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This is the last year that I have a child in elementary school, as the sixth grade is now housed in the Middle school. And thus ends my 21 years association with the P. T. A. or as it now called the Home-School Association.

It is a bit sad to realize that here will be no more executive meetings to attend and help plan athletic events, square dances, picnics and parades. There have been many bus trips to Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia as a chaperone or a group of pupils. Our own six children have brought many groups here to visit the farm and see the dairy operation.

Gettysburg

On a recent trip to Gettysburg with the fifth grade, I learned more about the Civil War than the children did. The electric map and the wax museum presented a dramatic picture of the battle.

While touring the battlefield and seeing the wheat fields, peach orchard, Little Round Top and Devil's Den it was difficult to comprehend the enormous loss of life that took place here July 1-3, 1863.

The two armies lost 51,000 men. In the National Cemetery, row upon row of markers for the unknown dead are mute testimony to the terrible loss of life.

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The school band played for a children's picnic in the park this spring and I was reminded of the bands that played for our Sunday School picnics in the Lititz Springs Park many years ago.

The music added so much to the atmosphere of that special day and we enjoyed seeing them sit and play in the small round, raised band shell near the refreshment stand which was also important.

Entertain Tourists

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will start serving a two-year term as the Sunday School secretary.

Ruth has a number of hobbies. She has a collection of 42 pairs of salt and pepper shakers, mostly souvenirs. She enjoys singing. She sang soprano in the chorus for Crusade Key 73 every night at Intercourse. She enjoys flowers. She has some nice palms and many kinds of beautiful African violets in her house and set out a lot of geranium slips this spring. She also has annuals outside. She crewel embroidered a picture lately and is embroidering a scarf now. She made a quilt and a hooked rug. She knit a pair of mittens, a pull-over sweater, a cap and slippers. She likes to read and reads a lot to Steve.

As a family they do things together too. All except Steve ride bicycles. They plan to take their lunch with them on their bicycles this summer and have picnics. They try to go on auto trips each year. They went to Tennessee twice, were in New England and plan to go to the ocean this summer.

Mrs. Hershey says "I enjoy cooking. I like to try new recipes." She has a method of keeping sausage in the freezer which might not be familiar to a lot of housewives. She puts it in a plastic container and fills the container with water, allowing room for freezing expansion. This prevents the sausage from becoming rancid and permits much longer storage. Being a dairy farmer's wife she uses a lot of milk and dairy products and gives us some of those recipes plus the recipe from her Egyptian guest:

CREAMED HAMBURGER

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 2-3 tablespoon flour

Melt butter, add hamburger, onion and salt. Brown. After browned, place cover on pan and let cook over low heat for about 10 to 15 minutes. Take from heat and add flour. Stirring, add milk and cook until thick. Serve on toast.

CORN PUDDING

- 2 cups grated raw, frozen or cream style corn
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 cup milk

Select Fresh Strawberries

When you're selecting

fresh strawberries, either in your garden or at the store, Miss Trudy Dougherty, Extension Home Economist, suggests you look for berries that are solid red and full. They should also look fresh and glossy.

As soon as strawberries get that dull, brownish look you can tell they're beginning to age and the flavor won't be what you expect. Make sure the green cap which helps hold in freshness is still attached to the berries.

Handle strawberries very gently and be sure to use them as soon as possible. For storage, empty the berries onto a tray so you can sort out the spoiled ones. Strawberries decay rapidly when they're crowded against each other.

If you don't plan to use the strawberries right away, cover them loosely with wax paper and store on the tray in the refrigerator. Never wash strawberries until you're ready to use them. Then wash them quickly and carefully in cold water. If you put berries into a container of water, don't let them stand or much of the flavor will be washed out. Remove green caps after berries have been washed.

Miss Dougherty recommends using strawberries in the simplest ways possible to enjoy their natural flavor. Remember, too, that strawberries are an excellent source of vitamin C. One cup of fresh strawberries contains more than the recommended daily requirement of vitamin C for an adult.

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Grate corn and add salt, sugar, pepper, flour and melted butter. Add beaten eggs and milk. Pour into a greased baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Serves 6.

CHOCOLATE PUDDING

- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cocoa

Combine everything except vanilla in blender. Blend for 1 minute on low speed. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and add vanilla.

FRUIT COCKTAIL DELIGHT

- 1 large can fruit cocktail (No. 2 1/2)
- 1 package strawberry jello (3 oz.)
- 1 pt. vanilla ice cream

Drain liquid off can of fruit cocktail. Heat this. Take off heat and dissolve jello. Let cool. Have ice cream at room temperature. When jello is cool, add ice cream and fruit. Mix together and place in large dish and chill until firm. Serves 6.

BAKED CORN AND NOODLE CASSEROLE

- 3 cups cooked noodles
- 1 can corn kernels or 2 cups uncooked frozen and thawed corn
- 3/4 cup chopped Velveeta cheese
- 1 egg beaten
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cook noodles and rinse in cold water. Drain. Put all ingredients in a greased baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

EGYPTIAN RICE

Melt 2 tablespoons butter with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Toast raw long grain rice by stirring and toasting on low heat till rice is shiny. Use twice as much of any broth (chicken, beef etc.) as rice. Let broth come to boil. Add broth to rice and bring to boil. Turn to low and cook 1/2 hour.

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