

**Ida's
Notebook**
by
Ida Risser



It's beginning to look a bit like Christmas around here. I've finally made swags for our two front doors from spruce boughs and holly. Our six bushes are covered with red berries this year. We'll put the tree up nearer Christmas.

Earlier, I retyped our address list as many changes of addresses were making it difficult to read. And, then there are always a few names to remove due to deaths. We send almost 90 cards and it is difficult to remove any names. It certainly takes time to write notes in the cards but it is a good way to keep in touch with friends.

We have gathered many decorations over the years and so they are stored at more than one place. I do hope that we find all of them before the holidays.

Over the years I've found that riding in a car with your child is a good time to talk. There are no interruptions from other people and you can share thoughts. The other week I had this opportunity to interact with a grandson as we traveled to our camper.

It was a long drive and even though I had taken books and a puzzle along, it was the little things that entertained him. We made a newspaper hat and "babies in a cradle" with a handkerchief. One fun item was a very big scarf that became our tent. He imagined wild animals that would come to visit us and we would quickly run away.

In the afternoon my husband, son and grandson climbed a mountain. I stayed behind and



York Society 26

Fourteen members and two guests of Group 26 met November 16 and had luncheon at the Casablanca Restaurant at Newberry Commons and then went to Yocumtown Church of God for the business meeting.

The meeting was chaired by President Doris Beshore.

Three members celebrated birthdays in November.

Thirty-nine members and guests have signed up for the

walked through the woods to a babbling brook with very green ferns growing along its banks. Small hemlock trees grew nearby too. The best part of this day was when the four-year-old said, "Grandma, I love you."

Christmas banquet at the Iron Kettle Restaurant in Camp Hill.

There was a moment of silence in memory of charter member Shirly Miller who died on October

18.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Martha Huston. There will be an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Lancaster Society 15

Lancaster Farm Women No. 15 met at the home of Kathleen Groff on November 16. Hostesses were Dorothy Houser and Charlotte Stoner. For devotions Kathleen read Psalms 100. For roll call each member attending was required to wear a hat and gloves and donate an item to the Food Bank.

The program was entitled "This is Your Life" in honor of Sadie Greenleaf and Dorothy Johnson. Both of these ladies were past

county Farm Women presidents and Sadie was also past State Farm Women secretary.

Arlene Harnish showed slides and Bonnie Herr read a tribute in honor of Sadie and Dorothy. Both ladies received a corsage.

The group was pleased to accept Jean Farmer as a new member who was installed by Sadie Greenleaf. Nancy Shoemaker won a special prize for winning a game played by the group.



This column is for readers who have questions but don't know whom to ask for answers.

"You Ask—You Answer" is for non-cooking questions. When a reader sends in a question, it will be printed in the paper. Readers who know the answer are asked to respond by mailing the answer, which will then be printed in the paper.

Questions and Answers to this column should be addressed to You Ask—You Answer, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522. Attention: Lou Ann Good.

There's no need to send a SASE. If we receive an answer to your question, we will publish it as soon as possible.

QUESTION — Daniel Esh, Gordonville, would like to know where to purchase a small battery-operated music box that imitates a canary singing.

QUESTION — Laura King, Shamong, N.J., would like ideas for a wedding with a country and country-western theme. The wedding will be held Sept. 1996. Please send ideas directly to her at 450 Stokes Rd., Shamong, N.J. 08088.

QUESTION — Carrie Leiphart, Port Trevorton, would like to know where to buy by-products for cattle such as pasta and bread.

QUESTION — Carrie Leiphart, Port Trevorton, would like to know why rabbits are having such small litters this fall.

QUESTION — A reader from Perry County would like to know where he could get books on raising sheep such as "Raising Sheep the Modern Way," by Paula Simmons.

QUESTION — Mrs. Harold Kuehler, Coatesville, would like to know how to keep the dog's water pail from freezing when they go away overnight.

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