



Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

This 4th of July weekend we expect a visit from our daughter and her family who live near Atlanta, Georgia. They will stay a week and the two grandchildren will keep us busy I'm sure.

However, I was thinking about another July 4th week 40 years

ago. When I looked over my 1954 diary, it made me tired just to read it. You see we had three children under five years old and the eight-month-old was crawling and walking around furniture.

Here are some things that I noted in my diary that week. My hus-

band went deep sea fishing and his brother and I did the milking. I got up at 4:30 and had trouble finding the cows as it was dark and drizzling. The next day I cleaned 45 fish and froze them while Allen hoed tobacco.

From one o'clock to 5 o'clock we picked the last of the sugar peas and my mother and sister helped. The children helped to pull weeds from the lima beans and they were going to Bible School too.

It must have been a hot week as friends came every night to swim in the Conestoga River. Even I went in the water three times in one day — I must have worked in my swim suit. I canned cherries and made a jelly from a batch of currants that a great aunt gave me. Also I baked an angel food cake with chocolate chips and gathered

seed peas as I've always kept our own seed.

Their grandmother gave the two oldest cap pistols for the fourth and we had eight cars in our meadow on the fourth as they came to picnic and swim. We made homemade ice cream quite often in our

eight-quart freezer. I cut my daughter's hair and her aunts thought that she looked very nice.

Some folks came to shoot groundhogs. That is something that has not changed as we still have groundhog hunters.

Fashion Revue Set

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The 4-H County Fashion Revue will be held July 5, here at the Farm and Home Center.

Members of the 4-H community clubs throughout the county are invited to enter their sewing projects for judging at 2:30 p.m. (registration is 2 p.m.).

A fashion show of all entries will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, followed by an awards ceremony for winners. The public is invited to attend the Fashion Show. Admission is free.

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