

Ida's Notebook

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was probably brought over from Europe by our ancestors. Sometimes the peasants there called it a "Calihumpian Band."

When the group arrived, we went to an upstairs window to observe them. I hate to admit it but I threw some apples at them as they would not stop.

Finally they got tired and we asked them inside but they were so wound up that the mischief wasn't finished. We had just

cooked a big bowl of chocolate custard, and they decided to eat it while we got cookies and cider ready for them. But, my sister poured a box of pepper in it and spoiled it. Then the other folks decided to make her cat her concoction. Such a commotion as followed!

I don't think that too many places continue this custom. There are too many highly populated

areas just now and communities are not as closely knit. Looking back over the years it was an exciting and fun night for everyone.

Recently I read about an event in a young couple's life that reminded me of something that took place at our home over forty years ago. I'm speaking of a mock serenade or in our Pennsylvania Dutch area it is called a shivaree.

Shortly after Allen and I were married, a group of friends and relatives came to our house about midnight. They created such a noise that anyone within a mile knew of their presence. They not only used horns, bells, pots and pans but also a homemade contraption. It consisted of a motor with a spring ply that pulled down on a cogwheel. Sometimes a metal tub is used with a rosined string.

It is good that our neighbors do not live closeby. Today some of them would probably call the police. This custom of serenading

Scholarship Endowment

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — An endowed scholarship to help home economists in Penn State Cooperative Extension pursue graduate degrees has been established in Penn State's College of Agriculture.

Endowment of the Pennsylvania Extension Home Economics Scholarship in honor of Dr. Helen E. Bell was announced at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of Extension Home Economists in State College today.

Scholarship recipients will be Penn State faculty and staff with extension responsibilities who enroll in graduate degree pro-

grams or take graduate courses that will help them to improve extension family living programs in Pennsylvania.

The scholarship is named for Dr. Helen E. Bell who retired from Penn State in 1983 as professor emerita of home management extension after serving for 10 years as extension's state family living program leader. When she retired, Dr. Bell requested that a scholarship fund be established to aid extension home economists who wished to enroll in graduate degree programs.

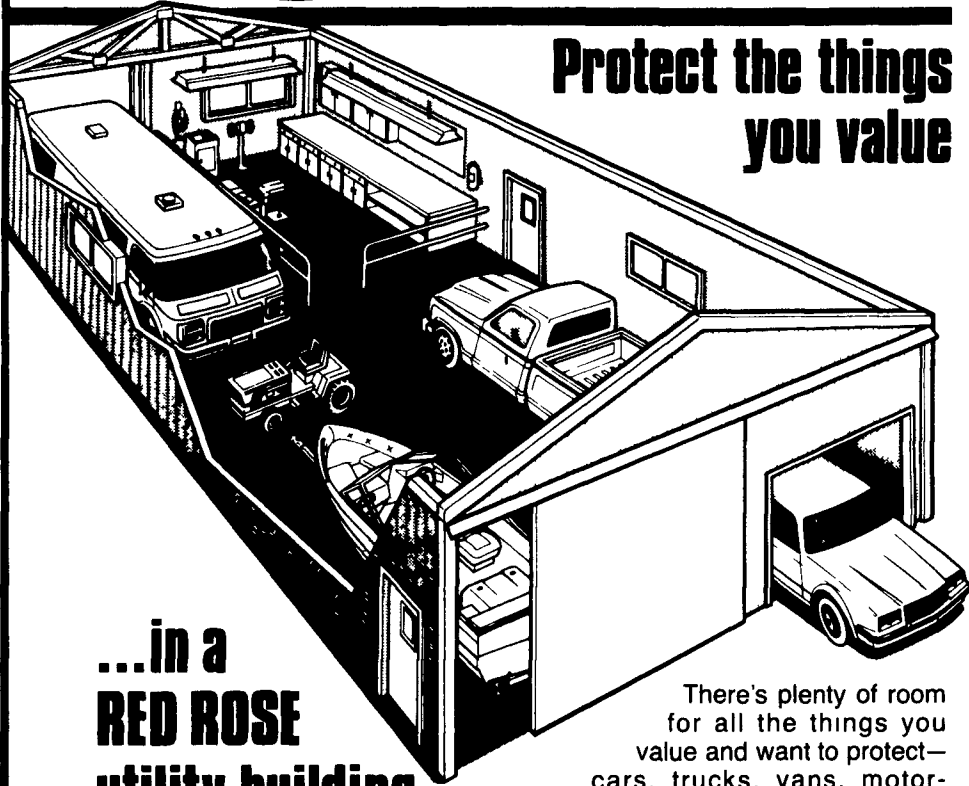
Initial contributions to this fund assisted three Pennsylvania extension home economists. Pat Conon,

the 1985 recipient, pursued a master's degree in family and consumer resource management at Ohio State. Michelle Rodgers, the 1986 winner, earned a master's degree in rural sociology at Penn State. Diane Brown, the 1987 recipient, is completing her doctorate in adult education at Penn State.

The idea of yearly scholarships was so well received that a group of Dr. Bell's friends and colleagues decided to create an endowed scholarship. The scholarship would then continue to support Pennsylvania extension home economists in graduate study.

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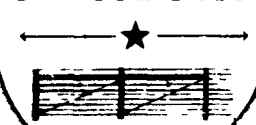
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