

**Ida's
Notebook**
by
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Last week we again had a family visit us with their children. This time the boys were preschool and needed a lot of attention. So, the family did not hunt tourist attractions. We have a large basement with a lot of toys and that kept them busy most of the time.

And, we had another family gathering while they were here. My sister, who lives in Michigan, had her children gather from three states to meet their cousins. Today's world really scatters us as we go where the jobs are. College educations help to disburse the young people all over the country.

Previously, I had an opportu-

nity to revisit The National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia, Pennsylvania. It has been expanded and renovated in the last year. The 12,000 timepieces are very attractively displayed. They range from early sundials to modern watches.

I was especially interested in the tall case clocks commonly known as Grandfather clocks. One among them was the fancifully signed Martin Shreiner clock, which was made by my three times great uncle. His children followed in his footsteps and also were clockmakers. The museum is fun and educational and has a library and research center where you can browse.

We had a lot of April showers

Hundreds of thousands - maybe even millions - of mayflies will soon be emerging from the western shores of Lake Erie.

Their number one goal? To find a mate, lay eggs, then die.

That's the reason entomologists, or people who study insects, think they all emerge at once - there's a better chance for the mayflies to find that special insect mate.

Adult mayflies are about an inch long with big wings and two or three threadlike tails. Immature mayflies, called nymphs, look very different. They are narrow, long and oval-shaped, with shovel-like front legs and seven pairs of gills on their belly. All mayfly nymphs live at the bottom of quiet bodies of water or rapidly flowing streams for about two years. They'll molt - or shed their hard shell to grow bigger - about 20 times before they change into the adult form.

Adult mayflies only survive about a day. They don't eat,

recently and my sugar peas are really growing. They are almost a foot high and are climbing up the fence that my husband put up for them.

crawl or walk; they only fly and mate within the swarms of thousands of mayflies that emerge from the water, all at the same time. Males die right after they mate. Females fly back over water and release as many as 8,000 eggs.

The eggs sink to the bottom, and, once they hatch, the whole

cycle starts all over again.

Mayflies are great food for fish and birds, they don't bite or sting, and they're a sign of clean water. But people think they're nuisances because so many die at once - if left in the sun, the mayflies begin to stink like dead fish! Scientifically yours, Twig - 30-

Orchid Show May 6-7

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) - The Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society will hold its 35th Annual Orchid Show at the Agricultural Arena on the Penn State Campus on Saturday, May 6 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show

is open to the public and admission is free.

A discussion on orchid culture and problems will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday and at 11 a.m. on Sunday. A special hour is reserved for photographers on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Orchid plants, orchid books, and potting supplies will be on sale.

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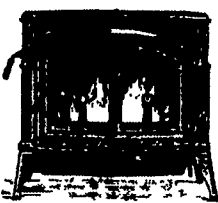
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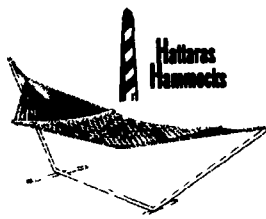
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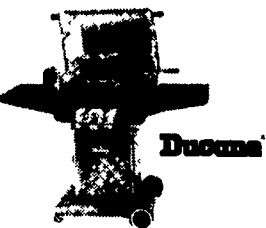
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Tomato Council Ensures Uniform Pack
The Council, the United Producers of the Eastern United States, has announced that it will be enforcing a uniform pack for tomatoes. The Council is a non-profit organization that represents the interests of tomato growers and marketers in the Eastern United States. The Council's goal is to ensure that all tomatoes are packed and marketed in a uniform manner, which will help to protect the interests of growers and consumers alike. The Council's new uniform pack will be implemented in the fall of 2000. The Council's new uniform pack will be a 5-pound pack of 18 medium-sized tomatoes. The Council's new uniform pack will be a 5-pound pack of 18 medium-sized tomatoes. The Council's new uniform pack will be a 5-pound pack of 18 medium-sized tomatoes.

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Gardener Streets Program Gives New Meaning To Colorful Gardening
The Gardener Streets Program is a new initiative that aims to promote colorful gardening in residential neighborhoods. The program involves the installation of colorful planters and signs in front of homes. The program is being implemented in various neighborhoods throughout the Eastern United States. The program is being implemented in various neighborhoods throughout the Eastern United States.

Planned, Installed Correctly, High Tunnels Benefit Growers
High tunnels are a type of covered walkway that can be used to grow crops. High tunnels can protect crops from frost and other weather conditions. High tunnels can also help to extend the growing season. High tunnels can be used to grow a wide variety of crops, including vegetables, fruits, and flowers. High tunnels can be used to grow a wide variety of crops, including vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

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