

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

We have been busy since we returned from our 10-day trip south to Georgia and Virginia. While we were gone the weeds really grew in our peas and strawberries. We also discovered that a number of plants had arrived, dur-

ing our absence, and needed to be planted. One big problem was where to plant the lilac, forsythia, flowering quince, and rhododendron bushes that we'd ordered.

But, thoughts still linger from the trip. Our two children in

Atlanta live eight miles apart and so we drove back and forth quite a bit. One day, when my husband and son were doing wood working, I asked for some hand sewing. Well, I was given some jeans to patch on the sewing machine. I was unaccustomed to the machine but managed to put four patches on two pair of pants.

We had seafood kabobs for an evening meal and another day we had lasagna outside on a large deck. They fed us too well but we enjoyed it. One afternoon we played miniature golf and I was not the winner.

Another afternoon we took a nature hike through Fernwood Forest with our 11-year-old grandson reading the forest trail map and leading us. Many trees and plants had signs telling us their proper names. Afterward, we saw

a wonderful show of asteroids in the nearby planetarium. In the evening we saw our five-year-old grandson play soccer.

The last weekend was spent with our son and his family in Virginia. He manages the largest egg processing plant in that state and he showed us houses with more than 100,000 chickens in each one. The three grandchildren had

Easter vacation and so we spent a day in Maymont Park near the heart of Richmond. This 100-acre park contained a Children's Farm and also black bears, elk, and bobcats. The Italian and Japanese gardens were lovely and as the weather was fine we had a picnic on the grounds. It was a long but pleasant trip.

Lancaster Farming's Dairy Recipe Contest



Lancaster Farming celebrates June Dairy Month by offering cow-mania prizes for your favorite recipe using at least one dairy product such as butter, milk, cream, cheese, yogurt, or ice cream. It may be a recipe for a main dish, dessert, salad, beverage, snack, bread, soup, appetizer, or whatever you desire.

To enter the drawing, send only one recipe with your name, complete address, and phone number. Please include several paragraphs about your farm, family, interests, or other tidbits of information. Although it is not required, we especially appreciate receiving a picture of you or your family with your entry.

Even if you won a prize in a previous contest, you are eligible to enter again. And, if you did not win before, make sure you enter — this may be your year.

Send your recipe (one per family) immediately. Your entry must be postmarked by May 30 to be eligible for the drawing.

Prizes include a canister set with a farm scene, a photo album with a cloth-cow designed cover, 4 place mats with cows, a bread plate, sugar and creamer, salt and pepper shakers, a teapot with silk flower arrangement, a cow door hanging, 2 cow mugs, two step stools with cow pictures, a cow picture, a barn knickknack shelf with dairy-related items, and a painted beeswax cow.

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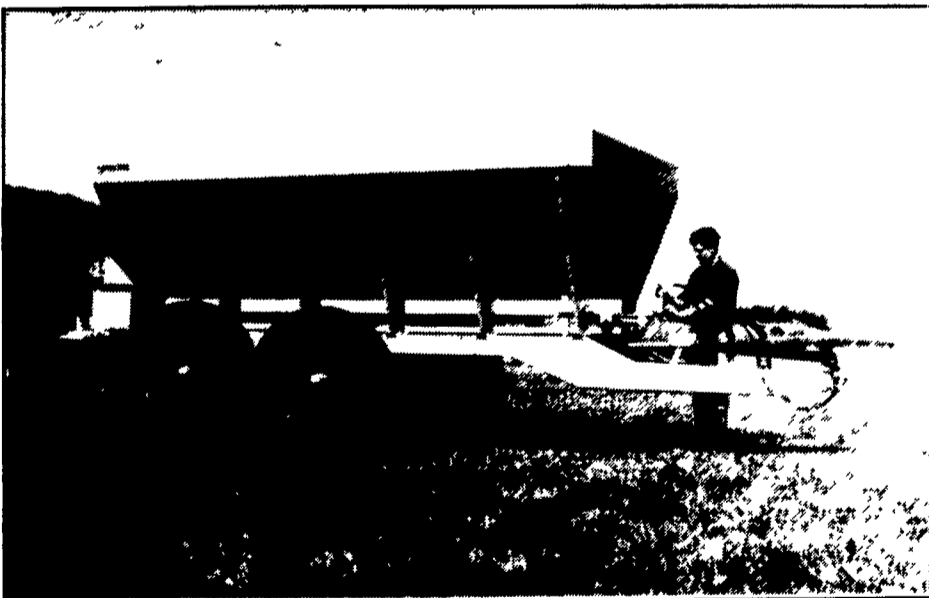
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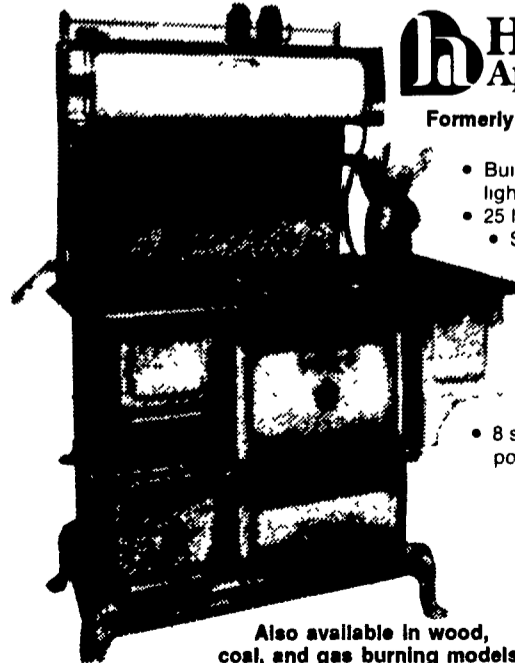
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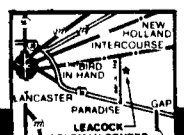


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