

Governor's School Takes Applications

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)—An opportunity to spend an adventurous summer on a college campus awaits Pennsylvania's high school sophomores and juniors.

For those with interests in the creative and performing arts, the discrete sciences, the environment, the agricultural and life sciences, foreign languages, interna-

tional affairs, economics, or teaching and health care, the Pennsylvania Department of Education offers six different full-scholarship, five-week long, residential programs that provide an exciting living/learning experience which past participants have called "the best time of their lives."

Applications for the 1996 Pen-

nsylvania Governor's Schools of Excellence are all public and private secondary schools in the commonwealth.

The programs are The Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at the University Park campus of the Pennsylvania State University; The Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts at Mercyhurst College, in Erie; The Pennsylvania Governor's School for Health Care, which is funded by the state Department of Health, Pennsylvania Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and The Hospital Association of Pennsylvania, and is held at the University of Pittsburgh; The Pennsylvania Governor's School for International Studies at the University of Pittsburgh; The Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University, in Pittsburgh; and The Pennsylvania Governor's School for Teaching at Millersville University, in Lancaster County.

Alumni have praised the Governor's Schools for offering the opportunity to interact with educators who are practitioners in their fields. Working with the cutting edge of technology and the newest research in every field is another highlight.

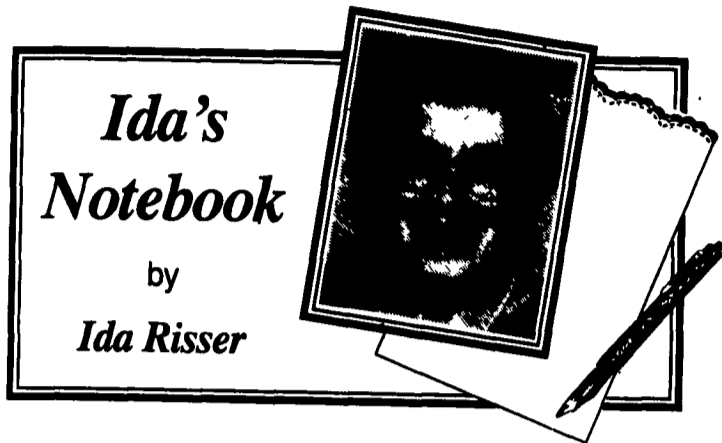
Tuition, room board, classroom materials, and all program activities are provided to students who are selected to participate in the Governor's Schools. Graduates of the Governor's Schools of Excellence are eligible for merit scholarships set aside by many of the commonwealth's state and private

colleges and universities. Additionally, the Bell Atlantic Corporation awards merit scholarships to Governor's School alumni whose leadership activities benefit their home schools and communities.

Eligibility for the Schools of Excellence is restricted to high school students whose parents' or legal guardians' full-time residential address of record is in Pennsylvania. Furthermore, applicants must be currently assigned to

the grade level specified by each program. Applicants may not have previously attended a Pennsylvania Governor's School of Excellence, and they may only apply to two programs in a given year. Students who accept an invitation to attend the programs must commit to the full five-week, seven-days-a-week experience.

A Governor's Schools hotline is available on weekdays for those who may have questions about the application process, at (717) 524-5244.



Almost Christmas! So, I took time to read my 1965 diary in order to see what we did 30 years ago in December.

All six children were home and the youngest was two years old. We spent a lot of time shopping for their parties and gift exchanges plus for the family.

The five-year-old and I went to the woods to gather moss, twigs, and oak leaves to make a nativity scene on a large flat mirror. And, our older boys surprised me by baking bread and cookies while I was away shopping.

In those days, I did a lot of ironing with five children in school and often finished when everyone else was in bed. One of my Christmas gifts was a bottle of ink as then I used a fountain pen instead of a ballpoint pen.

One night we had our own Christmas hymn sing and another time visited the grandparents. My sister made a large wreath for me of pine cones and acorns. The kindergarten brought home two paper angels which I prize and use even now.

Today we have invited our extended families to our home for a drop-in party. If everyone came that was invited we would have about 170 people. However, we usually have 50 children, brothers, sisters and cousins. It will be a busy afternoon and evening as usually it is the only time all year that we have both sides of the family together.

I wouldn't want to have Christmas more than once a year — that way it is always something very special.



Berks Society 4

Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 4 held its December meeting at the home of Mary Fizz.

Following the business meeting conducted by president Virginia Taylor, a Christmas party with

games and a gift exchange was enjoyed. Christmas tray favors were made for Meals on Wheels and shut-ins will be remembered with cookie baskets.

The next meeting will be on January 10 at the Boyertown home of Charlotte Mauger.

Lebanon Society 20

Lebanon County Farm Women Group #20 met at the home of Carol Heagy for the Christmas party. Nineteen members were present. The hostess read Luke Chap 2 followed by the Lords prayer and salute to the flag.

The State Convention is January 8 at Harrisburg, the ticket

deadline is January 1.

New program books were handed out.

A game was played, after which member exchanged gifts and revealed secret pals. New secret pals were chosen.

The next meeting will be at Billie Hill.

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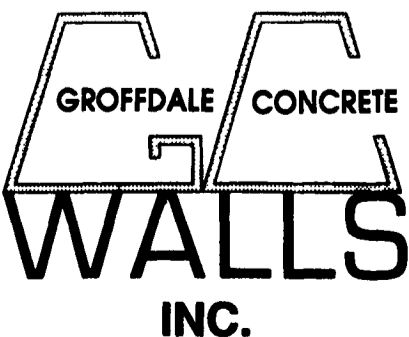
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