

*Ida's  
Notebook*

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It is no fun being housebound all winter, so we find things to do away from home.

Last week my sister arranged for us and my other sisters to see a play at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg. The Center itself is worth seeing with an IMAX theater, a science center, and Sunoco Performance Theater. But, we went to see "Milton Hershey-The Play." In three acts and 18 scenes, it portrayed the ups and downs in the life of the founder of Hershey, Pa. It was a dramatic play that pleased a larger audience on a Thursday morning.

Tuesday evening of the same week we attended the 37th annual meeting of the Farm and Home Foundation of Lancaster County. Many years ago my husband, along with many other people, helped to solicit funds to build a center for agriculture. I remember that our dining room table was full of boxes of envelopes being prepared to mail to farmers in our end of the county.

My forefathers picked a good place to settle as Lancaster County is ranked first agriculturally in the United States among non-irrigated counties. For many

years, its annual gross income of more than 938 million dollars places it first in Pennsylvania.

Several people visited us to "pick my mind" regarding happenings long ago. However, I think they may be disappointed as I do not recall some things such as "Where was the brake on my grandfather's Conestoga wagon?"

Due to the weather, our daughter and her son from New Jersey could not visit us as planned, and so we ended the week with a travelogue on "Canada's National Parks."

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