



Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

Recently, I had a visit from a mother and her grown son. The reason that they came was because I'd told them that I had letters that their husband and father wrote to me during World War II. There were some 60 of them written from training camps in the U.S. and from overseas.

During that war, I worked for a farm organization where 90% of

the employees were men. So, I wrote to the young men and they answered my letters as it seems that they really looked forward to mail call. Many are short notes containing very little news. While some were censored and words were blacked out.

This winter, after rereading most of them, I phoned the survivors of the servicemen and so far

only two parties have come to claim their relatives letters. I shall keep the rest a while longer.

People complain of animals eating their garden plants but one does not know how they feel until the same thing happens to you. The other night we went to cover our tomato plants and found nothing to cover. It was dusk and after searching I discovered some one-inch stubs. I'd thought that with a lot of cats around no rabbits would dare venture into my garden. I was wrong.

On a happier note, our daughter in Texas surprised me with a big bouquet of flowers on May Day. When she was a child living at home, she always picked flowers and lay them at the front door on May first. Then she knocked and ran away to hide and watch my surprise when I opened the door and found no one there. It is certainly nice to be remembered.

Dauphin County Seeks Pageant Candidates

ELIZABETHVILLE (Dauphin Co.) — The Dauphin County Dairy Promotion Committee is searching for candidates for Dairy Princess, Dairy Maid and Little Dairy Miss.

The Dauphin County Dairy Princess Pageant will be held on Friday, June 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the

Agricultural Resources Center, Route 225, Dauphin.

To obtain an application form, or to receive more information, contact Tonya Scholl, chairman, at R.D. 1 Box 305, Elizabethtown, PA 17023. Or phone Tonya at (717) 362-8158. Deadline for applications is May 31.



HAPPENINGS

An election of officers and the regular monthly meeting of the Lancaster County 4-H Horse Production Club will be held May 16 at the home of Samara Shuster-Edelson, 2001 Sonora Lane, Manheim, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Production Horse 4-H is open to any youth between the age of 8 and 19 who has a horse or pony under the age of three years. Production 4-H teaches youth the skills needed in properly raising, training, and showing a young horse or pony. Each youth has the opportunity to show his or her animal in a county production roundup with possibilities or competing on the district or state level of competition.

For more information about the club, contact organizational leader Tammy Long, at (717) 665-7626 (daytime) or (717) 627-2837 (evenings).

North Mountain 4-H Community Club

A new 4-H community club has formed in the North Annville Ono, Waterworks, Bellgrove area.

Meetings are held the last Monday night of each month at the Waterworks firehall off of Thompson Avenue.

At the Monday, April 25 meeting, 48 members were present. Games and mixers were enjoyed by everyone 20 minutes before the meeting began.

The meeting was called to order by vice president Natalie Funck. Secretary's report was read and roll call was taken.

Report was given by Lori Hossler for Petting Zoo at the County Club. Rollerskating report by Melissa Hitz: 75 attended, had a great time getting to know on another. Cookies sold by the club was more than 1,100 boxes.

Cindy Funck explained hands-on-training for demonstrations April 27. Woodworking, vet science, vegetables & gardening, and sewing are among some of the new projects.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone. The next 4-H meeting will be held on May 23 from 6:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Somerset County 4-H

The thirtieth annual Somerset County 4-H Public Speaking Contest was conducted Wednesday evening, April 27, at St. Peter's School in Somerset. Fifty-five members participated in the event — 35 in the junior division and 20 in the senior division.

Junior division finalists were Vincent Barbera, Alison Beeghy, Lacey Coleman, Midni Countryman, Jennifer Maul, Samantha Maust, and Elise Melvin.

Senior division finalists were Karen Rhoads, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rhoads, and Michele Countryman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Countryman. They will compete at the State 4-H Days contest at The Pennsylvania State University held August 2-4.

Other senior division finalists were Andrea Blough, Jeff Knotts, Laura Miller, Natalie Welch, Lauren Lynch, and Gina Reynolds.

Judges for the evening's competition included Robert Antram, Annette Barbera, Frank Famariss, Janet Hay, Richard Kaufman, Mr. & Mrs. David Laczynski, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Ludy, and Kurt Walker.

Junior leaders who served as room chairmen were Andy Barron, Jason Baughman, Jennifer Black, Valerie Castro, Ryan Schmuck, Michele Shaffer, and Melissa Spory.

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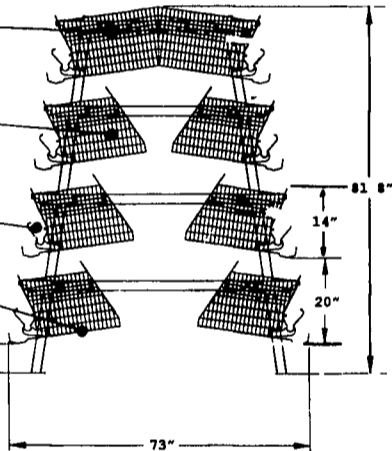
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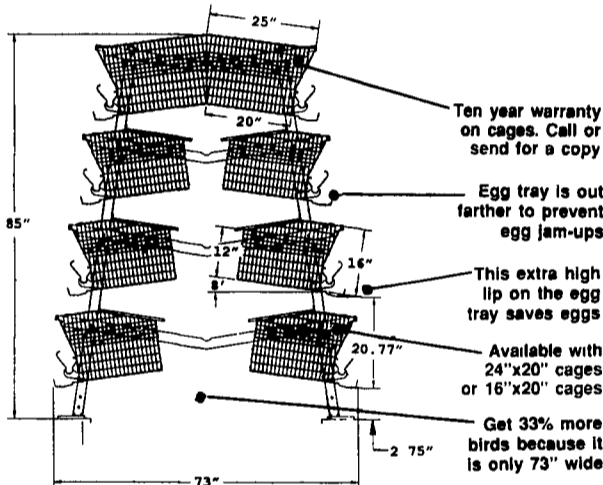
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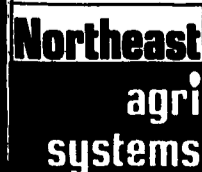
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