

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



Keeping in touch with my own family can become a real chore. If I want some particular information from our children it may be weeks before I get it.

Recently one letter from the west coast took eleven days to arrive instead of the usual four and another Anniversary greeting took eight days to come from a southern state. I do know that I could use the telephone and call but that is definitely more expensive.

In the past 30 years our address has changed three times. And we have not moved from our original farm. The post office was changed

from one small town to another one nearby. And then it was decided that no mail would be delivered unless a number and street address were used. I will agree that a number makes it easier for someone to be found rather than simply using a rural route number.

It seems that nowadays people move more often than they did several decades ago. My own sheet of addresses is crossed off over and over again as new ones appear. At the present time three of our six children are considering changing

their addresses for various reasons.

But, I'm thinking that they will have a hard time to get me to move. I guess I simply like it where I am and cannot imagine moving the accumulation of a lifetime to another place. However, there is certainly no guarantee that I can spend the rest of my life here in this 175-year-old brick house along the bank of the Conestoga River where I can watch the ducks and geese swim on the black-looking water in the winter and the green-looking water in the summer.

American Angus Auxiliary Offers College Scholarships

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — College scholarships totaling \$7,200 will be awarded this year to ten deserving high school graduating seniors. Five girls and five boys active in Angus projects, school, community, and church activities will be selected from each of the respective state applications. Entry deadline is June 25, 1987.

Scholarship money in each group will be \$1,200 for first place, \$900 for second place, \$700 for third place, \$500 for fourth place and \$300 for fifth place.

The Miss American Angus contest will remain separate from the scholarship contest again this year. The top five girl applicants will be invited to the national Angus meeting at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville. Those choosing to participate will be interviewed, and Miss American Angus will be named during the show. Scholarship winners and queen candidates will be announced at the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity in Louisville, Aug. 2 through 4.

Applications for scholarships may be made through state or regional Angus Auxiliaries, or by contacting American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson, Mrs. Paul Mydland, R.R. 1, Box 20, Joliet, MT 59041.

Pennsylvania scholarship chairman is Kathy Wise, Route 5, Box 5695, Spring Grove, PA 17362; Maryland chairman is Susan Holston, 18101 Bowie Mill Road, Derwood, Md. 20855; New York chairman is Barbara Smalstig, Route 1, Box 132, Millbrook, NY 12545.

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"You've got to feed cows and feed alfalfa if you expect them to produce," he relates, "and I won't cut the fifth cutting this year - it helps get the alfalfa thru the winter to get top production next spring. I feel this really pays."

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