

Ida's Notebook

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Our son and his family, who live in Memphis, Tennessee, just spent a week in Lancaster County. It was the week of quite warm weather and so my husband took the grandchildren for a ride in his boat. They preferred trying to use the oars rather than his electric motor to propel the boat. Of course, it was fun to splash each other too.

Another day Kenneth and his sons spent the time helping on the farm. He helped to unload a big truck that brought baled newspaper for bedding. Then he gathered

brush that lay in the fields from clearing a fence row.

He and the oldest boy took several walks through the woods and along the river bank. On one excursion, the five year old slipped down some muddy steps into the water and got his shoes, socks and trousers all wet. They chased rabbits and saw a lot of squirrels.

I even managed to get the sugar peas all planted before March 17 as my husband and son rototilled a part of my garden. The sixteen month old sat quietly in my express wagon and watched us work. This red haired, curly

headed boy is so patient. His father, at the same age, would have been screaming for attention.

One morning they got up quite early to see the cows being milked. I'm sure the pace of life here was very different from their normal life. Our son travels a lot in his job and flies all over the western United States.

It was a pleasure to see him showing his son how to skip stones across the water. My husband made a walking stick for our grandson and he used it to flatten all of my pea row markers. I guess one must expect such exuberant behavior.

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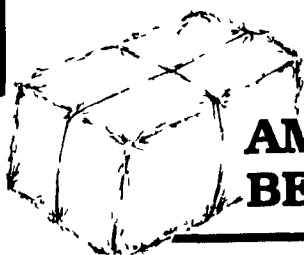
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