

# Ida's Notebook

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Last week we did something unusual for us — we ate away from home two days in a row. The first meal was a chicken barbecue at a friend's home. We all brought a dish or two and one lady made a shoo-fly pie for dessert. There was a lot of food left over.

The second night we went to my husband's 58th high school reunion. There were about 40 people present and we were served a huge meal. In fact, it was suggested that maybe a luncheon would be more appropriate. You see many folks do not like to drive

at nighttime and we might get a lighter meal.

Some of our friends and relatives eat at a restaurant everyday, but ordinarily, Allen and I eat all of our meals at home. I've always been one to cook meat, potatoes, and a vegetable for all the meals except breakfast. As we butcher our own animals, we have a wide variety of meat to choose from in the freezers. And, the gardens provide a choice of many greens.

Our children were raised with lots of milk available to drink. I also made custards everyday. All of our sons are over six feet tall

and all of the girls are above average height. Maybe it was not "all" the food but it could have helped.

I'm great for making desserts and always having some on hand. There are boxes of cookies in the freezer and cakes stored in the oven. I just made a strawberry pie with our many berries. And, I'm hoping to make a sour cherry pie soon, plus I want to try a recipe for a moist coconut cake. My loose-leaf notebook is bursting with recipes that I've collected over the years and I keep adding more all of the time.



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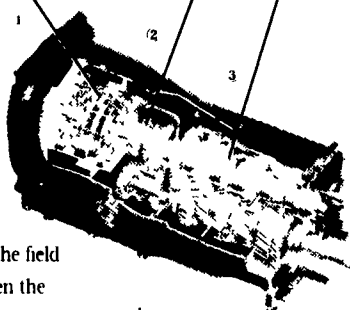
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