

Ida's Notebook

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Recently I've been sorting other people's things. It is much easier than sorting my own things -- mine I can't throw away. Our family seems to have an inherited characteristic that leans toward saving everything.

My children still have their artwork and school papers in boxes under the beds. When they don't want the pretty pictures, I pick out a few that I like and then reluctantly burn the rest.

Some of the boxes contain odd little items like mirrors, jewelry, tiny toys and pictures. Others have collections of matches, stamps and rocks. Boxes and boxes of various stones that they collected for 4-H geology projects. The blue ribbons that they won are still strung across the bedroom walls. There are many purple rosettes and some red and white ribbons too.

Several pairs of ice skates were never taken along when the boys moved. We have natural ponds in our meadow and so they were able to skate most winters even if the river didn't freeze. Musical instruments were left behind and rows and rows of books.

The other Saturday my husband and I went fishing. This time we were rather sure that we'd catch something. You see, it was a place where you pay for the trout that you catch.

We only caught three compared to the six or seven that others caught but we walked past the crowd to the end of the stocked brook where few people were fishing. Maybe others caught them before they got to us. But, they surely tasted good for our evening meal. Next time we'll go on a weekday.

4-H

HAPPENINGS

South Mountain 4-H

The South Mountain 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on March 25, at 7 p.m. at the Fontana Community Building. The club talked about the petting zoo at the Children's Festival on April 13. Anyone interested in helping must sign up and animals are needed.

Cookbook covers for our recipe book were judged and voted on. There were nine entries and Angie Kolouani won. She was given a McDonald gift certificate.

We are doing a petting zoo for the children at the Lebanon Country Club on March 30. A demonstration was given in riflery by Shawna Kreider and Michael Bross. The group learned the different parts of a rifle and how to load it safely.

The selection of projects are sewing, cooking, crafts, vet science, pet care, rocketry, wood working, vegetable gardening, entomology, photography, stamp

collecting, forestry, bread, ceramics, and riflery.

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Fontana Community Building.

Travel-All 4-H

The Westmoreland County 4-H Travel-All Club will hold their annual salad bar with entertainment on Sunday, April 14, from 1-4 p.m. at the Greensburg Sheraton Inn, Route 30 East of Greensburg.

Lunch will be served from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$5.50 for adults 13 years and up, \$3 for children 6-12 yrs. and free for those 5 and under. Tickets are available from all club members or by calling (412) 423-3066.

The club members will be providing entertainment along with the Latrobe Sr. High School Show Choir. The fashion show will include formal wear modeled by the club members, from Mar-Win of Irwin, Bridal Classics of Mt.

Pleasant, and Pati's Formals of Greengate Mall. Children's fashions will be provided by Descendants Children's Fashions, Greensburg. Families of the 4-H members have donated many door prizes to be given away at the end of the program.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used to defray costs of hosting a 4-H delegation from Morgan County, Colorado in June. Activities planned include farm tours, a visit to Latrobe Steel and Smith Glass, a trip to Pittsburgh, tour of Fort Ligonier and Laurel Caverns, an evening at Seven Springs, and an overnight trip to Washington, D.C.

Free time is also available for members and their families to show their guest what is special in their little corner of the country. A welcoming party and a farewell picnic are also being planned.



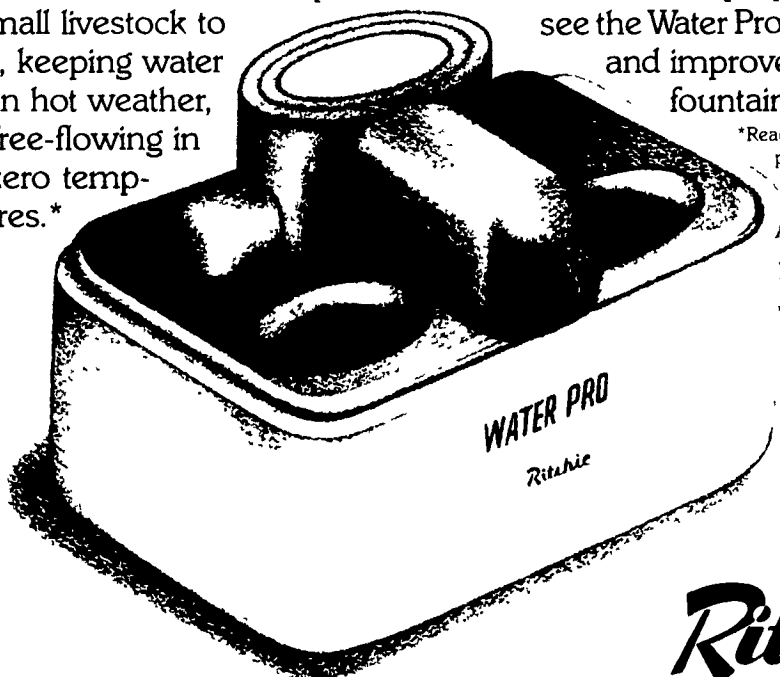
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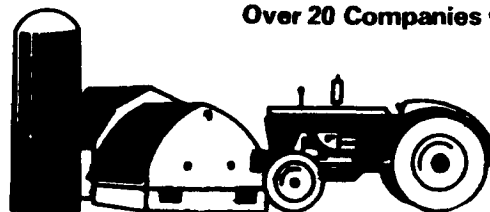
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