

Ida's Notebook

by
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Summertime is picnic time. My family has a tradition of getting together each summer. In the 70s we celebrated my father's birthday and my uncles at the same time in July. It was always held in our meadow beside the slow flowing Conestoga. At that time the

grass was clipped short as a lawn by my father's sheep. There were many trees along the bank and a small fireplace for roasting hot dogs.

Today the meadow is criss-crossed with electric fence to keep some 90 heifers where they belong. The land has eroded

along the bank and most of the trees have fallen over. People no longer swim at the nearby beach as we did at that time.

On Sundays in the 1950s our meadow had many cars parked in it as folks came to fish and also for a place that the children could swim. We charged the large sum of 25 cents for each car that drove into our meadow.

When the picnic was for my husband's family of brothers and cousins, we used the flat-bed wagon as a table. It certainly could hold a lot of food as folks came from as far away as Delaware.

This year the family picnic will be in a Community Park. There will be play equipment nearby for the children who now come from as far away as

Georgia. It will not be the tranquil setting that we enjoyed

years ago. But, the important factor is the people who attend.

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The schedule includes a junior

show on Thursday, July 8. Friday, July 9 is the open show. Saturday, July 10 is the sale.

About 150 exhibitors will bring hundreds of animals to the show, according to Roger Bowman, Lenhartsville. Bowman is a Corriedale breeder with 35 ewes. Roger's daughter, Stephanie, served as state wool queen in 1995.

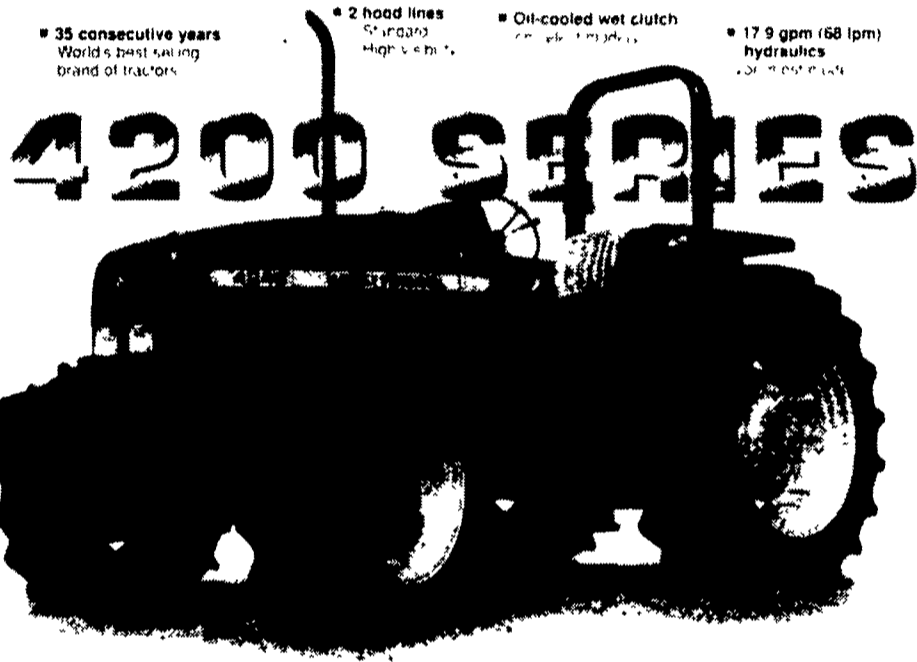
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