## Ida's Notebook

## Ida Risser

When I tucked away some of the last Christmas ornaments, I took a bit of time to look at some other items in my cedar chest. The red wool stockings that I hang at the mantel are kept in a chest that my grandfather had bought for me when I graduated from high school.

In a corner was a crib quilt that belonged to my grandmother and laying on top of some homespun linen was a large colorful quilt from a great grandmother. The linen has initials marked in ink in one corner of the heavy material. Pink yarn was carefully wrapped in tissue paper. It was leftover from a snowsuit that was made especially for our first daughter.

I opened a scroll tied with a white and blue ribbon and discovered that it was my own graduation certificate given to me many



years ago. A large Elgin pocketwatch with a leather fob lay nearby but it would not run.

When I opened a small round wooden container, I found some dishes and nickels from the 1950's. However, one coin that I'd found in the driveway was much older. It was a very tiny, thin United States three cent piece from 1853. It was apparently lost before and I am afraid it will get lost again.

This year I spent one day at the Lancaster Farming booth at the Pa. Farm Show. It is very nice to meet some of my readers and some of the auctioneers that I contact for Sale Reports.

A little time was spent looking at the home economic department items and at the fruits and vegetables in the front lobby of the building. My husband bought a

ce will salute the agricultural industry as part of its third annual agriculture recognition banquet. U.S. Representative Steve Gunderson, R-Wisconsin, a strong advocate of agricultural issues, will present the keynote address. Rep. Gunderson, a member of

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the U.S. House of Representatives since 1980, serves on the Agriculture Committee to maintain the family farm structure and the rural economy which earned him the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's distinguished service to Wisconsin award, the federation's highest award, in 1988. As a member of the Conservation, Credit and Rural Development Subcommittee, Rep. Gunderson was instrumental in drafting legislation to restore financial health to the Farm Credit System, including an amendment to create a secondary market for agricultural loans. Rep. Gunderson is also the ranking republican on the Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Subcommittee

beautiful purple African violet for me and we stayed to see the colorful square dance competition in the evening.

York Chamber To Salute Ag Industry and member of the Tobacco and Peanuts Subcommittee.

After Rep. Gunderson's speech, the chamber will recognize agexchange day participants, farmcity tour hosts and farm visitation day hosts.

The banquet is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 7:00 p.m. at

Wisehaven Hall. Tickets are \$13 per person or \$104 for a reserved table of eight. Organizations sponsoring tables will be acknowledged in the banquet program. To register, contact Grace Julius at the chamber office. One Market Way East, York or 848-4000.

## Cakes By Pauline

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county. Through trial and error, Pauline learned not to put tier cakes together until after transporting them. And she always takes the various colors of frosting along in case the cake needs touch ups.

Restaurant personnel often praise Pauline for her welldecorated cakes. They say, "You should see some of the cakes bakeries deliver; they're so sloppy."

She offered some tips for frosting making. "Use vegetable shortening instead of butter. Don't use milk. That way there's nothing to spoil or change flavor during humid weather. Use butter flavoring and salt to cut the sweet taste.

Not only does her cakes look good they also taste good. Through trial and error, Pauline found the perfect combination for baking

top-of-the-line cakes. Strawberry cake, a recipe she thought up, peanut butter, applesauce, bananna and pineapple flavors are favorites among Pauline's regular customers.

"If I were 20 years younger, I'd open a bakery where I'd bake sticky buns, breads, and cakes,' Pauline said. "But at my age I have enough to do."

In addition to teaching and decorating cakes while carrying on her bookkeeping jobs, Pauline has served as president of the Lebanon County Friends of Retarded Children, is a member of the Little Kutzown Community Fire Company and works in her flower beds and black raspberry patch.

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