

Ida's Notebook

by

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Our locust trees are white with blossoms and it reminds me that long ago this was the time that my parents allowed me to go barefooted. I still enjoy doing that, but it is embarrassing to be caught on a Sunday afternoon.

I'm a lot more conscious of the hot sun than I was years ago. When I was in my teens, I babysat some young boys who swam in the Conestoga River all day long. They were accustomed to the sun but I was not and so I got a severe sunburn. There were big blisters

on my shoulders that made it difficult to wear clothes for a few days. We never even knew of sunblock lotion when I was a youngster. So, now I try to do most of my outside work in the morning. I've even bought myself a large wide brimmed straw hat. But, I must get accustomed to wearing it.

The yellow string beans that I planted the end of March did not get frozen this year and so we should have an early crop. The sugar peas are almost ready and I do enjoy the green onions that I

can pull fresh from my garden.

Today, May 30, our church will celebrate its 40th birthday and one of the first ministers will return to preach. When we started to attend this church in the 1960s, we had six children to get ready for Sunday School and our youngest was only months old. It was always a big rush to get the milking done on time for church.

Now the church has grown to almost 2,000 members. And, if you regularly attend the early service, then you barely know the folks who come to the late service. But there are so many small interest groups such as "Singles Over 60," "Men's Breakfast," "Morning Prayer," "Highlites," "Renewal Circle," and "Global Outreach." Here is where you can get to know fellow members much better.

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Judging will be based on taste appeal, creativity, ease of preparation, appearance, and the effective use of dairy products. No recipe should specify brand names, and entries must

state number servings and approximate preparation time.

Entries must be postmarked by midnight, June 2, to be eligible for the contest. Semi-finalists will be contacted to be present at the final judging which will take place June 27, at the Somerset County 4-H Center in Bridgewater.

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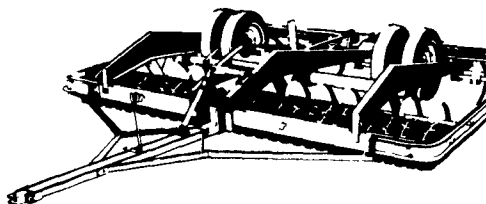
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