Ida's Notebook by Ida Risser

My living room is full of books and flowers. The impatiens and begonias have lots of red and bright pink flowers. It seems that every few days they need water as the bay window faces south and they get lots of sun. However, I do enjoy the bright colors all winter long.

Now the books, magazines, and newspapers keep piling up as usual. As I love to read, I hate to throw them away before I've looked at them. Some sections of the Sunday paper never do get looked at and eventually get pitched when we get visitors.

One reader of this paper sent me a book that she had enjoyed. And, a man from Massachusetts sent me a magazine about cranberry harvesting. Maybe after Christmas I'll get to reading it some

Speaking of Christmas, last week I helped to make 100 paper angels as favors for a banquet. We used gold crinkled paper and tiny gold beads for the head and hands.

Agri-Women Hold Convention

TIGARD, Oregon - American Agri-Women celebrated their 20th Anniversary at this year's annual convention, hosted by Ore-Women for Agriculture,

Several of us worked together and finished in short order. Now my problem is getting a good idea for decorating the two tables that have been assigned to me. I think that I'll start with some of my own evergreens and holly plus red ribbon.

We expect to go to a Christmas tree farm for our tree. Last year we found that the fresh-cut tree lasted very long. Our tree will need to be a small one as I put it on a chest that faces a big window. First thing that I must do is empty the chest top of 15 pictures of family members. I hope that I can find an empty drawer to put them in temporarily. Things do seem to get rearranged over this season but we look forward to having a lot of

November 10-14. Participants from across the U.S. gathered to reflect upon the strength of AAW; a group that has grown from a few concerned farm wives to more than 50 state and commodity affiliates throughout the nation today, with the newest affiliate Ohio Holstein Women.

Ardath DeWall, AAWs current President stated, "Our members have celebrated our successful history and look forward to implementing our new strategic plan in 1995. Some of AAW's goals for the coming year are to implement new alliances, increase our efforts to inform all segments of our society about the economic significance of American agriculture and to become a potent force in shaping proactive policies for agriculture in the future. "In addition, two new national officers were elected; Jeraldine Mulkey from Monmouth, Oregon will serve as Secretary and Kathyrn Alder of Melba, Idaho will be Vice President of Education.

Alston Chase, noted environmental writer and scholar addressed the group about the need for MW members to "become involved in shifting the nation's environmental policy away from an elitist, class war ideology toward a more scientifically sound and pragmatic approach that recognizes the significant role that humans have always had in shaping the landscape."

Dr. Fred Obermiller, an agricultural economist from Oregon State University and expert on land use stressed a need to break the "unholy trinity" of current environmental policy, by requiring mandated funding for new regulations and laws, requiring cost/benefit/risk analysis of new environmental proposals as well as fair compensation for any government "taking" of private property.

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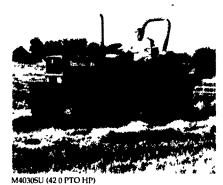
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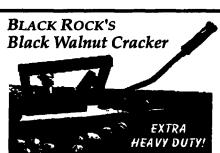
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