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Branchville, New Jersey. Her parents, Jake and Sally Tanis, own Ideal Holsteins, a 200-cow and replacement herd which includes the full capacity milking herd of 85. Rachel's older brothers Jacob, 23, and Adam, 22, farm the Ideal herd also.

"When I was real little I didn't want to have anything to do with animals," Rachel says. But that certainly has changed. She has experience showing 4-H beef and pigs, but her dairy ribbons, plaques, and trophies steal the show — the 1993 PA Farm Show Grand Champion of the Junior Division, Junior Champion fitter awards, Junior Champion showman awards, county Milk, Fat, Protein Awards, Junior All Pennsylvania Awards, Breeder of Excellent Cow award, and Junior Progressive Breeder Award.

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"I don't like doing things half way," Tanis says. Since her May 26th coronation, Tanis has visited Altoona's Lakemont Park on Dairy Day, visited preschools, spent two days at the Special Olympics, promoted dairy products at Burkholder's Market, visited the Logan Grange, and the Boalsburg Memorial celebration.

"I hope to see and meet a lot of people," says this part-time Penn State student. "I want kids to know they grow on it (milk). And I've learned a lot."

Tanis may be learning a lot, but she's also giving a lot. She's out at the barn at 5:30 every morning to milk and feed calves. Her dairy princess activities are usually scheduled for mid-day, and her spare time is spent helping young 4-H'ers with their calf projects because, says Tanis, she doesn't want them to lose interest.

Tanis expects a very busy year combining her dairy princess schedule with her showing schedule. But when her year is finished, Tanis plans to continue to be a spokesperson for the dairy industry and its wholesome products — as a full-time dairy and animal science major at Penn State with a minor in communications.



## Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

Summer is the time for traveling and vacations. Thus several grandchildren have come to the farm with their families.

One Georgia family started off their week's visit with an ice cream party at our home for some friends. Our freezer had not been used for ages. The first ice cream was hand-cranked but the next two batches were made the easy way in an electric freezer loaned by our son.

You can look at and play with calves, cats, and a puppy just so long and then other entertainment is necessary. I had the opportunity to go along with them to two local museums. The Heritage Center of Lancaster County is located in a building on Lancaster Square while Landis Valley Museum is in the country and consists of many

buildings where various trades are demonstrated. We saw the raw flax plants transformed into thread and then woven into materials for clothing and bedspreads just as they did long ago.

The Conestoga wagon was used to convey flour, whiskey, butter, cheese, fur, corn and bacon to Philadelphia. On the return trip it brought gunpowder, spices, salt, tea, coffee, tools, sugar, and molasses to Lancaster County.

One day we traveled to New Jersey to visit another daughter. They have a large swimming pool, which was a big attraction for the adults and the children. The water was too warm as this was a very hot week. On the way home the children slept on their grandmother's lap.

No trip would be complete

without a visit to Hershey's Chocolate World. They told me this too was a hot trip but ice cream cones helped them cool off a little bit.

On their way from Georgia, they bought a basket of peaches for us and now I had better can them before they become too ripe.

## Get MOOVin' with Milkshakes!

You Ask ? ? ?  
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? ? You Answer

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**QUESTION** — Anna Newswanger, 185 S. Pool Forge Rd., Narvon, PA 17555, would like to purchase the book "Ada and the Wild Duck," by Edith Brecht. Please state price when answering.

**QUESTION** — D. Newsom, Cooperstown, N.Y., would like to know where to find kegs for Saint Bernards to wear around their necks. He needs real kegs, not miniature knick-knacks, that live Saint Bernards wear.

**QUESTION** — D. Newsom, Cooperstown, N.Y., would like to buy an Aladdin Lamp that is either electric or oil or kerosene, but not the Aladdin mantle type. He wants the shape, the kind rubbed for a wish in the story of the Magic Lamp.

**QUESTION** — D. Newsom, R. 2, Box 530 Copperstown, N.Y. 13326-9606, would like to purchase soft fake fur or plush large pieces in 6 to 8 yard lengths. Can be new or used. Send source and price.

**QUESTION** — A subscriber from Lehighon would like to know where to purchase plastic lids for soft plastic quart containers for freezing produce. If lids cannot be purchased separately, where can she purchase wholesale a case of plastic quart containers.

**QUESTION** — Nancy Cummings, Bolivar, would like to know why celery plants go to seed. She has grown celery all her life and the last two years, some of the plants go to seed instead of developing a nice stalk.

**QUESTION** — M. Carver writes: What a surprise in our garden when we discovered the local nursery supplied us with cabbage plants instead of brussel sprouts. We would like to know how they are handled while fresh and also a pepper slaw recipe for canning or other recipes for cabbage. Please check pages B 6 and B 8 this week for recipes.

**ANSWER** — A reader from Thorton wrote that families of Canadian geese have taken residence in their pond. How can the geese be encouraged to leave the pond? Thanks to E.L. Cehula of Phoenixville for suggesting the following: First you must love dogs. Get a border collie, which is born with an instinct to herd. With a little training and your time, the dog can be taught to patrol the pond by herding the geese into the water and keeping them there. In order to dry off, the geese will fly up and if they return, the dog will once again chase them into the water. When they find out they cannot get out to dry off or graze, the geese will leave. Make sure all goslings are ready to fly before using the dog as a guard. Always praise your dog and reward him with a treat. A border collie is always eager to please and will reward you with much devotion and tireless work.

**ANSWER** — Barb Gayman wanted more explicit instructions for a question she had asked previously. She asked what to do about food sticking to the plastic trays of her food dehydrator. Thanks to Eva Brubaker, Myerstown, who said that Original Pam No-Stick Cooking Spray, no substitutions, works.

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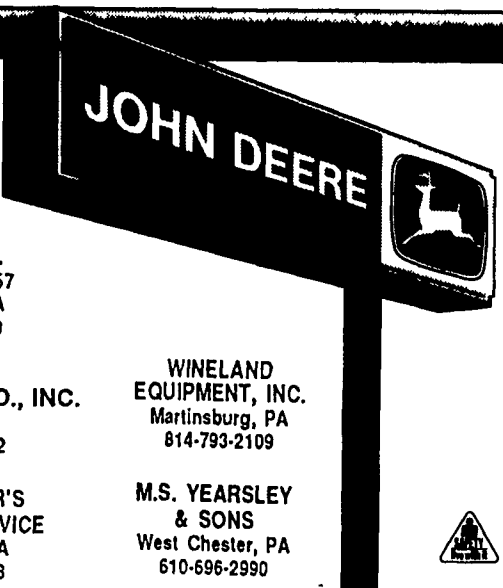
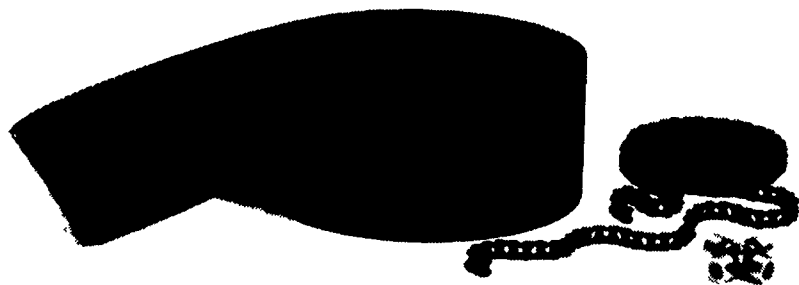
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