

Conestoga Valley Elementary Students Learn 'Caretaking'

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"A farmer provides everything a cow needs to make milk," said Dr. Peter Harris, a veterinarian from Lebanon. He told the fourth graders, "We sell milk the cheapest of any country in the world, and the cleanest of any country."



Mrs. Movak's class observes a "cow aspirin" at the Rohrer farm.

Harris, at the "Caretakers of Animals" site, said that he listens to the heartbeat of cows with a stethoscope, just like a human doctor. He also listens to the stomachs of animals. And, like humans, cows can get sick — and are given "cow aspirin" in the form of a huge

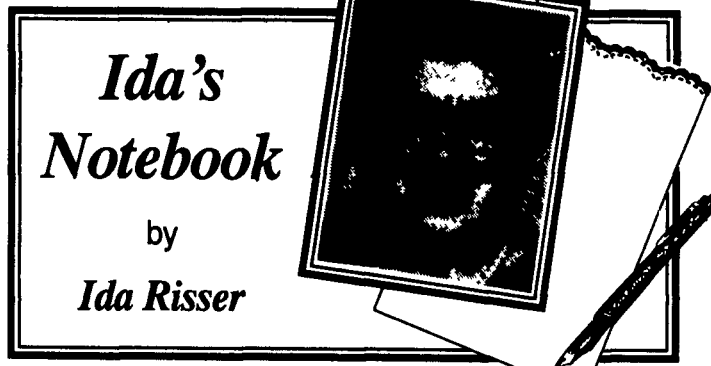
capsule when they need it. Cows even can receive a laxative and antacid, like humans, in the form of the cow capsule. Rohrer spoke about how the cows are milked using the "claw." He told them how the milk is stored in an 890-gallon tank before it is shipped to the Land O' Lakes Cooperative of which he is a member.

Alice Pennell, master gardener, brought all sorts of soil life to show the students. She showed them the "inner world" of soil compost: how it is made of worms and other bugs. The compost is made of leaves, grass clippings, and coffee grinds. She spoke about the importance of caring for the plants by supplying them with good food. Paulette Bledsoe from Upper Leacock Township spoke about how important it was to properly identify and reuse and recycle newspapers, cans, bottles, and batteries. Leon Ressler, Lancaster environmental agent, spoke about how farms are "inter-related" to the community and how decisions by both farmers and students affect the environment.

Charles Ackley of the Pequea Mill Creek Project spoke about how important soil is for the far-

mer's livelihood and how the farmer works to prevent soil erosion. John Rohrer farms with wife Bonnie, who spoke about the goodness of milk, and sons Ryan and Jason and daughters Monica and Jessica.

A similar Ag In the Classroom field day was held Tuesday at the Oregon Dairy Farm for 75 fourth grade students in the Fritz and Brownstown Elementary Schools. All are part of the Conestoga Valley School District.



Today I decided to reread my 1948 diary for the month of April. We had just moved to the farm where we spent 43 very busy years. Electricity had just been put in the house but there was no running water. One day I carried 17 buckets of water up a hill to do the washing. We took our Saturday night baths with a basin of water in the warm kitchen.

There were so many little

things to buy to start house-keeping. I put up window shades, scrubbed floors, and painted a mailbox. We got up early and went to bed late as I was also working full time at Farm Bureau in Lancaster. Allen was preparing his big sprayer to spray farmer's tomatoes and potatoes. He also helped his father, his brother, and my father to get started with spring work on their farms. My father used horses, but my husband drove his tractor to plow the land. One day he found a pheasant nest with 24 eggs in it. Now we seldom even see a pheasant on our farm.

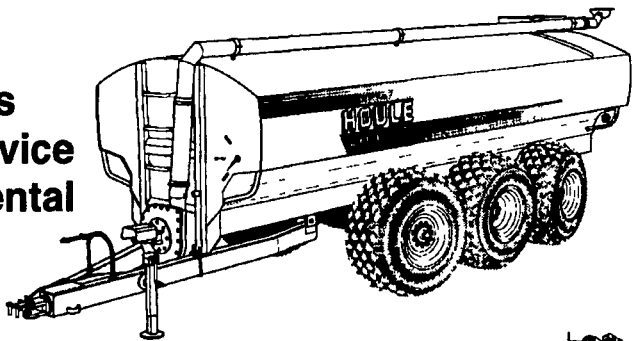
My mother sent us pig feet, scrapple, and a can of lard. Today I seldom even use lard except for pie crusts. We fished and caught 11 catfish and also dressed pigeons to eat. However, I did spend two dollars a week for groceries. Now it is 10 times that much. Allen had a cow from his home and so we had lots of milk. I made ice cream and we ate some every night before bedtime. We do not do that anymore.

Then, even as now, we tended a garden. Forty asparagus roots were planted and some strawberries too. Peas, radishes, onions, and lettuce were planted in the rich soil that was a garden for 200 years. To this day, you must hunt to find a small stone as they have been picked up over all those years.

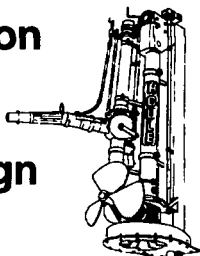
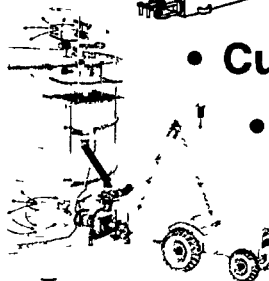
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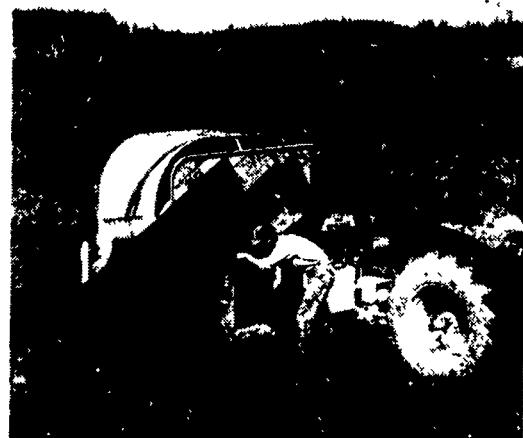
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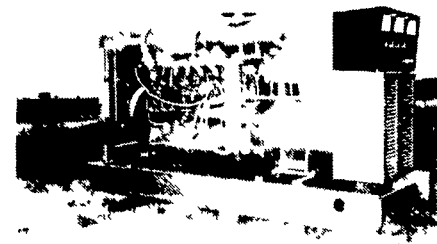


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