

Where has the summer gone? The end of September is here and so is cooler weather. The other week we went to a chicken barbecue in rainy weather. We had to park quite a distance from the tent where the meal was served.

The first thing that happened was that one of our umbrellas turned inside out. Then I think that mine leaked as my hair got

very wet. We were crowded at long tables to eat our big meal. There also was a very long line for people to get a take-out meal. One almost wishes that we had stayed home and ate hot dogs and baked beans.

Our township has decided to publish a big hardback book on the history of Manheim Township. This is in celebration of 275 years. Lancaster County was first established in 1729. This was about the time that my ancestors came from Switzerland and Germany to Pennsylvania.

The 264-page book contains many pictures of early schools, homes, trolleys, toll houses, and mills. I was able to contribute some pictures as my mother took a lot of photos around 1910. It is an interesting book for longtime residents of the township as well

as an informative book for new-comers.

Now I shall have to pick some green beans and cucumbers before we have another shower. Everyday I seem to be canning tomatoes or freezing beans and applesauce. But, I'm glad to have something to keep me busy.

Allen has been getting out of the house more than before and he has trimmed the raspberries.

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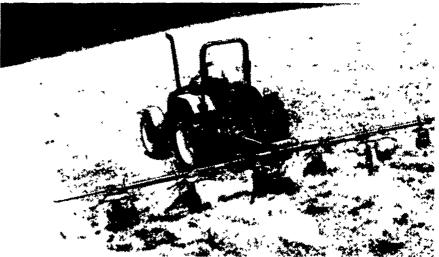
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