

**Ida's  
Notebook**  
by  
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As summer draws to a close, we attended one last picnic. This one was a community picnic held at a local church grounds.

The village of Oregon has banded together to accomplish things for the good of the community. They have a crime watch and are hoping they can remain a small village with a friendly atmosphere.

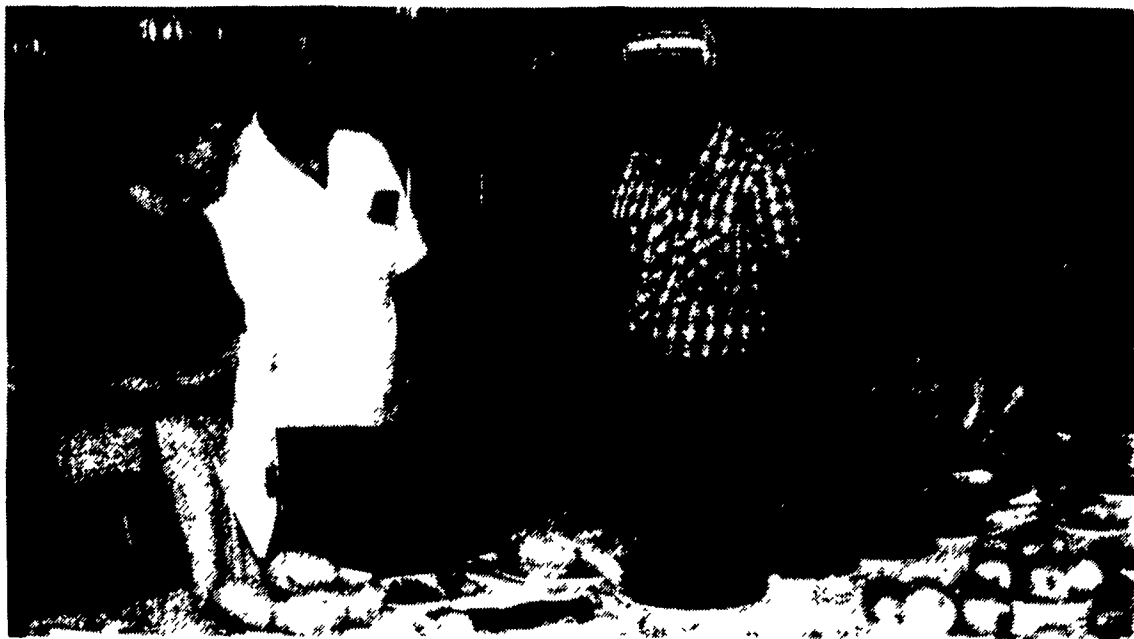
At one time it was a bustling stop on the Reading to Lancaster road. It had a store, a post office, cigar manufacturing, shoe maker and blacksmith shops, butcher shops and a grist mill. Now it boasts a nice restaurant, some shops, a bed and breakfast and the mill turned into offices. There is always pressure to develop the surrounding area. But the residents hope to keep it a small, quiet village.

As the leaves begin to fall off the trees, we finish some of the last jobs in our gardens. My husband is making supports for his new red raspberries and I'm picking lots of lima beans. This year I planted three kinds and the pole limas, that grow on a permanent fence, are doing fine. We even managed to run out of plastic freezer containers and had to buy some for the sweetcorn.

I've been able to give some of my many tomatoes away. When I went to my Bible Study group last week, I took not only big tomatoes but also a quart and a pint of cherry tomatoes. They are nice-sized and

very sweet so they were picked up quickly.

Soon we can remove the air conditioner from the window and I'll put an extra blanket on the bed as the temperature drops into the 40s in the morning. Our two maple trees will shortly have orange and red leaves again.



Carl Kauffman, center, tells visitors at the Solanco Fair how he raised these picture-perfect peppers for competition. Kauffman, a former farmer, said that he didn't water the sweet peppers despite dry weather conditions, but he did use a commercial fertilizer. To enjoy peppers year-round, Kauffman chops the peppers and freezes until ready to use.

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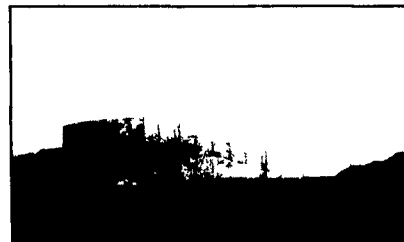
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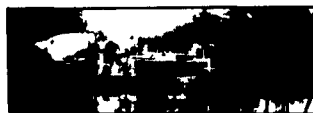


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