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Ida's Notebook Ida Risser

We've got to accept that fall is here when we turn the calendar to October. Now I must seriously consider moving some plants into the house and digging up bulbs to store for the winter.

The past month I have had three different reunions. It is amazing to realize that there are only 43 members of my high school class living out of 72 original members. My class members have been meeting regularly ever other month this year for lunch. So, our big reunion was simply a gathering of old friends.

Allen and I had charge of a "Rural Youth of Lancaster County" picnic. We reserved a pavilion in a community park and engaged a caterer. Our felcommittee members planned games and a program. At first we only had a few paid reservations, but then the last week many people replied and we had 61 who were coming. Most of the afternoon was spent simply visiting and catching up on each other's lives. Health problems are a big concern of many people our age. So there was plenty to talk about as we also bragged about our grandchildren.

The third reunion, if you call it that, was a more intimate gathering. As my sister, who lives in Michigan, was visiting in Lancaster County we five sisters were invited to another sister's home for lunch. the problem was that none of us remembered all of the route numbers to get to another county. Thus, we made a few wrong turns but eventually got there.

We relived old memoriessome good and some bad and tired to tell ourselves that we have been good parents. People no longer are as reserved as they were at one time and are freer to show loving emotions.



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