

Frederick Farm Museum To Hold Celebration

FREDERICK, Md. — Come out and join the Farm Museum to celebrate Frederick County, Maryland's 250th anniversary.

The Farm Museum will showcase a variety of farm equipment from the horse-drawn era through the modern-day machines working the fields every day. Visitors will have the opportunity to see an old-fashioned butchering on Saturday morning, October 3. The butchering also serves as a fund-

raiser to the Museum, with the fresh pork to be sold to the public.

Also on Saturday the Central Maryland Antique Tractor Club will hold an antique tractor pull at 10 a.m. Sunday starts with a pedal tractor pull for the kids at 12:30 p.m. For those who pride themselves on their baking ability the 21st annual Francis Crum Memorial Cake contest will take place on Sunday, with judging at 12:30 p.m. and the auction at 2 p.m. The auction is another fund-raiser for

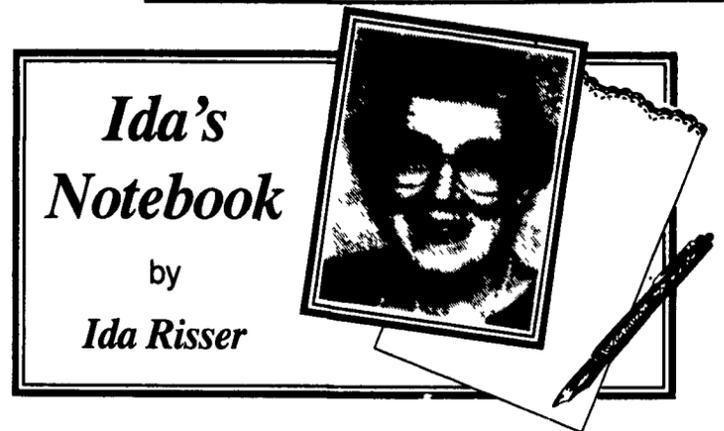
the museum.

Throughout the weekend a saw-mill will be in operation, powered by a steam engine. Wheat threshing will also take place both days. Additional weekend activities include hay rides, craft demonstrations, sales, farm life displays, farm animals, and antique farm equipment.

For the children there will be games and activities. The Children's Museum at Rose Hill Manor Park will present "Craft Ways." Children will have hands-on opportunities to dip candles, make soap, and experience cooking on the open hearth. Visitors can tour the historic mansion that served as the home of Maryland's first Governor, Thomas Johnson.

Entertainment includes the Harmony Coronet Band on Saturday, and the Gospel Travelers on Sunday. As always visitors will be treated to the homestyle foods and fresh baked pies at the Farm Museum food stands.

The festival is held at Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 North Market Street, Frederick, Maryland. Hours are 10 to 4 on Saturday, and 12 to 4 on Sunday. For more information on this and other events at Rose Hill call (301) 694-1650, craft info (301) 371-6058, cake auction info: (301) 898-9616.



Ida's Notebook by Ida Risser

We recently entertained three of our grandchildren. They were here all day and we did many things together. Let me tell you some of the jobs that we accomplished.

They are three, four, and seven years old. In the garden we picked green beans for dinner and a big bucket of tomatoes. Then they saw the cherry tomatoes and began to fill a small bucket with them. The oldest boy thought I should sell them, but I told him we will give them away.

The youngest girl and I baked a big chocolate cake and we peeled potatoes for French fries for dinner. They asked me how I make tea and so we went outside and gathered tender stems from two kinds of mint tea beside the garage, and I steeped it.

Earlier I had gathered some large chestnuts. So, I cooked a few

but after I peeled them, they decided they did not like the nuts, and so I ate them. We took a walk to pick goldenrod and I saw poke-weed berries were ripe. When I mashed them, they had a beautiful pink-lavendar juice to use for painting. The youngest make pages and pages of pretty scrawls and the others printed letters for the refrigerator door.

Besides these things, we sat on the back porch glider and I told them stories about the animals of their choice. Next we played "Hide and Seek," "Who has the Button," and "Hide the Thimble."

The boys played soccer with their own equipment in our front yard. And, scattered among all of this activity they also watched some children's programs on television and then "rested" for an hour in the basement playroom.

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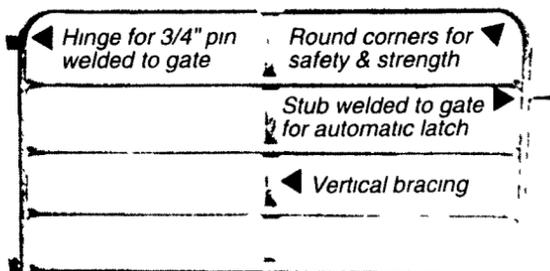
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