this area as I often see several at the same time.

This particular balloon was descending rapidly and it sailed over the high-tension towers on our farm and landed in a meadow just across the Conestoga from our summer cottages. What I saw when I got there was a sight to behold. A big herd of Holstein cows had gathered around the basket with the two men still inside. Cows are very curious animals and they were inspecting this new arrival.

Just a few weeks previously another air balloon landed on a narrow sod strip that we installed as a waterway on our farm. They show great skill in landing as none of the alfalfa on either side was trampled. Their tracking truck was there immediately and it certainly did not take them long to pack up and leave. In fact none of

the people in the nearby development even had time to come and look.

Long ago, when I was a child, we had a small airplane land in a field near our house. He wanted to visit a neighbor of ours. My mother took a picture of the group that gathered and I'm shown holding my younger sister on my arm.

It's good that these balloons don't try to land in a place like Allen took me the other week — trees, trees and more trees. We spent a few quiet hours in Snyder-Middleswarth State Park. We hiked for a while on a rough trail and then I asked him to go ahead without me. As I slowly worked my way back to the car, the quiet was overwhelming. No one within miles — it was too eerie for me.

## First Lancaster 4-H Fair To Feature Projects

LANCASTER — Lancaster County will be treated to its first 4-H County Fair Aug. 20 and 21 at the Manheim Farm Show Complex.

The Fair will take the place of the 4-H Achievement Day held in previous years at the Farm and Home Center. By moving the event and extending it to two days, County 4-H Agent Zoann Parker hopes to make the 4-H program more visible to the public and to allow 4-H'ers to see the wide range of projects available to them.

"Hopefully, 4-H members will watch the animal shows, look at the crafts and other projects and a new spark of 4-H enthusiasm will flare up in them," Parker said. "I think teens drop out of 4-H because they become bored with the area in which they are taking a project. By having all the areas on display, 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to expand and strengthen their interests."

In addition to the many projects displayed, clubs will offer food and exhibit booths. Other fair highlights include the county hog roundup and sale, an archery contest, a steer show and adult showmanship contest, a rocketry shoot, a therapeutic riding exhibition, and a sheep showmanship contest.

The fair will conclude with a (Turn to Page B19)



Lancaster 4-H Agent Zoann Parker displays a teddy bear and quilt that will be sold at the 4-H auction held in conjunction with the 4-H Fair Aug. 21. The quilt was donated by a friend of 4-H and the teddy bear by Yoder's Craft Shop of New Holland. The sign reminds visitors that the fair will be a pickup point for hay donations.

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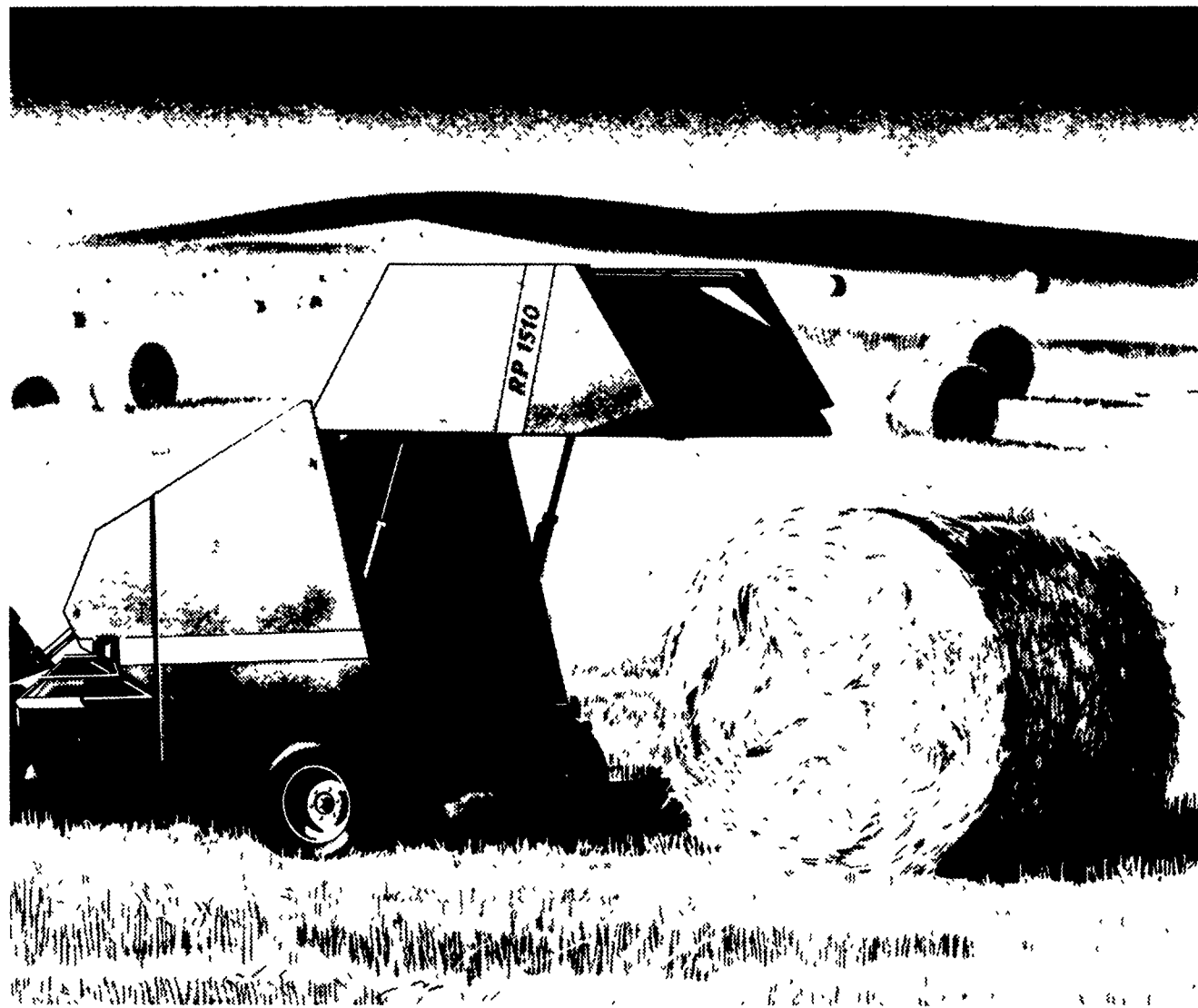
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