

Ida's Notebook

by
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We've had our three grandchildren living with us for several days. Their parents went to the West Coast to celebrate their wedding anniversary. It has been a noisy place as they play games and watch cartoons on television.

Again, I must remind children to comb your hair, tie your shoes, and pick up your things from the floor.

Last week my sister invited all of her sisters to a show at the IMAX theater in Harrisburg. The

screen is 10 times larger than a conventional movie. We saw a "Coral Reef Adventure." Some fish are entirely bright blue, others red and some are bright yellow. The octopus was extremely large. My husband and I were allowed to use the elevator to reach our seats. Afterward, the eight of us enjoyed a nice meal in Middletown where an old bank has been converted to a nice restaurant. Here we caught up on news and exchanged pictures.

I've taken my turn teaching the bible study group. It seems that the teacher learns more than the others as you read extra material as background help. We had a good turnout and many women helped with the discussion. I'm always glad when someone else teaches.

Now I must thaw a pork roast for supper as the hungry children will be home from school and want food. I made a platter of sausage and they almost emptied it before it went around the table. Maybe I better bake a big cake too for the evening meal as they always want a snack. It is easy to forget how it was when I packed lunches for myself and six sisters many years ago. They pack their own lunches.

Marietta's Holiday Tour Of Homes Dec. 7

MARIETTA (Lancaster Co.) — For its 38th year, Marietta is lighting the way for visitors to its Annual Holiday Tour of Homes, Sunday, Dec. 7. Candles and twinkling white lights will abound in this quaint town with more than 50 percent of its homes located in a National Historic District. The tour starts at 11 a.m. and lasts until 7 p.m.

A well-preserved example of an early 19th Century industrial town, Marietta has chosen to highlight its restoration efforts by hosting an annual self-guided walking tour of homes. One of the oldest Home Tours in Pennsylvania, it offers visitors a preview of the sights and smells of the season as eight private homes and seven restored public buildings display their holiday spirit. Sponsored by Marietta Restoration Associates (MRA), this event draws thousands of visitors, many from out of state.

Visitors can take the convenient shuttle buses from site to site, although many prefer to walk and view the many other homes in Marietta which are decorated outside for the House Decorating

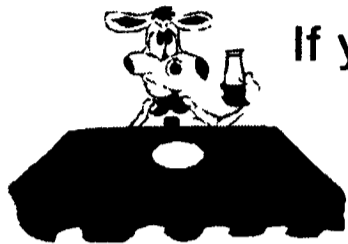


Tour the home of Donald and Joyce Hershey, River-view Towers built in 1860, during Marietta's annual house tour.

Contest. Winners will be proudly displaying their ribbons, adorning hours of handiwork.

Located along the Susquehanna River, Marietta is centrally located between Lancaster, York, and Harrisburg. Profits from the tour are used to fund continuing restoration projects in Marietta. Ticket price is \$10 in advance, \$14 day of the tour. Call (717) 426-3056 or 426-1229 for tour or ticket information.

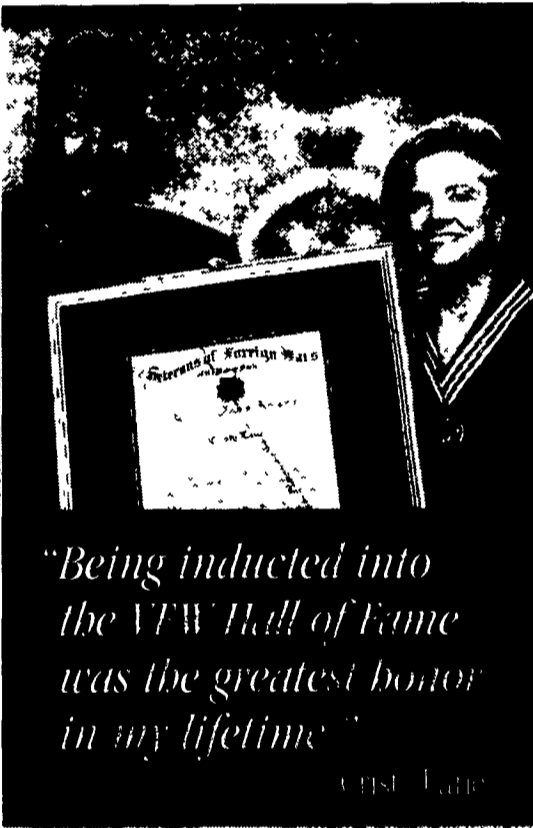
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Cooks Question Corner

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N.Y., requested a recipe for dog bones. Thanks to Elisabeth Keener, Chambersburg, for sending a recipe, which she writes: "Our dogs give these two paws up rating."

Dog Biscuits

- 1 package yeast
- 1 1/4 cups warm chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- Combine broth and molasses. Stir in yeast. Add the following:
- 2 cups white flour
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup corn meal
- 1 cup cracked wheat
- 1/2 cup powdered milk
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Knead dough as if making bread. Roll out dough to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes.
- Brush the following mixture over the tops of biscuits:
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 tablespoon milk
- Bake at 300 degrees for 45 minutes. Turn off oven and allow biscuits to dry overnight in oven.
- This mixture can also be mixed and kneaded in a bread machine.



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