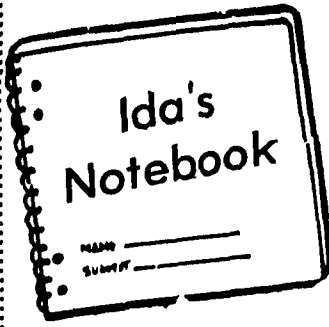


Berk's County

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Ida Risser

Life on our farm has been so busy this month and then unexpected things keep popping up. I like to pause in the front yard for a few moments early in the morning before the days activities take over all my time. Seeing the sun come over the tree tops of an island in the Conestoga, seeing a mother duck with twenty young one (pity her) and listening to familiar and unfamiliar bird calls helps me realize what rich blessings we have all around us.

But back to pulling sweetcorn and I have an unwanted companion to help me. Since we sold three pigs at the 4-H Round-up the other one refuses to stay in its pen-it even breaks out of the pig house. And when it sneaks up behind me in the heavy stand

of corn and touches my leg with its muddy snout, it learns I can squeal as loud as it can. Why, I completely forget how many ears are in the basket and have to recount them. I've sold 150 dozen of six varieties. I almost can't find time to sit down and freeze enough for my family.

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It seems we often travel through Harrisburg on our way to visit my sister or our son at Penn State. However, we usually are in too much of a hurry to stop and see much Fort Hunter with its historic three-story mansion house artifacts, covered bridge and view of Susquehanna River.

At last my curiosity has been satisfied and we've had a tour of this beautiful graystone house built on the fort's foundation. In 1754 it

Susan was also cabinet member of the Capitol Area Youth Forum, which represented 33 capitol area high schools. The Forum is sponsored by the Harrisburg Patriot News, and its purpose was to discuss the problems of today's youth, according to Susan. The cabinet met weekly during the fall and winter. Susan says, "The Forum was one of the prime movers behind the 18-year-old vote." The end result was sending a list of 25 proposals to the legislature. Unfortunately, Susan says, none of the proposals has yet been enacted.

Susan is a member of the Mill Creek Lutheran Church, where she teaches sixth grade Sunday School class. She said, "I started out working with the fourth grade class as a helper, and then they needed someone to take on the sixth grade, so I did."

Susan is working full time as a dental assistant for Dr. Daniel Bomberger in Myerstown. She began working Saturdays last winter, and he trained her so she could begin full-time work after graduation. She said she "works with check-up patients in cleaning teeth, and works with children in discussing proper dental hygiene."

Being in 4-H has meant a lot to Susan. She has traveled many places, including Washington, D.C. where she participated in the Northeast Teen Agricultural Leadership Conference last year. She spent a week there getting training in leadership and citizenship while touring the nation's capital.

Susan said, "Through 4-H I've learned what responsibility really is. The friendships I've made are invaluable and I've really had a chance to travel a lot."

She attended the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives Summer Institute at Shippensburg this summer as a second year scholar, and said, "It really meant a lot more to me as a second year explorer." She was selected there to attend the American Institute of

was part of a defensive chain of forts erected against French and Indian invaders. They reached from Harrisburg through Central Pa. to Sunbury and on to Northern Pa. to protect the pioneers.

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