

Ida's Notebook

by
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We have had a cool and dry spring in our area. Things grow rather slowly in cool weather, but my husband still brings me a bunch of asparagus each morning. It seems that I got overly anxious and put some house plants in the corner of the garden where they froze. Maybe I had better wait a

while before putting more outside.

My iris were very weedy as they were not taken care of last summer. So, we've had piles and piles of weeds and I'm afraid that there will not be many blossoms even though I have hundreds of plants. The garden cress is bearing a lot of lacy, fine leaves. The

neighbors are helping me to use it as they make a lot of salads.

Because some fruit trees died, Allen bought another cherry and another pear. He tells me that the quince is full of blossoms. He even ordered two small papaw trees that will take years to bear. But, that is okay as I have big trees that my father helped me to plant 25 years ago. They do drop their fruit and if I don't watch carefully an animal will eat them overnight.

This spring we planted a row of small dogwoods on our hillside. Nearby are newly purchased black walnut trees which are doing fine. The other day we tried to transplant some hollyhocks. They had grown together as I planted them too close to each other. Now they are wilting. Not everything works out as we wish.

Quilt Show Features Luncheon, Flowers

MECHANICSBURG (Cumberland Co.) — Mechanicsburg Museum Association (MMA) invites area quilt enthusiasts to its annual Quilt Show at the Freight Station Museum, 3 West Allen Street, Mechanicsburg. The exhibit will run two consecutive weekends: June 19 through June 21 and June 26 through June 28. Hours are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. except June 19, when it is open until 7 p.m. Admission is \$3.

Keepsake Quilting, a quilter's "wishbook" and a New Hampshire store, will be furnishing 36 quilts for the exhibit. Measuring 30" x 30", all the quilts are first and second place winners in the international "Keepsake Quilting Challenge." MMA is one of only two Pennsylvania organizations to exhibit the quilts.

For the third year, Penn-Cumberland Garden Club will be exhibiting pressed flowers, this year's theme being "Dinner Plates."

In conjunction with the Quilt Show, museum volunteers will be serving a "Quilt Patch Luncheon" at the Frankeberger Tavern, 217 East Main Street, on June 20, 21, 27, and 28. Advanced registration is required. Tickets are \$8.50 and include the price of admission to the Quilt Show. Call (717) 697-6088 for more information.

MMA will also be raffling the quilt, "Hunter's Star." Hand-quilted by members Sue Starr and Sue McClafferty, it is a country "homespun" quilt fashioned in red, white, and blue. Tickets are \$1. The drawing will be June 28.



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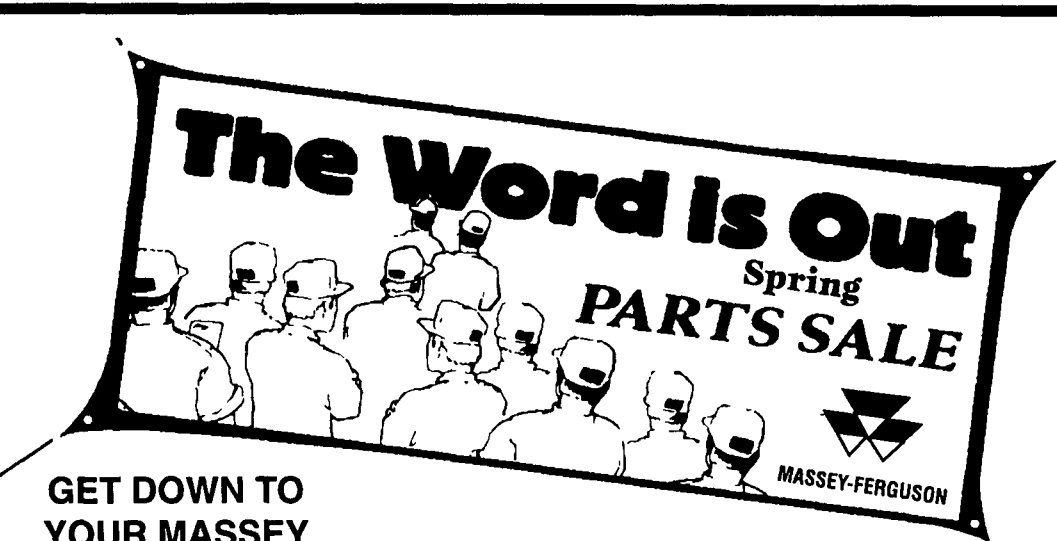
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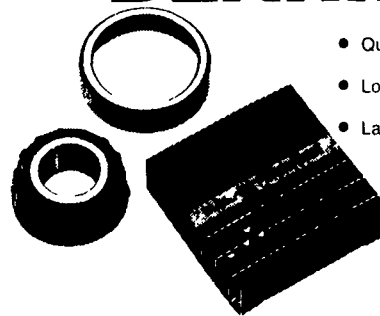
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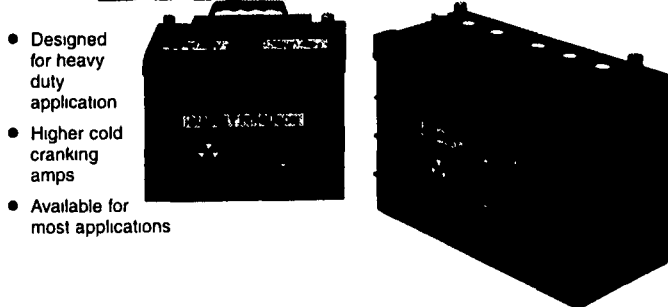
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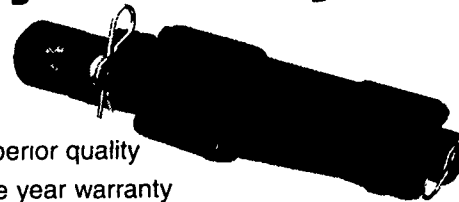
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