

**Ida's
Notebook**
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As we start a new year it seems that we must think "global." What happens on the other side of the world affects us.

Whether it is a war or simply everyday business dealings. My children think nothing of driving to Chicago or flying to Europe or even Brazil where their companies have connections.

Several years ago our son-in-law went to India to help to supervise the building of a new plant for his company. Conditions were primitive in the area where they worked.

Language can be a stumbling

block as Portuguese is spoken in Brazil and so a translator is needed when our daughter goes there.

One family member often goes to London for his company. Those left at home must then take on more responsibilities. Children need supervision and transportation.

When I was a youth, it was a big deal to go to Philadelphia to the Desqui-Centennial in 1926. It was also a big deal to attend the World's Fair in 1939. Roaming around the fairgrounds for a day without parents is something to

remember.

My parents told me of a happening one day in 1923. They drove a horse and buggy to church every Sunday. One day they were late and decided to take a shortcut. So, they drove through the Conestoga River at a seldom used crossing. The water was higher than usual and so the buggy floated and the horse had to swim. They made it across.

So even if we didn't get very far from home, we had little adventures too. Nowadays there are dangers in traveling whether it be close to home or far away.

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