

# Ida's Notebook

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But, my sister felt that we should spend more time together and so she planned a "surprise" tour for us and our husbands. We were to meet at her house for coffee and doughnuts in the morning and then all travel together in her husband's new van.

Our first stop was the Fulton Theater in Lancaster. here a volunteer guide took us behind the stage to see the star's dressing rooms and the trap doors used for the productions. We also were taken to "peanut heaven" or the second balcony. One of our group remembered seeing Western movies here and paying ten cents on a Saturday afternoon. The back of the Fulton was the scene of the

massacre of the last of the Conestoga Indians by the Paxtang Boys of Harrisburg. This particular spot had been the site of the first jail in Lancaster.

Next our group was treated to an overall view of the city. And, I do mean a large view as we were out on the top deck of the 14-story Griest building. We had fun identifying many churches and schools.

After lunch we boarded a bus-trolley and all took a ride on the Strasburg Railroad to Paradise. It was disappointing to learn that the Hans Herr house closed early and we were not able to see it.

However, after a nice dinner, we attended a hammered dulcimer concert in the Friends' Meeting-house. It was a long day but something we should do more often.

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Last week my husband and I had an unusual but interesting day right here in Lancaster County. I always thought that I'd seen most

every local attraction but my sister, Anna, found some new ones. You see, my four sisters and I get together several times a year.

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