Ida's Notebook

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This is a grey January day as I plete a task in the next hour, I take sit down to write this article. Sometimes it seems that the less we have to do the less we get done. If I had eight people coming for dinner, I'd be busy in the kitchen. Or if I had a bushel of fruit to can, I'd be busy canning it. But, since there is no rush to com-

my time and do little jobs.

My goldfish needs clean water in his bowl, my black kittens need to be fed and a braided rug needs to be repaired. If one dawdles, it is easy to fill a day simply by reading, going to the grocery store, making meals and washing the car. Not one of these things is a bit dramatic.

Every now and then the mailman brings us snapshots of our distant grandchildren. It is a pleasure to see how they are growing. Just last week we got a phone call from Atlanta telling us that we have a new grandchild. Her name is Rebecca and by looking through old records, I find that there was a Rebecca in my family five generations ago but I'm sure that is not why they chose that name.

There are many envelopes of snapshots from the past year that I have not put into a photo album. That will be a good job for a snowy winter day. The ones not chosen for the album will help to fill a camel-back trunk that holds many old wedding photos and pictures of our six babies taken long

I suppose we all need a few days when there is not a lot of pressure to complete specific jobs. Maybe I'll get my watering can and check on my many flowers.

Farm Women

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concluded.

Election

In other business, Becky Swallow of Society 12 in Somerset County was elected state secretary. Two new state directors were elected: Catherine Schott of Society 16 in Lebanon County and Mary Louise McMillen of Perry County.

Scholarships were given to Karen Martini of Somerset who is attending Indiana University and Sonja Miller of Dauphin County who is attending Penn State. Each received \$500.

Scholarship winners must be



children or grandchildren of members and must pursue the field of home economics.

Spring Rally Day is scheduled for May 23 at 10 a.m. held at Dickenson College in Carlise. Societies from Cumberland and Perry Counties are sponsoring the one day

Banquet

"If God gives you the gift of gab," Pattee Miller said, "gab it." With fervor and fiery conviction, Miller encouraged the 370 Farm Women members to recognize that each person is different and to use the gift God gave them. "If you don't use it, you lose," she warned.

Miller, a social worker from Reading, spoke at the 71st annual convention banquet held at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Harrisburg.

In recognition of their patriotic theme, many members dressed in early settler styles and inserted patriotic trivia into the entertainment.

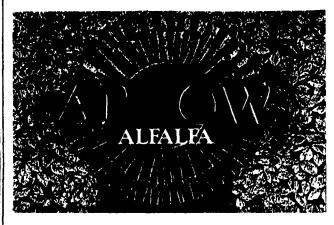
Romayne Bridgette and Jeryl Metzler entertained the audience with patriotic songs and hymns. Bridgette, a music instructor, told the women that patriotic songs have only been inspired during hard times when freedom was threatened.

Many members of Farm Women have lived through hard times and know what is most important in life-God, country and home.

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