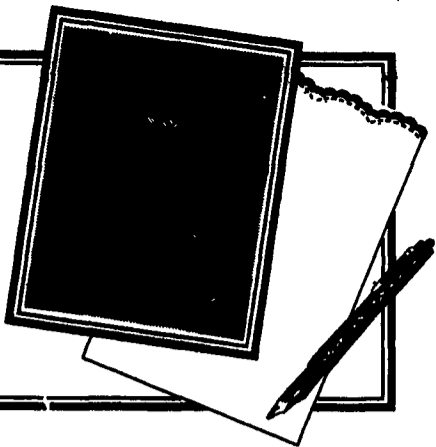


# Ida's Notebook

by  
Ida Risser



farm was a party line and we heard five different rings although there were 10 folks on the line. Some of them lived two miles away from us in the village of Oregon.

I like to write letters but do not get very many in return. Some of my sisters still know how to write. A letter can be picked up and re-read at your convenience. It is a record of life that lasts. I remember reading some letters that my grandfather wrote to my grandmother before their marriage in 1873. It seems that as we get older, history is more important to us. Writing things down is a good way to share. Maybe I should mark some of my dishes even as my husband's mother marked some for me.

When I take a few minutes to look at some dishes in a corner cupboard, I wish that my children were with me and I could share with them what little history I know behind each item. Most of these things came from our parents or some relatives, but others were bought at public auctions over the years.

Our children come to visit, and we talk and pay a lot of attention to the grandchildren and then they

go to their own homes. A few stories of long ago are mentioned, but everybody is always going somewhere. During my childhood, we kept Sunday for church and visiting. It was not necessary to phone and let them know that you were planning to drop in. Now, people like advance notice of a visit.

We keep in touch with our scattered family by phone and it is a lot easier to do than it was 40 years ago. Our phone line on the



## School's Benefit Auction

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The prototype is one of kind, which makes it even more valuable. Minor changes will be made to the limited edition models soon to be available.

Wimer declined to say how many trucks are being made for the company. He did say that letters will be mailed to select customers who have first chance at purchasing the models. The model cannot be purchased without a letter unless there are leftovers after a specified date.

This is the second edition of the company's Winross truck. The first edition, released in 1988, sold out before many people had heard about it.

The second edition is being prepared in honor of the company's 75th anniversary. The tractors are made by Ertl and the truck by Winross.

Wimer said his company is moving the Lancaster-based business to the Mount Joy area at the end of this year.

About 30 different Winross trucks and 20 toy tractors will be auctioned on Friday, May 12, at 6:45 p.m.

Other activities during the auc-

tion include an all-you-can-eat Southern-style pig roast and an ice cream sundae bar, beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday. Crafts will be available for purchase from 5-8 p.m.

Saturday events begin with a hearty country breakfast choice of omelets and home fries or pancakes and sausage.

View the countryside from a tethered hot air balloon. Rides will lift off from 8-10 a.m., weather permitting.

The auction begins at 9 a.m. and features a large variety of new merchandise donated by local businesses, hand-crafted items, fine art and collectibles, and bark mulch. At 1:30 p.m., more than 20 quilts, wall hangings, and braided rugs will go on the auction block.

Some unique items to be auctioned are a carousel "Wonder Horse," a lamb suede quilt entitled "Pine Tree" designed by Donna Albert, and several rare collector's prints.

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