

# Ida's Notebook

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My husband has decided to retire after milking cows morning and evening for more than forty years on our farm. Of course, he did milking on his father's farm

for many years before that.

Our son, Philip, and his wife, Lisa, will take over the daily chore of keeping some 100 animals happy and raising corn and alfalfa to

feed them. They arrive at the farm at 4 a.m. to start their chores. It is a schedule that I would not want to follow. But, they are young.

Allen has many jobs that he can do if he wants to. So far this year, he replaced many rails in the fence around our yard and garden and even had to dig holes for new posts. He is building a shelter out of new lumber for the big logs that we burn in our new furnace. And, when the weather is favorable, he crawls up on the barn roof and helps to replace some sheets of roofing. If the weather is not nice, I have small repairs in the house that have been put off for years and years. I even got new handles on some heavy kettles for which I'd been asking for decades.

Now that I've embroidered a

bureau scarf and repaired a moth-eaten rug, I shall start a new braided rug. It seems that I do not have enough wool material, of the colors that I need so I'll have to visit a Goodwill store. This will be my tenth small rug.

In the summer my black kittens broke a large kalanchoe plant into small pieces. For a few days I simply looked at the chewed up plant laying in the garden and felt

badly. Then as the small pieces did not seem to die, I finally got four pots and stuck in the twenty pieces. Today all of these plants with their waxy leaves are blooming and I'm enjoying their bright orange four-petaled flowers. The plant was originally given to me as a table prize at a farm banquet.

One never knows how things will turn out — be they plants or retirement.

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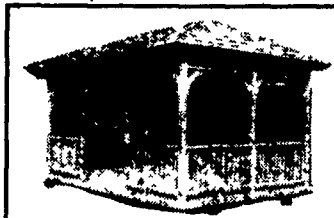
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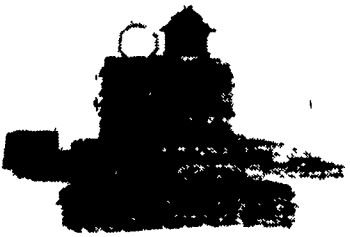
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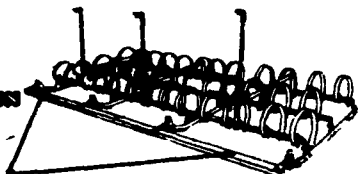
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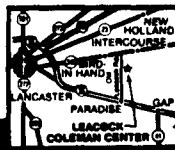
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