

Ida's Notebook

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When you get older, it seems that the mailman's arrival becomes more important. Maybe it is because one has more time to sit down and read the newspaper. Our mail arrives anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. That is quite a difference, and sometimes we think they forgot about us.

It is not just the mailman that

cannot be depended on, it is also general delivery. A while back a letter was returned to me a week after I mailed it to a local address. I'd forgotten to put a stamp on the envelope as usually the bank gave stamped envelopes, but I didn't notice the change. I was so glad that it did not contain payment for a credit card as then I would have had to pay extra for a late payment.

Several of my birthday cards came the week after they were mailed. Two cards mailed at the same time in the same box arrived four days apart. Sometimes it is amazing to look at the postmarks and see where the letter has traveled on its way here.

Have you noticed the methods used to get the public to buy more of a company's product? Sometimes the box of a particular product will be an ounce or two less than previous boxes — but you pay the same price. Or, a soap product will contain a very large plastic scoop to measure the powder. Previously the measuring scoop was small and that is when I began to throw away the large one. They hope we'll use more and buy more.

Due to the dry summer last year I am only picking quite small strawberries this year. But, it still takes a lot of time to go over the patch. I think that I'll be picking sugar peas into August as many of them were chewed off a few inches from the ground and are only now starting to bloom.

Fabric Donations Sought

COLLEGEVILLE (Montgomery Co.) — Fabric donations are being sought by the Montgomery County 4-H Program for the upcoming Giant Fabric Sale.

Donations will be accepted on Saturday, June 29, from 9 a.m. till noon and Friday, July 19, from 6:30-9 p.m. at the 4-H Center, located on Route 113, one mile south of Route 73, near Skippack.

The 4-H Giant Fabric Sale will take place during the Montgomery County 4-H Fair, Thursday, Aug. 8 through Saturday, Aug. 10. The actual sale hours are Thursday, 6-9 p.m.; Friday, noon-9 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. All proceeds will directly benefit the Montgomery County 4-H Center.

The 4-H Fashion Show will be presented by youth sewers at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, during the Fair. Youth may also partici-

pate in the "Express Yourself Scrap Revue," by using scraps from the Fabric Sale. Everyone wins a ribbon for participating.

Admission is free for the 4-H Fair, but a \$3 parking donation is requested to benefit the Montgomery County 4-H Program. In return, you receive a 4-H yearbook which tells you all about 4-H and what's going on at the 4-H Fair. For more information, call the 4-H Center at (610) 489-4315.

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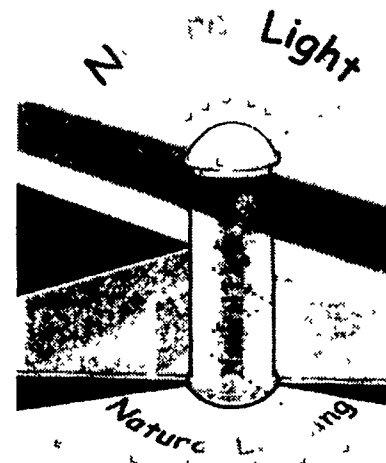
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