

Ida's Notebook

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fresh greens. This year I had to provide table decorations for a church supper and I can reuse those.

We expect to have some 50 people at an open house at Christmas time. Usually we buy a big block of cheese and send some home with our guests. They seem to appreciate this dairy product. And, we have a little left over that can be frozen and used in the coming months.

Earlier in the month we had two weekends when the Conestoga River overflowed its banks. Some of the summer cottages have to be concerned when this happens. During really big floods some have actually been moved off of their foundations.

While I watched the rising water, I happened to see something else. There on our meadow

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... fence, checking out the birdhouses that my husband made, were six beautiful little bluebirds. They would make me happy if they returned in the spring and nested in them.

Just in time for Christmas we have a new grandson. Our son Philip, who lives on our dairy farm, and his wife Lisa gave us our 11th grandchild. Most of our grandchildren have been born in other states and it is very nice to have one nearby to hold.

One week until Christmas and there are still a lot of things to do. I've been baking different cookies every few days and freezing most of them to pack into gift boxes later.

It is not much fun to decorate a Christmas tree by yourself but I do it as it adds a lot to the indoor decorations. Over the years I've been given arrangements that can be spruced up each year by adding

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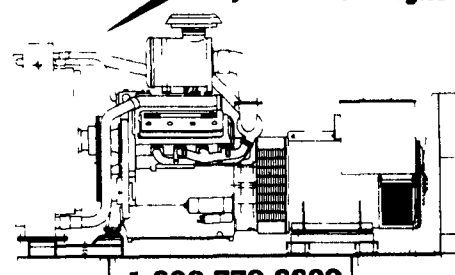
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