

Ida's Notebook



Ida Risser

Somehow I manage to form a strong attachment to inanimate objects. Whenever we need to replace something, I remember all the service that it gave us over the years.

We've just purchased a new automobile and I could have shed tears over leaving the old one at a dealer's place of business. I remembered how it took us across

America and back when we had an accident in Michigan.

My husband pooh-poohs the idea of getting upset everytime a new stove or refrigerator comes into our home. But I will remember the 20 years of service and all of the good meals that they helped me serve. And, often the new purchase is not built as solidly as the old one was. It weighs less and

lasts a shorter period of time. My 2-year-old electric stove is already as corroded as the one that I had for 20 years before it.

When we got a new water softener, the serviceman said that I should be glad that it was made of plastics as now it would not rust. But, it looked so cheap even if it was not.

So it is with the lighter weight cars. However, their price tags do keep getting bigger all the time. I've driven a '23 Overland, a '31 Chevrolet, a '41 Chevrolet, a '56 Chevrolet, a '64 Oldsmobile, and a '77 Oldsmobile. That's almost a lifetime history in cars.

Anyway, I suppose as the years pass by, I'll become attached to this new car. It seems to me that some of these big items should last a lifetime, but plumbing, heating and roofing do not. So even though I find it difficult to accept, new things keep coming into my life.



Saturday, December 6

Lancaster Society 1 has "Men's Night Out" at Sight and Sound, with dinner at Hershey Farms.
Lancaster Society 6 meets at Church of the Brethren to entertain family and friends.
Lancaster Society 10 meets at Joe Myers Diner for Christmas dinner.
Lancaster Society 9 meets for Christmas party at 6:30 p.m.
Lancaster Society 8 meets for a covered dish meal at noon.

Tuesday, December 9

Lancaster Society 22 meets at 7 p.m. for caroling at Landis Homes.

Thursday, December 11

Lancaster Society 14 meets at Kreider's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. for a program by Elizabeth and Janet Kreider and carol sing along.
Lancaster Society 21 meets at 6:30 p.m.
Lancaster Society 28 meets at Strasburg Mennonite Church for a program on flower arranging by Martha Garber.
Lancaster Society 33 meets at 7:30 p.m. for a Christmas party.

Saturday, December 13

Lancaster Society 7 meets at the home of Evelyn Martin for a program on China by Kathleen Ranck.
Lancaster Society 25 meets for a family Christmas party, 6:30 p.m. at Wengers.
Lancaster Society 2 meets at Margarita's home to make fruit baskets.
Lancaster Society 20 meets for a Christmas party at 6:30 p.m.
Lancaster Society 18 meets at 1:30 p.m. for a Christmas program.
Lancaster Society 19 takes a trip to Longwood Gardens.

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Bring in the garden hose over winter. Once cold, plastic type hoses are easily cracked or broken when coiled. Water should be drained from the hose and brought into a warm room before coiling. Remember also to shut off the water going to outside spigots and then open the faucet to drain.

Thoroughly flus tanks of hand and power sprayers before winter storage. Drain the tanks and apply a thin coat of oil to parts likely to rust.

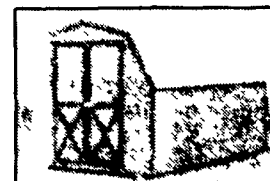
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