Many of our friends and relatives eat at restaurants quite often. We sit at our kitchen table day after day. However, the other week we had a wedding anniversary and so we did eat lunch away from home. My usual order is seafood as at home we have beef, pork or chicken. We also attended a banquet in Lancaster the same week. What a treat to have someone wait on me for a change.

Sometimes in the fall, I've put cherry tomato plants in pots in the house. But, even though they bloomed, they did not bear. So, this year I didn't bother with them. However, some seeds came up in the flower pots and I remembered what a reader of Lancaster Farming told me years ago. He said, "You must brush the blossoms with a bunny tail." I did that and now I'm waiting for the green tomatoes to ripen.

The tree trimmers for the electric power company have visited our farm recently and trimmed many trees as the 19 summer cottages along the Conestoga River all have

electricity and they are built in the woods. Even some of our big walnut and cherry trees have fallen to their chain saws. Because it takes so long for a tree to grow, I hate to see them destroyed.

Years ago I was provoked at my father as he cut down a big row of trees. You see these trees had bittersweet vines growing on them. In the fall he sold bunches of bittersweet on the Northern Market in Lancaster. That is, he did, if people didn't come and steal all of them. One day he decided that he had had enough trouble and he destroyed everything. If he could not have the berries, then no one else would either.

We had a very large sweetgum tree in the middle of a field and when we started to farm here, my husband decided that it spoiled too many crops and so he cut it down. A big oak was a landmark on my parents farm but now it too has gone the way of old trees. Even a large black cherry tree that my sister climbed was rotted away. Nothing lasts forever.

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