

Ida's Notebook

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Lancaster County has so very many craft and gift shops that I am surprised they all can survive. One thing for sure, other people must buy more than I do.

On a recent weekend, our daughter came home and we visited some quaint shops in the village of Intercourse. The place was full of shoppers and lookers.

Most shops held thousands of items and were quite crowded. One finds it difficult to imagine how someone can think of so many wood crafts to make. They are all artfully decorated and nicely displayed.

The Bake Shop and Jam & Relish

Kitchen have many goodies exhibited to tempt your palate. One shop contains many items from Christmas decorations, to lamps, to clocks, to jewelry boxes and each one contains a music box. Some are minute while others are quite large.

Other places to browse through were the Decoy Shop, Tin 'n Twine, Deerskin Leather, Pewter Shoppe and Basket Shop. Busloads of people wandered around and enjoyed the apple cider that was being sold from an open stand.

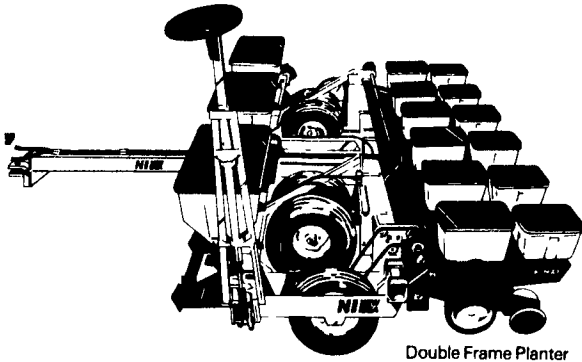
This year several folks came to

pick up our abundant supply of black walnuts. Over the years we have had a variety of encounters with these people. Some come empty handed while others bring things to share.

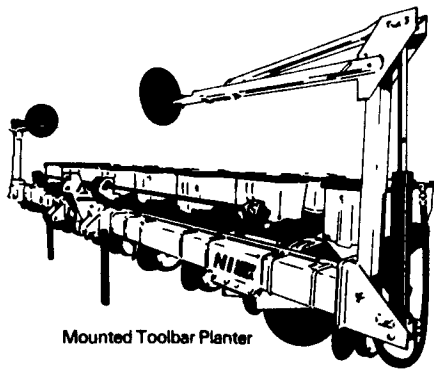
I want to especially mention one older man from the eastern part of our county. He really overdid himself by being very generous. You see, he asked for my big bags of dried walnuts from last year and he cracked all of them for me and then drove miles to return pounds of nice kernels. I am truly grateful.

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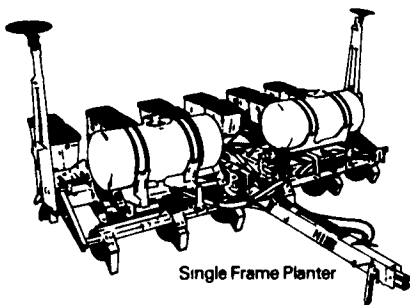
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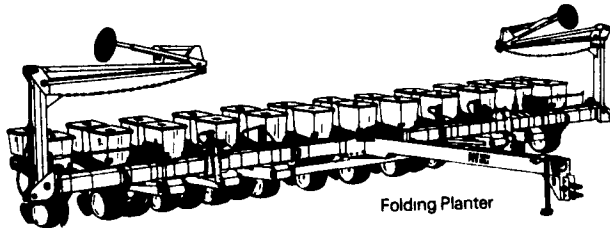


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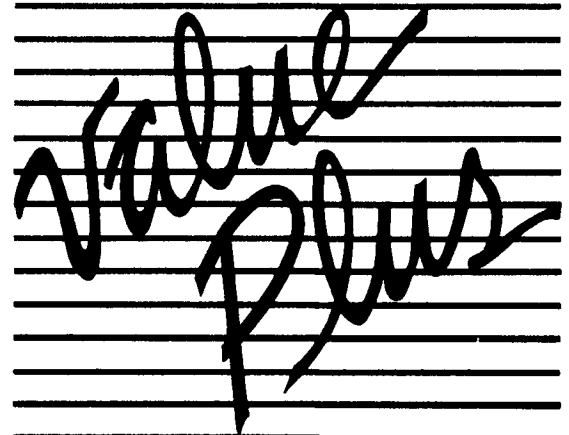


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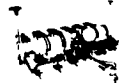
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