

Flying Farmer Heads Lebanon

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family business, where he stayed until he retired. But flying remained a big part of the family's life. In fact, an airstrip on their farm continues to be used by the business, for private transit, and as a practicing grounds for student pilots.

About the same time that Eileen joined Flying Farmers in 1947, she also joined Farm Women Group 8 of Lebanon. She was active in the organization for 30 years. By this time the youngest of eight children was in high school. Eileen took a job as an operating room aide at Hershey Medical Center. Her working schedule conflicted with Farm Women meetings and her attendance became sporadic until 18 years ago, when she again became an active member.

It wasn't long before Eileen was president of her society and held offices on the county level. Last week, she was installed as the president of the Lebanon County Society, which has 21 societies in it. "I think it's important that we treat our elders — the charter members of Farm Women — with respect," Eileen said.

She enjoys the friendships she developed over the years with many of the members.

"As a board member, I get to the other societies in the county. It's a good way to really learn to know others," Eileen said.

Eileen and her husband Mark raised eight children whose lives were centered around friendships with families associated with both organizations.

Four of the Kellers children own an airplane. Although Mark is no longer allowed to fly because of a heart problem, the couple remain faithful members of the Flying Farmers and of the Short Wing Pipers.

"But now we drive to the meet-

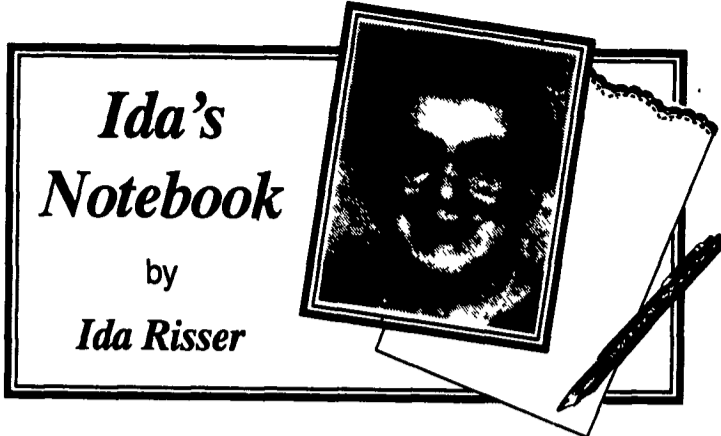


A quilt depicts each of the Keller's eight children by this whimsical applique. A name and a attached pin such as an apple for a teacher or an airplane for a pilot accompanies each child represented.

ings instead of flying," Eileen said. Conventions sometimes take them as far as the West Coast. They are planning to attend the next convention to be held in South Dakota. Of both the Flying Farmers and

the Farm Women Society of Lebanon Farm, Eileen said, "We'd like to see younger members get involved."

As for herself, Eileen has no intentions of slowing down.



October is the month with warm sunny days and cool nights for sleeping. There are bright colored leaves on the trees. But, this year when we traveled to the Bloomsburg Fair in Columbia County we saw only a few orange and red maple trees. Summer's dry weather may have affected the coloration of the foliage.

However, when we drove to the camper in Snyder County, we saw a lot more color than here in Lancaster County. When our grandson stayed there overnight, he came back and told me that it was too noisy to sleep. This I could not understand until I spent a night there. Exactly what insect lives in the woods in Jack's-Mountain I don't know but it is very noisy.

As soon as the job of preserving fruit and vegetables is finished,

other jobs appear like magic. The houseplants in the garden must be potted and some flower beds weeded. The windows need to be washed and some trees transplanted.

The silos are filled and the Ag Bag is filled. Now my husband has turned his attention to the black walnuts laying in the fields and on the road. He has filled his pickup truck bed with nuts to be hulled. Not only the kernels are used but also the hard shells are used as an abrasive to clean masonry.

Tomorrow I'm to teach the lesson to our Bible Study group. We were told that this year's study book was easier to understand than last year's. But, I find it rather difficult and so will have to rely on the members helping to discuss the subject we've been assigned.

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