

Many families are sending children off to college this month. It is a busy time and many preparations are necessary.

I just read my diary from 1966 when our oldest daughter left for Alfred University in New York state. She was putting in long hours at a local drive-in to

make some money. She shopped and sewed some of her own clothes. A big box of books went along with her.

And, while her mind was on college, the other four younger children were busy at public school. Only our youngest, Cindy, was home with me. There were so many fruits to can,

clothes to iron, and beans to pick. But we did take time to go deep-sea fishing at Rock Hall, Maryland and caught 48 fish.

The men were busy baling hay and getting cows out of the river. It took a tractor to pull one out while another swam across to a neighbor's animals. Our boys opened a corn field by hand so machinery could start filling silo. Water had to be hauled as a cistern leaked and then was cemented while it was empty.

At that time I had the job of washing milk buckets and milkers everyday. This was my job for years and years. The children loved picnics and ate in the meadow along the Conestoga River. Jeffrey and Judy often baked cookies as we could not keep the jar full with so many hungry ones around.

Today we only hear about one

grandson starting Duke University in North Carolina and another granddaughter going to a governor's school in Virginia. Other younger ones

are in high school, elementary school and much younger ones in pre-school. How things change!

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The 15-mile ride will be held rain or shine, with registration from 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. and the ride beginning at 11 a.m. A rider must provide his or her own horse and be at least eight years of age to participate.

Riders are asked to collect sponsorships totaling at least \$25 or pay an entry fee of \$20 to ride. All proceeds from the Trail Ride will benefit the therapeutic riding program in Lancaster County.

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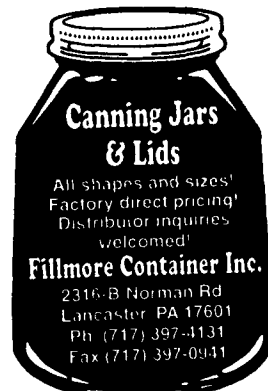
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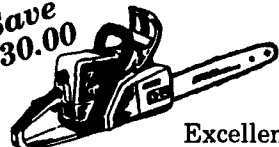
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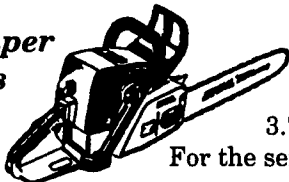


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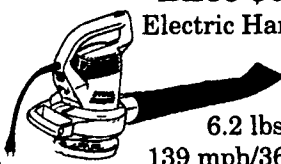
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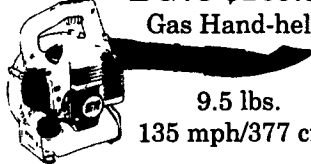


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