

Ida's Notebook

by
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Here I sit listening to the Grandfather's clock ticking away as I consider what to write about today. It is something that you will read 10 days from now.

I could mention that goldfinch that I saw eating lettuce in my garden this morning or the big flock of wild geese that flew overhead. My mind is on the dentist appointment this afternoon and that distracts me too.

Or I could mention the performance that my sister and I saw at the Fulton Theater this past week. It was called "Lancaster Speaks" and actors and actresses told of how they happened to come to our town. I expected it to be more historical, but it was well done. Afterward, we had to drive home in a rain storm—we've had several lately.

It seems that when our children call home, they always

have someplace that they are traveling in the near future. One is going to Corpus Christi, Texas, for four days with her family while another will vacation in Colorado. Our farm family expects to spend 10 days traveling to Nova Scotia. And, the New Jersey family owns a summer home near Seattle, Washington.

I have not quite traveled around the world but I have been to Europe three times and to Alaska, Hawaii, and the Caribbean plus all over America. So, my traveling days may well be behind me.

Today we'll finish picking our big crop of black raspberries. Then come the red raspberries

and also the yellow ones that look very promising. Our hull peas gave us a big crop and so did the sugar peas. For the first time this year, my husband was able to pick enough sweet, yellow cherries and sour red ones for me to can some. There is always work here at home.



JUNE DAIRY MONTH

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Liberty Youth Group, and 4-H Exchange Club.

Rounding out the dairy team in Tioga

County are dairy maids Kimberly Baker, daughter of William and Rebecca Baker; Sara Derstine, daughter of Jon and Becky Derstine; Stefanie Long, daughter of Terry and Linda Long; Veronica Miles, daughter of Kenny Miles and Elizabeth Costley; Melinda Oakley, daughter of Mark and Penny Oakley; and Crystal Smith, daughter of Paige and Roger VanRyn.

Dairy of Distinction awards were also presented at the pageant. In Tioga County, two farms received that honor this year. One was Button Hill Farm, owned by Oliver and Virginia Button and Craig and Bobbi Button of Millerton. The other award went to Heyler's Farm of Liberty. Kenny, John and Sue Heyler accepted the sign for their farm.

As a compliment to all the farmers of Tioga County, Master of Ceremonies Jim Welch repeated words he has heard from many people who have come into contact with farm youth.

"It's been said that the greatest product being produced on Tioga County Farms is their children."

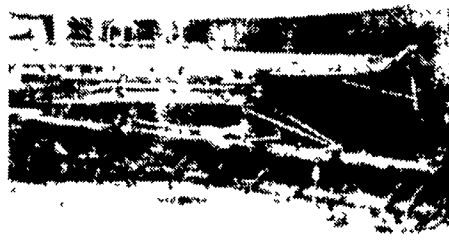
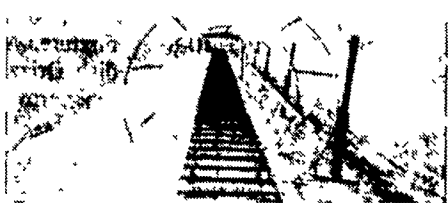
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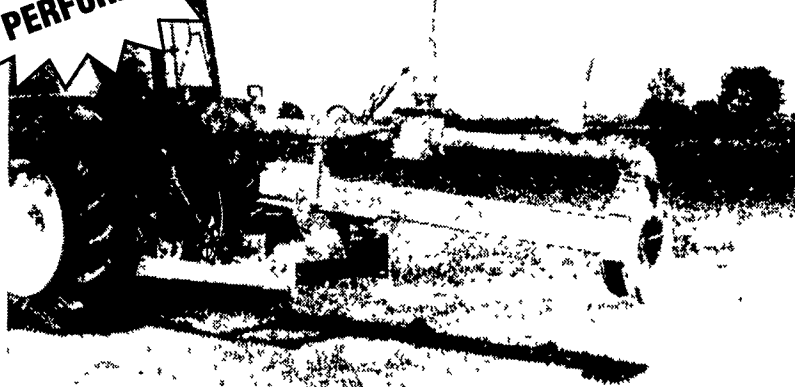
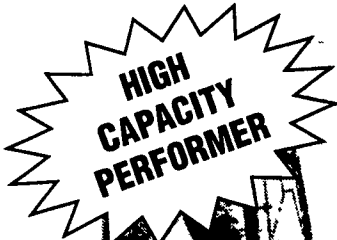
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