

Ida's Notebook

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The sugar peas are blooming and the lawn needs to be mowed. The new seeding of alfalfa is growing and the rye is in the silo. The meadow fence has been repaired and my iris of various colors are blooming.

There is so much activity on the farm after our return from Atlanta. Even so, I find time, while weeding my big strawberry bed, to reminisce.

Our three-year-old grandson was so excited when we arrived at his house that he ran into the kitchen full-speed, stumbled and slid halfway across the wooden floor. After a big breakfast (they fed us too well during our Georgia visit), we drove to Athens to see the State Botanical Garden. There was a special exhibit of very unusual bird houses and tropical plants. Then, we took a nature walk through a nearby woods where tiny signs identified the wildflowers that were growing there. And, if the pansy isn't the state flower of Georgia, it should be. Everywhere we were greeted with large beds of yellow or blue pansies. We ate a big picnic lunch of fried chicken

which our daughter had made. We found a picnic table near the Environmental Protection Agency where our son does research. There was a cool breeze and I was glad the little baby had a blanket to be wrapped in as I held her.

Their strawberries were half ripe the first week in April and three-year-old Matthew picked some. He was told by his father that they were sour and so he threw them away. What a waste! So, I encouraged him to go and find them in the grass where he had thrown them. I showed him how his grandma eats them by dipping them in the sugar bowl. He almost bit my finger off eating them.

We went to a small Presbyterian church near Lawrenceville with our son on Sunday morning. In the afternoon we walked through a nearby development. I was struck by the designs of many of the new houses. They had front porches and actually looked like farmhouses.

Our flight to the airport was uneventful. However upon arrival we found that they had lost our luggage.

BOYERTOWN (Berks Co.)—The Goschenhoppen Historians will sponsor a quilt roundup, a series of sessions aimed at indepth documentation of eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth century quilts. The roundup events will be held Saturdays, 9 to 5 -- June 2 at Trinity U.C.C. Church, 532 Main Street, Colleagueville; September 8 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2907 Jolly Road, Plymouth Township; September 29 at Zion U.C.C. Church, Hanover & Chestnut Streets, Pottstown; and November 3 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, West Broad Street, Souderton.

During the past several years, quilt researchers have been gathering detailed information on antique quilts, realizing the need to assemble data about these significant textiles. For the Goschenhoppen Historians' roundup, area residents are asked to bring any quilts, quilt tops, patches, pieced pillowcases, embroidered squares, quilting implements such as drawings or patterns, photos, letters, and diaries involving quilting to one of the five locations on the appropriate date. The textiles will be examined, registered, and measured by trained volunteers, and pertinent oral history information will be collected. This confidential information will be retained by the Historians and will be available only to qualified quilt scholars doing research. The Historians are interested in any quilt made prior to 1950, no matter how much it was used, even if it is in tatters.

At each roundup, the Historians will provide information about proper quilt conservation. They will have examples of acid free



Volunteers will examine, register, and measure quilts to retain a history of quilts.

boxes and tissue paper on display, provide explanation sheets, detailing proper textile storage and maintenance, and offer advice on

specific quilt problems. Participants will receive copies of the statistical data gathered on each quilt they bring in for study.



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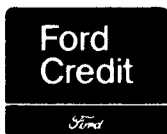
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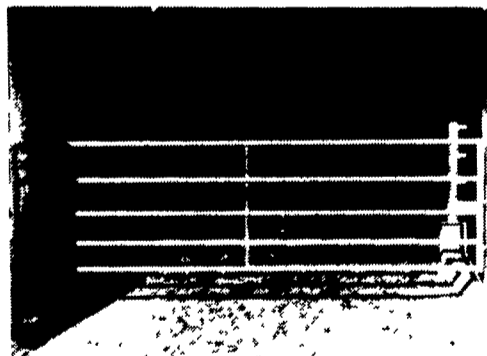


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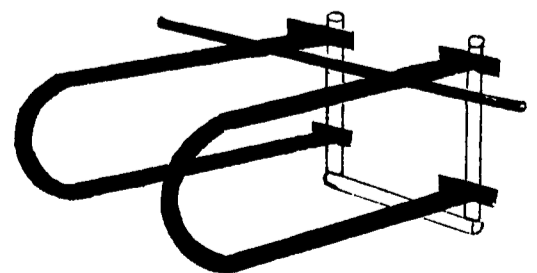
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