

Farm Family

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mately a half acre of the popular Jack-Be-Little pumpkins has been planted for the upcoming fall harvest. And the young orchard will soon be producing the Red and Golden delicious and Empire varieties, that Philip so prudently planted three years ago. "Eventually we would like to press our own cider," he added.

Philip Snader is also taking measures to guard against excessive use of chemicals in the production of his produce. "Farmers have to do their part to cut down on pesticide and chemical use," he explained. Snader Farms is registered in the Integrated Pest Management program, a statewide program directed by Stanley Fultz. "Greg Stocksdales, our field scout, will take readings in the orchard and field corn and when he thinks the levels have reached the threshold that affects quality and yield, he'll direct us to spray," explained Philip. The IPM program is "a very new and innovative program. We plan to put a sign on the wagon that states that we are under IPM," he added.

The wagon will also feature dried flowers. Trudy Snader grows many flowers at their beautifully landscaped home. Elegant and furnished with significant family heirlooms, the home has been featured on house and garden tours and is decorated with Trudy's wreaths and arrangements.

Eddie Ann said that they are aiming for "quality not quantity. We want repeat business," she explained. "We're shooting for five percent of the cars that pass by here to stop." And just how much does five percent represent? Eddie Ann and Philip estimate that 2,500 cars pass by their farm

every day.

It has taken a great investment in time and money to see the project through to the point where they will be ready to open in June. Philip estimated that various preparations such as creating a stoned parking area, advertising, construction costs, planting, etc., represent about \$10,000.

The Snaders regard their initial investment as money well spent. The market wagon will test the waters to see if the demand is indeed out there. And, if their hunch is right and they manage to attract those 125 cars on an average day to the roadside, then they will consider expanding their retail enterprise.

If all goes as they plan, the Snaders say they anticipate that Philip will eventually be able to work just on the farm. "Eddie Ann will probably continue to work at her job." She is director of marketing and public relations with Glace, an environmental and consulting engineering firm. In order

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



We've had quite a bit of rain recently and on a very rainy day I went on a wildflower hike. Only 18 of the 32 people who signed up for the tour of southern Lancaster County were brave enough to battle the elements. Despite the fact that we had to be protected by umbrellas all day, it was a delight-

ful time.

We started in the morning in beautiful Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Glen which is preserved by Pa. Power and Light Company. The hillsides were blue with Virginia Bluebells. I was very interested to find that some of these plants and deep pink blossoms

to make the commute to Camp Hill each day, Eddie Ann rises at 4:30 a.m. The couple has decided to employ the help of students during the summer to help run their enterprise. They have set tentative hours at 8 to 8 daily, from June through November.

For now, they have a "flyer in the works." The Snaders are hope-

ful that their roadside retail market, which is the first of its kind in the western Carroll area, according to Philip, will be well received. For those who are in the market for fresh, locally raised produce and flowers, and are looking for bargains like the "baker's dozen," the Snader Farms roadside stand may just fill the bill.

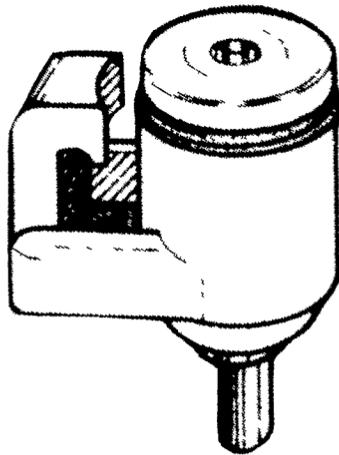
instead of pale blue ones. The hillsides on our farm are covered with Trout Lilies just now. However, one happy note was when I discovered that my camera was a film as it only took 20 pictures instead of the usual 24.

We walked on the bed of an old rail line that formerly carried iron ore to an iron furnace. We were told that Indians used these same paths at one time.

Our lunch was eaten in a quaint country inn that still had Christmas lights strung around the room. It was comforting to get out of the rain and enjoy a cup of hot coffee.

In the afternoon we walked through Pequea Gorge with its huge rock formations and some of the same wildflowers. It was surprising to see the similarity between Dutchmen's Breeches and Squirrel Corn. The foliage and flower color are the same. Most of the 52 varieties that we identified were the same as those that grow on our farm in the woods and meadows. But the trilliums were new to me as we have none of these tall showy plants with their large white blossoms.

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