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Moving these items provided an excellent opportunity to do a thorough cleaning as well. All the carpeting was steam cleaned and the kitchen linoleum scrubbed and bleached. Loose baseboards were reglued; light fixtures were removed, cleaned, and put back in place.

Outside there was a lot of work as well. All the containers that held the play equipment had to be cleaned and organized. (It seems the spiders really like this area, so our volunteers sprayed for spiders too.) The back porch was reorganized and cleaned, and a closer was reinstalled on the front door.

Mr. Schendel, with his tractor, dug out the play area where the swings are so that a thicker layer of woodchip cushioning can be put in. After asking a company to donate bark, we await a reply.

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As soon as school let out in June, the Seely family moved closer to the school (from Fiddletown to Ione). Then, in August, Mrs. Seely planned and prepared meals for several days

for our church ministers and Bible workers. At the same time, she conducted a mini Vacation Bible School for the children of the ministers and Bible workers. This was followed by a church conference and a trip to Yosemite National Park with her family and her sister's family, who reside in Florida.

While running after her toddler, Mrs. Nelson worked very hard to finish her continuing education to maintain her teaching credential. Her last class was an interesting art course, from which she learned a lot. She completed many drawings, including those of her husband, dad, and mom. (Okay, she's still an amateur, but her drawings do bear a resemblance to the persons who sat for them!)

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We hope you are enjoying the newsletters. If you have any comments or questions, please contact us. Be sure to try the "Butter" recipe on page 2. Unlike most store-bought margarines, this spread contains only healthful, plant-based ingredients. Yum! ■

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