

Ida's Notebook

by
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all over again.

Even more interesting is how the money was doled out to him by my grandfather bit by bit. Butter was 36¢ for 2 pounds and 1 gallon of vinegar was 20¢. He bought lard for 12½¢ per pound and apple butter 12½¢ a quart. He was given small amounts of cash to go to the store for muslin, calico, shoe polish, bonnet stuff, and garters. The store was only a mile away in the village of Oregon and was owned by a Bard. It was a combination store and post office.

In today's modern world it is difficult to imagine how life was in 1885. They walked on dirt roads, they paid toll when they drove horses, they heated their houses with wood, they ate what they raised on their own land, and when they got sick, I suppose they tried Dr. Fahmer's medicine to regain their health.

"impure blood" covered all the diseases imaginable.

However, this small 1880 booklet is interesting to me because my grandfather, Benjamin Landis, kept all the records of his hired man in it. Lévi Roland worked for him by the day and each day's work is listed from April 4, 1885 to September 1. He started by plowing day after day, then hauled manure and planted corn. Later they made hay and harvested wheat. They worked with tobacco and oats and then started plowing

My ancestors certainly saved many scraps of paper. Some are recipes to improve the health of animals and some are for humans. The ingredients listed are often foreign to me.

I'm reading from a booklet handed out by a Dr. D. Fahrney & Son of Hagerstown, Maryland. They sold Health Restorer, Teething Syrup, Peerless Liniment and Syrup of Wild Cherry. Their Health Restorer will cure "all disease originating in impure blood and disordered liver." The

Active Parenting Workshop

YORK (York Co.) — Penn State Cooperative Extension will be sponsoring an Active Parenting of Teens and Preteens workshops starting Monday, October 19, 7 p.m. It will be held on six consecutive Monday evenings at Penn State Cooperative Extension, 112 Pleasant Acres Road.

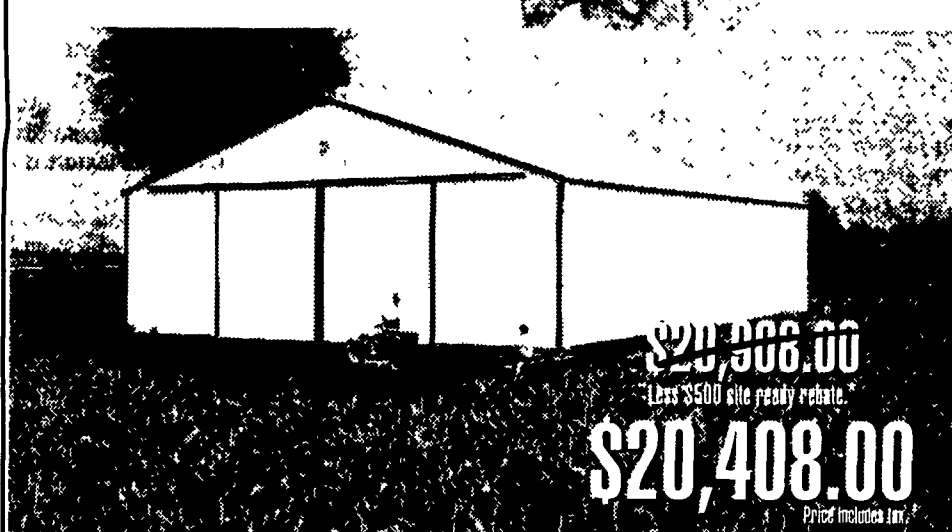
This workshop is specifically for parents of preteens and teens to help parents understand today's tough teen issues and initiate effective communication with teens. The video and group discussion will help parents learn how to "get cooperation" from your teen-ager

and avoid common teen conflicts. The sessions also addressed critical issues such as drug and alcohol use, teen sexuality, and violence. You will also learn positive parenting skills and learn what techniques to avoid. Parents tell us the skills they learned in these sessions "really work."

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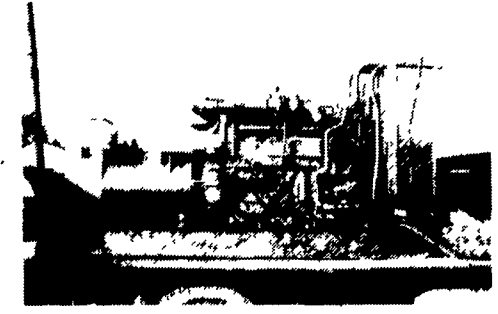
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