

# Ida's Notebook

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Again the year has drawn to a close and we face a new year with hope for a happy future. No one knows what the coming year will bring but we can always expect something good to happen, even if it doesn't always turn out that way. This year my husband and I have

both been tied down to the farm. Our six children are all off on their own, either studying at colleges or working and living in homes of their own. So father milks and tends livestock and I raise the food that we eat and keep the house in order. I'm sure we'd both sooner

be busy than idle — maybe not quite so busy.

One day just before Christmas, we and our daughter Judy took a day trip to Pennsbury Manor near Philadelphia. This is the reconstructed home of William Penn the founder of Pennsylvania. He chose the bend in the Delaware River to build his magnificent Country Estate in 1683. The plantation has numerous outer buildings such as a brew and bake house. I'm sure the gardens and orchards would have been beautiful in the summer or spring. The house was furnished with 17th century pieces and the rooms were enormous. We had a tour with a group of school children and they had many questions for the guide who was dressed as a servant.

On our way home we stopped at the town of Lahaska. It is best known for Peddler's Village which contains 42 charming shops and restaurants. Judy treated us to

luncheon before a large walk-in fireplace with a blazing fire and antiques artfully displayed

throughout the room. It was a nice change from our workday world here on our dairy farm.

## Vegetable meeting set

TERRE HILL — The Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Program will sponsor a meeting on Growing Vegetable Transplants on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Union Grove Alternative School.

Tim Hellberg, general manager of Groff's Greenhouse Supplies will discuss soil, containers, fertilization, disease control, and greenhouse management to include ventilation, heating, and watering. Amos Funk, Millersville vegetable grower will also share some of this expertise and discuss the scheduling of seedings to have them ready to transplant at the correct time.

This meeting should be of in-

terest to all commercial growers and anyone who starts transplants. The meeting is open to the public. The Union Grove Alternative School is located on route 625, 2 miles north of Rt. 23. For additional information, contact Mr. Robert Anderson at (215) 445-5041.

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