

# Ida's Notebook

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When my parents moved to the farm that they purchased in 1919, it was a rather simple move. They had a wagon of furniture and one of wood to cook and heat the house. Their parents gave them a few chickens plus one cow and one heifer. A load of hay and one of fodder came from his home on a neighboring farm.

There was much work to be done as fences needed repair. A

pig pen was built and potatoes were planted in the field. They had a hired boy who lived with them. My father kept record of every penny earned and every penny spent. I have the book in which he kept his records. Some money given to the young boy included: haircut 10 cents, straw hat 25 cents, poke money 10 cents, movies 6 cents, garters 10 cents, stick pin 10 cents, car fare 10 cents, pair sole shoes 20 cents

and fireworks 24 cents.

My father sold milk to Lancaster Sanitary Milk Company for prices ranging from \$2.45 to \$4.30 per hundred pound in the 1920s. The cows were kept in a meadow some distance from the barn and as a youngster I took them back and forth on a cinder road in my bare feet. They always seemed to know where the weak spot in the fence was and ran to get into the corn fields.

My father had bees and he sold honey at the Northern Market in Lancaster. As there were many walnut trees on the farm, their kernels were also sold at their market stand. My mother dressed chickens and made butter—so did I in the 1940s.

Men in the neighborhood worked for one dollar a day as they helped to thresh wheat. In September we picked up potatoes when we got home from

school. Tobacco was a money crop too. In my father's diary he tells of catching a skunk in the

tobacco cellar and selling it for two dollars. Everyday brought more work for all of us.

# 'I'm Bored'

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Once the tagged person becomes the next "It" and everyone gets a chance at some cool fun.

Family.com also offers indoor activities in the quest to help cure summer boredom.

Summer is a time to let kids minds travel and one of the site's most popular features is a summer reading list. The book list is broken into categories such as fiction and non-fiction by grade

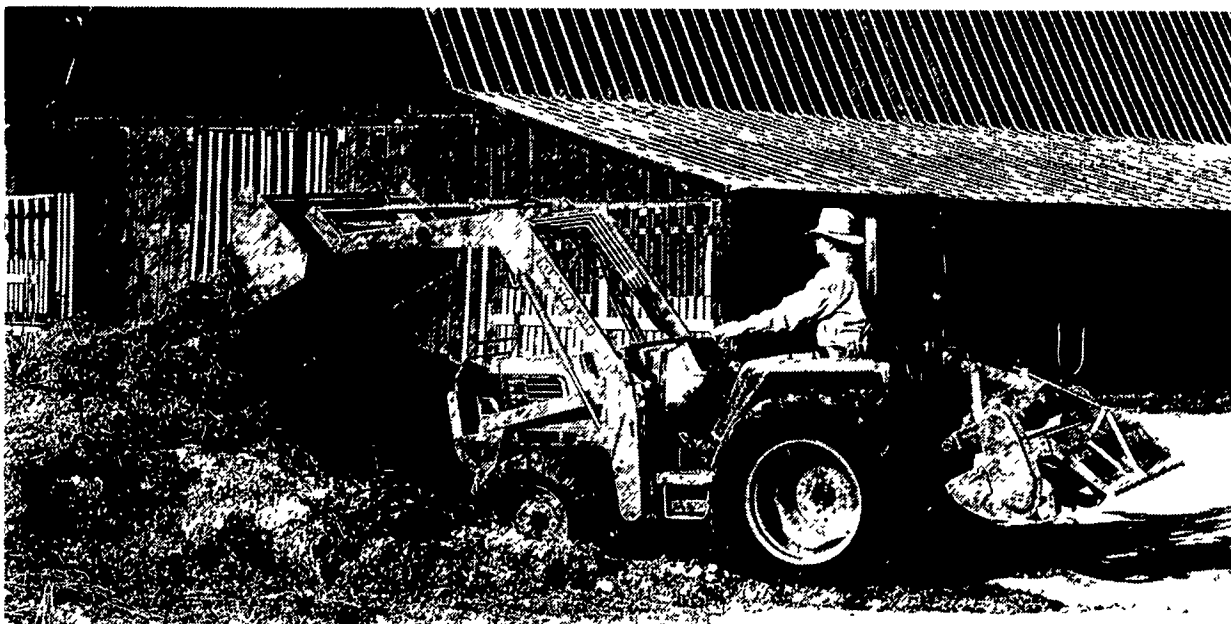
level.

The site also offers fun day trip ideas by region to help parents find out what's going on locally that their children might enjoy.

For lots and lots more easy and fun tips for children's summer enjoyment, visit [www.family.com](http://www.family.com). It may be a long time before parents hear "I'm bored" again.

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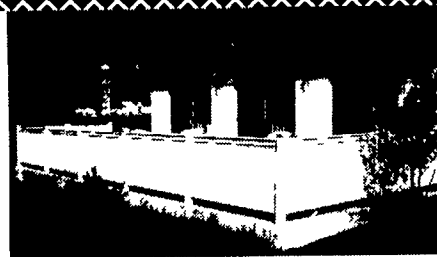


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