


**Ida's Notebook**  
by  
**Ida Risser**



Usually I'm not at a loss for words, but the other week I lost my voice completely. I could barely whisper and within five days I was to be the liturgist in our church. So I read and reread the chapter that I was to read aloud and hoped for the best. In fact I was so intent on whether or not my voice would come back that I completely forgot that I also had to give two prayers. Not until almost the moment of my rising and speaking did I remember. So, I had to improvise as I had not planned ahead. It was an anxious moment.

Due to our wet weather, we have an ample supply of rhubarb. In fact, I have so much that I've been sharing with my neighbors. The price in the local grocery store was 50 cents a stalk. At that rate the 40 stalks I pulled to freeze would have been worth twenty dollars. However, I know that they barely pay half of that price if I try to sell it to them.

My sister gave us a few roots three years ago and I think they all grew. Now she is moving and I'll share some with her. One neighbor made a pie and another tried to

make sauce like her mother made. It was very easy to freeze as it does not need to be blanched like other vegetables.

Do you like water cress? If you do you ought to try growing some garden cress. It is a good substitute and can be harvested in 10 to

14 days. It can be cut and recut as it grows back. I usually let some plants give seed heads and therefore have new seed for the next year.

Long ago a relative gave me some scallions that can be planted in the garden and then forgotten.

They have small onions at the top of their stems in the summer. These fall to the ground and replant themselves. Then in March they are ready to pull and eat as green onions. Now that is the kind of vegetable I like—one that tends itself.



**JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH**



**Youth Schooling Horse Show**  
Backtrackers 4-H Horse and Pony Club of Northampton County is sponsoring an Open Youth School Horse Show on Saturday, June 1.

The show will be held at the Northampton County 4-H Center, Nazareth, at 9 a.m.

This show is open to any youth between the ages of 8-19. It will offer walk-trot, open, jumping and Gymkhana classes throughout the day. Each class is \$5 per entry and day rates will be offered.

This show is offered as a learning experience for the youth of the area. Jan Thomas will be judging. It will be an informal show. Appropriate riding boots and hard hats are required. No T-shirts are allowed. Neat, but not formal dress is required. Entrants will receive help and encouragement throughout the event. Ribbons and awards will be given in each class.

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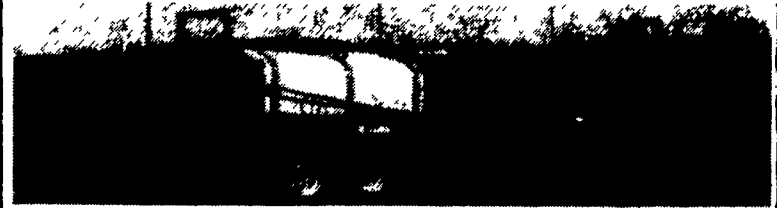
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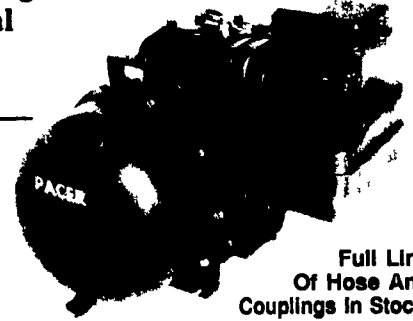
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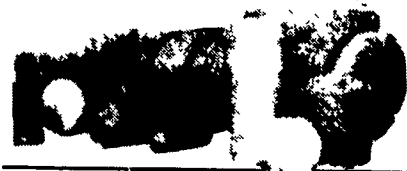
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