

Ida's Notebook

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Recently, I've been reading papers telling about all the discoveries during the last 50 years. There have been many inventions that lighten our work load. Washing machines are a big help to housewives. And, so are dryers and dishwashers. Although, many an important conversation can be held over doing dishes with a family member.

Even what we do on Sunday has changed. Not everyone reserves Sunday for church services. No longer do people visit relatives and friends on a Sunday afternoon. Rather we read the

Sunday newspaper or take a nap.

It is a pleasant experience to have someone phone or simply drop in to visit. Farmers always have something to talk about. Maybe it is the weather or their animals. Long ago we did not tell people that we were coming — we simply stopped by. There were grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins to visit regularly.

My grandfather had a radio with head phones and it was a privilege to use them. Only one person could listen at one time and it was very special to hear people's voices.

Homeschool Day At Landis Valley Museum

LANDIS VALLEY (Lancaster Co.) — A living history museum, will be hosting Homeschool Day on Wednesday, Sept. 25. During the all-day event, homeschool families can tour the Landis Valley crossroads village and participate in educational hands-on activities at their own pace. Landis Valley Museum provides an environment that en-

courages homeschooling families to learn together and interact with the region's rich Pennsylvania German culture and heritage.

Arrival time is between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Hands-on activities will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Each participating family will receive a schedule of the day's events.

Tickets purchased at the gate are \$10 for children 6 and up, and \$7 for all adults. Children under 6 are admitted free.

While families may pay at the gate on the day of the event, pre-registration is encouraged and includes a \$1 discount off children's tickets if you sign up before Sept. 16.

Food service is available on the premises. Families are welcome to bring picnic lunches.

Landis Valley Museum is a world class living history village dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting the history and material culture of the Pennsylvania German community from 1740-1940. The museum is located off Rt. 272/Oregon Pike, a marked exit off both Rt. 30 and Rt. 222.

For additional information or directions, call (717) 569-0401, ext. 254 or visit www.landisvalleymuseum.org.

Older folks have trouble adjusting to today's prices too. No longer does a three-cent stamp mail a letter or 10 cents buy a loaf of bread. But we must remember that people no longer work 44 hours for \$15. That is what I was paid in 1940. Clothes were also much less expensive at that time.

My husband's medical bills are out of this world — so to speak. And, we can be so very thankful for health insurance.

Bean Equivalents

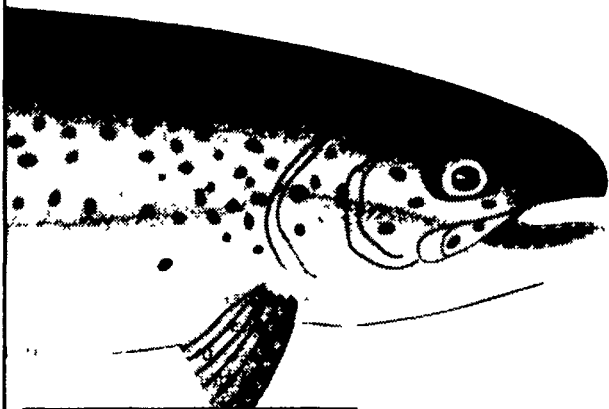
LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — To interchange dried and canned, follow these guidelines:

Depending on the variety, a 15- to 16-ounce can of cooked

beans measures about 1 1/4 cups of beans and equals 3/4 cup dry beans.

One pound of dry beans measures approximately 2 cups dry or 6 cups cooked beans. Dry beans triple in volume when soaked and cooked.

Streams and Lakes



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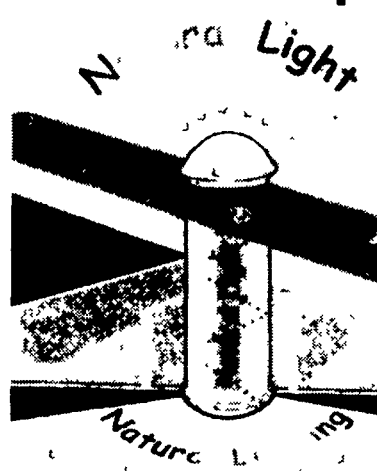
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