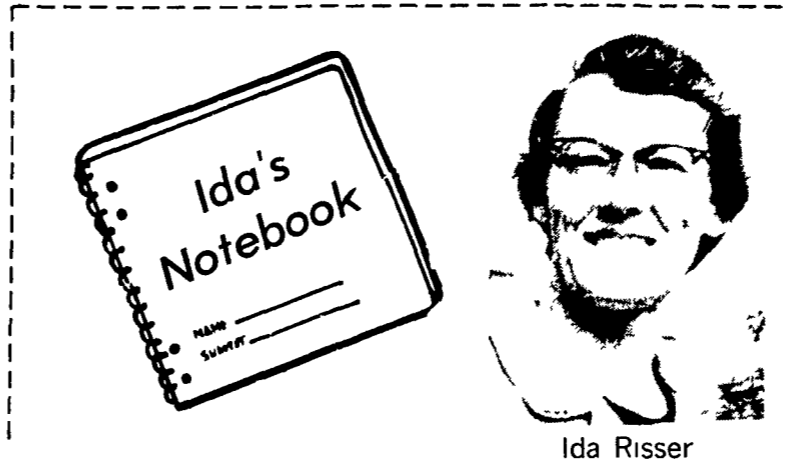


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Ida Risser

The other day we took a drive through some of the western counties and saw spring come to the rolling hills of Pennsylvania.

The lawns were green and clipped whether they surrounded a large house or a small unpainted one. We saw horses and colts, cows and calves, sheep and lambs plus a few goats.

The dogwood was just beginning to bloom and the Judas trees with their red or purplish flowers dotted the woods.

I felt as though I caught someone unawares when I spied a farmer sitting behind his barn, with his back against the silo. He was fingering a small branch as he gazed at his herd of cows in a nearby field. Maybe he was thinking of the future, maybe of the past or possibly just staying out of his wife's sight and resting a bit.

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Sometimes I think there should

be more equality in this world. I'm thinking of people who are too busy and others who don't have enough interests to fill their days. This situation seems to filter down to the children also.

My children are so busy with chores, lessons, meetings and reading the books they love that shoes go unshined and bureaus remain cluttered until I insist they do them.

Over the years we have had a number of idle children break into the cabins on our farm. Some have been caught and some have gotten away. Mostly they are mischievous and steal little things.

During Easter vacation Philip and I almost caught two boys but they jumped into a boat and fled. I doubt if the parents knew where their children were and probably cared less.

Learning to work early in life has stood my children in good stead and helped them through their college years. It is a joy to hear our children complimented.

Supervision Needed For Some Toys
Wise selection of toys is not enough to insure safety, cautions the Cooperative Extension Service Farm and Home Safety Committee of The Pennsylvania State University. Some adult supervision may be very important. For example, an air rifle, archery set, dart game, sharp knife or chemistry set, may become dangerous in the hands of a child too young to understand the hazards involved. The committee suggests that even an older child should have adult supervision when playing with this type of equipment.

Mini-Roses Like High Humidity
Mini-roses like high humidity, but pots should not come in to direct contact with water, reminds W. Robert Fortney, Extension floriculturist at Penn State University. They can be placed on a tray that is filled with gravel and water.

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