

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

We recently attended a picnic for the community of Oregon, Pa. It is a small village of some 30 houses that was formerly called Catfish because of the abundance of those fish in the creek.

There is a small church, which originally was used by three denominations as a Union Church. It has one of the oldest graveyards in the county outside of Lancaster. The place was first settled by Jacob Bear in 1717.

The mill along Carters Run, now the Lititz Creek, was the center of business for many years. My great-great-grandfather, Benjamin Landis, owned the mill from 1829 to 1850. I have his very interesting mill book from those years. It is

like a census of folks who lived in the vicinity in those years.

The village in the 1880s also had a hotel, dry-goods store, coach maker, shoemaker, blacksmith shops, two butcher shops, four cigar factories and a funeral parlor. When a post office was established the name was changed from Catfish to Oregon.

Today there are several small businesses, a restaurant, a convenience store and a nearby super market. If one mentions "Oregon Dairy," most people have a general idea of where we live.

The group of people assembled for the picnic contained not only some older residents but also many young people and children.

Pa. Farm Vacation Bureau Open For Membership

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - The Pennsylvania Farm Vacation Bureau is a non-profit association that has been organized to promote, educate and improve the understanding between rural and urban families by opening their homes for guests. The members of the association are actively engaged in farming and derive a

A Neighborhood Watch has been established and there is a camaraderie among the residents. Even though our dairy farm is on the outskirts of the village, I feel a kinship as I've always lived in the neighborhood.

percentage of their annual income from their farming operation.

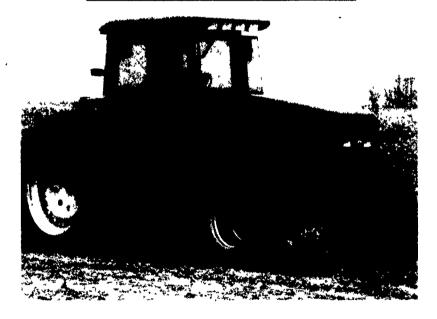
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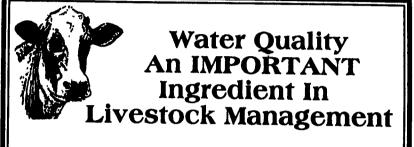
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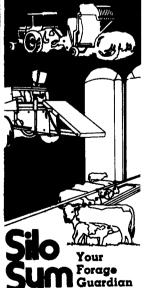
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