

**Ida's
Notebook**
by
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We are about to start a new year!
It is a time to reflect on the past and
plan for the future.

Our church has published a
booklet on the "Hallelujah" mo-

ments of some of its members. There are moments in all of our lives when we want to shout "Hallelujah." Other times, we only realize later what an important moment we just had.

By reading these pages we get to know other folks better as we share in their lives. Some tell of experiences with health problems, family problems and being close to nature.

Recently, I was hunting a small book but I could not locate it even though I was sure that it was in our bookcase. So, I began to remove some of the old books. And, I do mean old ones as many were school books from 1850s, 1870s and 1890s. Geography maps in those books do not look like today's maps. The illustrations in history books were very unusual too.

One book that interested me was my grandmother's dictionary printed in 1859. I'm told that she was the only pupil in the school who owned a dictionary. In this book is a small piece of lace, a snip of blond hair, some foil and pressed clover leaves.

Often the scraps of paper in old books are more interesting than the books themselves. Yes, I found the small book. It is only two inches by three inches — no wonder it was lost.



Hans Herr FFA

Two Lancaster Mennonite High School FFA teams received awards at career development events held in conjunction with the 69th National FFA Convention, Nov. 14-16, in Kansas City, Mo.

The farm business management team received a silver medal. Hans Herr Chapter team members include Tim Charles, son of David and Martha Charles, Lancaster; Jeff Nissley, son of Melvin and Marilyn Nissley, Middletown; David Smoker, son of Paul and Doris Smoker, Oxford; and Mitch Shellenberger, son of Harold and Cindy Shellenberger, Mount Joy.

The livestock team received a bronze medal. Team members are Andre Beiler, son of Clair and Verna Beiler, Paradise; Darren Martin, son of Gerald and Carolyn Martin, Ephrata; Kevin Smoker,

son of Kenneth and Joyce Smoker, Parkesburg; and Keith Weaver, son of Earl and Marilyn Weaver, New Holland. Teacher Lehman Metzler is the FFA adviser.

**Cedar Crest Participates
In National**

Marketing Activity

The Cedar Crest FFA Chapter is participating in the National FFA Organization's Commodity Marketing Activity.

The Commodity Marketing Activity is an integrated classroom and real-life activity that helps students gain a realistic commodity marketing experience. Teams of students are given a model farm with corn, soybeans, wheat, soybean meal, cattle, hogs, cotton, orange juice and sugar.

Team members decide when to buy and sell these products to achieve the greatest economic gain. Orders are called to a commodity broker and the trade is recorded. Real prices and market conditions are experienced but no money is exchanged. Each FFA chapter may have up to six teams each consisting of 3-6 members.

The team, which earns the highest combined total in trading and test scores, will receive a state winner plaque and a \$100 or \$300 scholarship to be divided among team members depending on the number of teams participating from each state.

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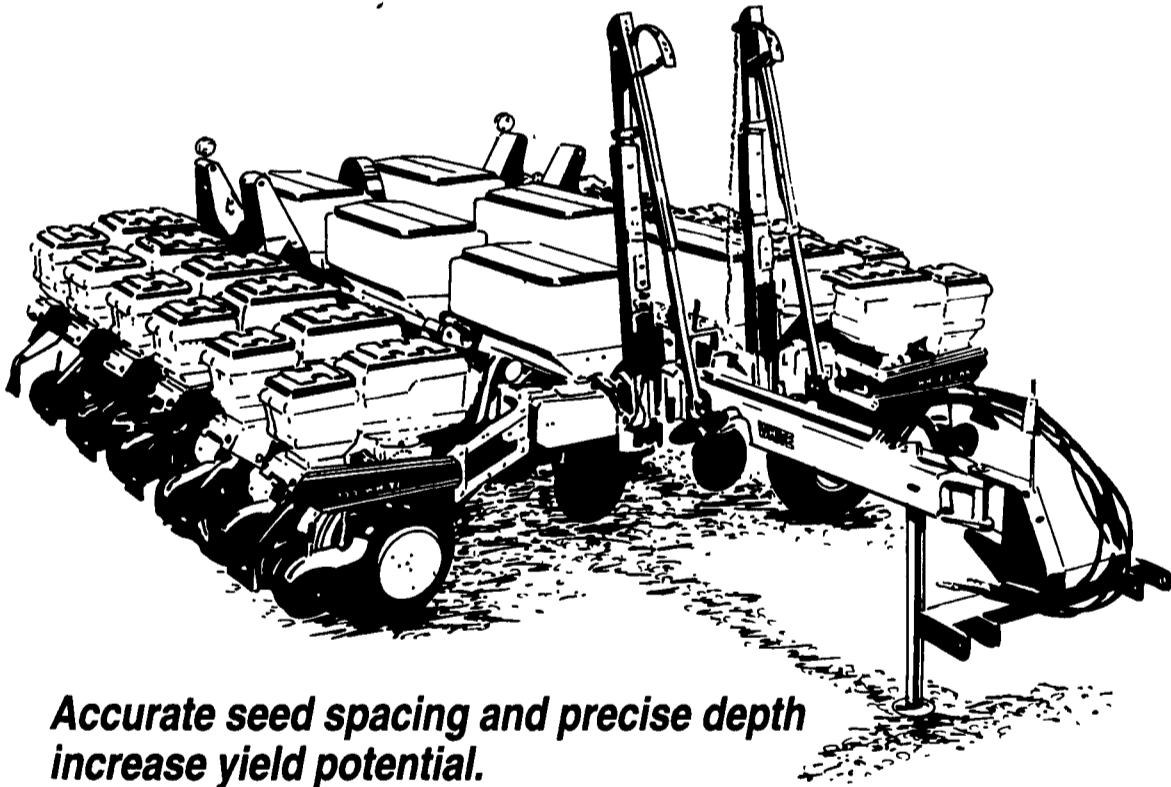
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