



## Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

Even though I'm indoors most of the time in winter, I still find plenty of things to do. My flower plants, that are all over the house, always seem to need water. And, if they are covered with blossoms, eventually they will drop those flowers and I will have to pick them up.

It is a season to invite others to share meals with us. After all a big

roast chicken seems like a lot for two people. Likewise, a pig stomach meal is a good excuse to invite a sister for dinner. Then, of course, I must bake a large apple cake for dessert.

Last week I sorted some boxes of books and we put them in the new bookcase. One of the books looked very interesting and so I read it over a period of several

days. The embroidered pillowcases that I stamped are almost finished. But, I ran out of a special shade of green thread and will have to try and buy some more.

Occasionally, I'll get our grandchildren for a few hours. When one is three years old and the other two months old, they have different needs. It is very nice when my husband is home and can help me keep them happy.

One son brought us a large plastic playhouse with a slide at Christmas time and we have it in the basement along with a scooter and my old express wagon for the grandchildren. I could not count the number of games and puzzles that fill an old empty television cabinet. Just keeping the pieces where they belong is a job. The story books that our six children used are not in very good condition but they still serve their

purpose.

It is nice to have at least two of our eleven grandchildren nearby.

Too soon winter will be over and I'll have peas and beans to pick again.

## New Holland To Hold Vegetable Day

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Tomatoes, pumpkins, herbs, honey bees tailgate markets, and greenhouses will be just a few of the topics covered at the annual New Holland Vegetable Day sponsored by the Eastern Lancaster County School District Adult Farmer Program. The meeting will be held on February 21, however the location this year has been changed to St. Stephen United Church of Christ on Main Street in New Holland. The program

will begin at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts. The program will feature several concurrent sessions that farmers can choose from. Concurrent sessions will include topics on tomato production, greenhouse production, biodegradable mulches, weed and disease management, herb production, vegetable marketing, pumpkin production, and honey bee management. Speakers will include Penn State Extension Specialists, Maureen Rogers of Herbal Connection, Scott Kulp from Landis Supermarkets, and Dan Marini from Zeneca Ag Products.

The program will feature two general sessions, Dr. Alan MacNab from Penn State will discuss his 1993 research on vegetable diseases. Dr. Otho Wells from the University of New Hampshire will discuss High Tunnel Production of Vegetables. High tunnels can produce vegetables earlier and with less disease pressure than conventional production techniques.

Credits toward pesticide recertification will be awarded to those with Private Applicator Licenses. Up to one core and four category credits will be offered. Be sure to bring your current private applicator license with you. A special session for those needing category 21 credits for Soil Fumigation will be held in the afternoon.

Lunch will be available for a nominal cost. The meeting will be held in the education wing of the church. Car parking is available at the church. Farmers with teams can park downtown at the public hitching rails. For more information contact Jeff Stoltzfus at (717) 354-1522.

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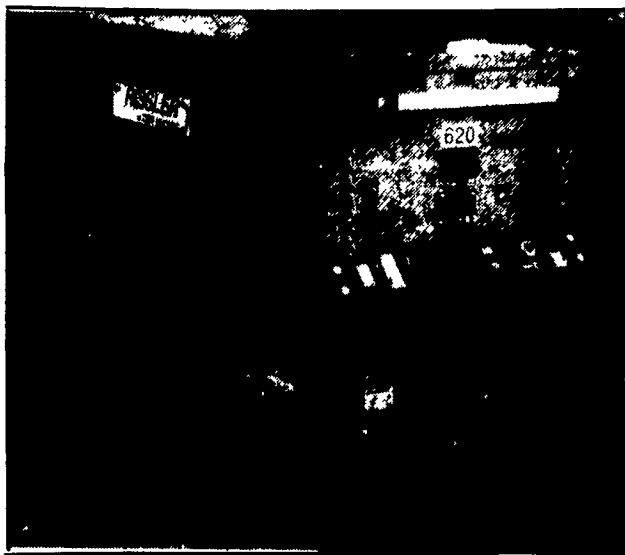
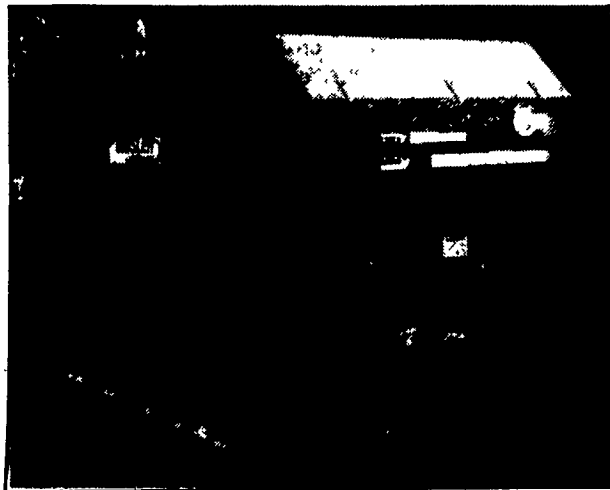
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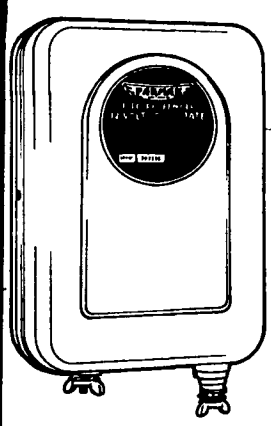
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