

**Ida's
Notebook**
by
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Over the holidays we had lots of family visit us. One night we had nine sleeping here and the next day we had 38 at a drop-in party.

The main attraction for the children was our four kittens and the snowfall. They managed to make a small snowman but the kittens were a constant attraction. They liked to bring them in the house for their dish of milk and kitten chow. We may even have managed to give one away.

One of my sisters gave me a very nice framed picture of my mother when she was only five years old. She is holding her favorite doll and is wearing high-buttoned shoes. Another framed photograph is of a family of four who live in New Jersey.

We were given enough snack food to last for several months. At least, I hope that we can stretch it out for a few weeks. This year my husband got clothing instead of me. My daughters gave gift certi-

ificates from a seed catalog and I'll certainly enjoy shopping for flowers. I have already picked out some that I want to try to grow next summer.

Our daughter's family from Georgia had to drive home through snow and ice. No wonder they like to visit in the spring and summer. But when they got home, they had five inches of snow too.

A second Habitat house has been completed by our church members and an Ethiopian family has moved in. They spent 100 hours on other people's homes and another 400 hours on their own. It was a two-year process for them but they were able to move in with their two children just before Christmas. It took commitment to stick to the job of carrying in cement blocks, hammering, sanding, and painting. They are happy to have a house of their own.

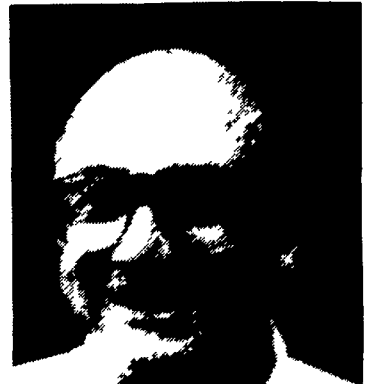


History Of Pennsylvania Barn

The Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation will present a program on the history of the Pennsylvania Barn on Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. The program will take place inside an actual 19th century Pennsylvania barn, which is used as the Lancaster County Environmental Center (above) located along Eshelman Road.

At right is Bob Ensingmer, barn expert and speaker for the event. Ensingmer will explore the origins and evolution of the Pennsylvania barn. He has researched and written extensively on barns. The program will include slides and photographs. Also available that day will be autographed copies of his book "The Pennsylvania Barn, It's Origin, Evolution, and Contribution in North America."

The program is free; however, participants are asked to preregister by contacting the Park Office at (717) 299-8215.

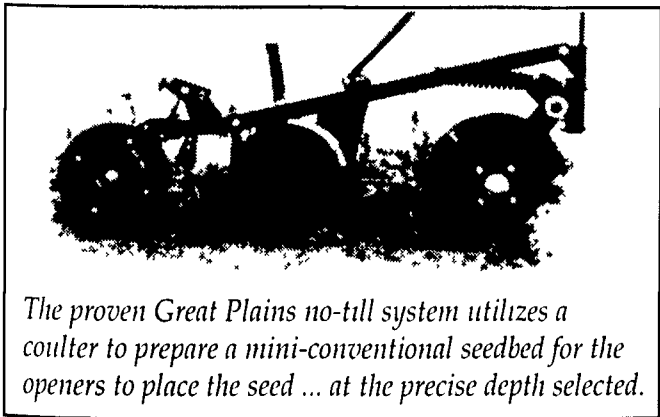


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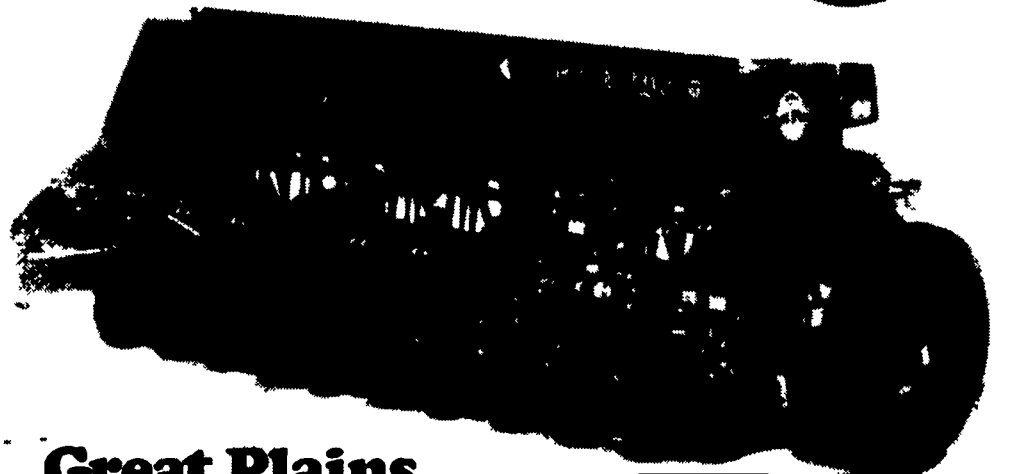
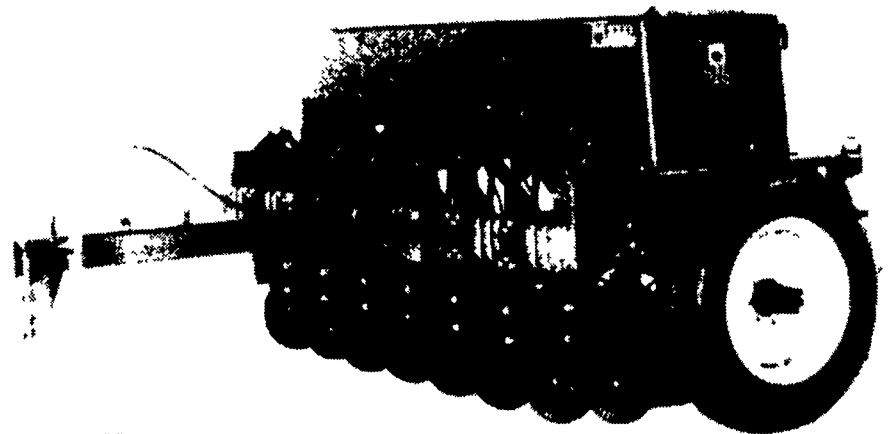
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