

# Ida's Notebook

by  
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This morning the sun is shining after several rainy days. The house is quiet except for the ticking of the clocks. After working on the farm a few hours, my husband has decided to drive to the mountains to "see" his camper. I doubt it has run away.

He has always been very interested in maps and studies them like some people study the Bible. When he drive on a road hundreds of miles from home, he remembers it 20 years later. So, since he recalls roads, I don't need to.

History has always fascinated me. My mother often talked of olden times and some of her stories have been written down. If

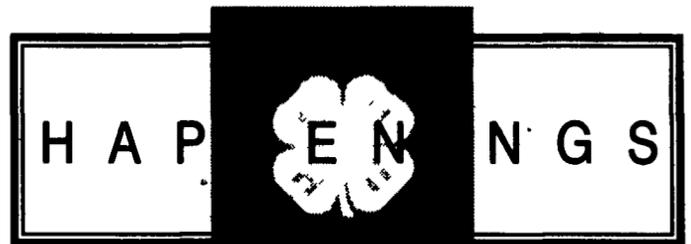
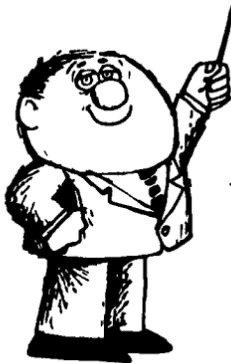
she were living, she would be more than 100 years old. Apparently, her mother was also good at recalling stories of her youth as she lived on a farm near Farmersville.

Thus when a friend invited me to her house to look over some "old papers" I was glad to accept the invitation. She keeps them in an old feed bag with a red rooster printed on the front. She pulled out wills, deeds and sale bills. One unusual name, to me, was Eusebius Hershey. The last name is familiar to me but not the first.

Farms were called plantations and sometimes woodlots were sold separately. About 1850 a

207-acre property brought \$14,462.87½ at a public sale. Other items listed as sold were: churn buck \$1, slop bucket .60, stew kettle .90, butter print .25, oven scraper & peel \$1, bed cords .90, snuffer .06, spice box .75, night stool .01, pewter dish .30, and pumpkin cutter .02.

Animals were sold too and an old brown mare brought \$5.12½ while a red and white cow was \$27.50. I'm sure most of the small items listed above are no longer around but if they still existed, they would be quite valuable.



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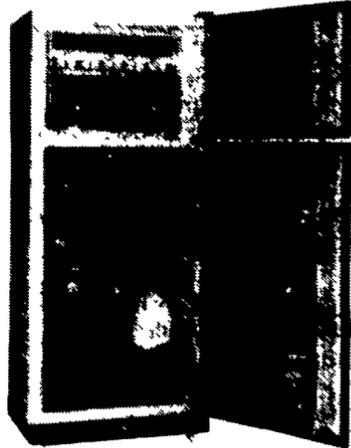
White Deer Elementary School; Sandra Beck, Milton Jr. High; and Sean Snoddy, White Deer Baptist and White Hall Baptist Church.

The club conducts several community services each year. Green Pride has 25 active members and meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Faith Chapel Church of White Deer.

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