

Ida's **Notebook**

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Over the years I've spent a lot of time reading the newspaper. Every day I try to get through the whole paper. It is easier to do in in wintertime than in summertime. And, easier to do now then when our six children were all living at home. I would save the papers, thinking that someday I would get around to reading them, but then eventually I'd throw them away when company was expected.

For some reason I scan the front page and then start at the back page. You can read the paper any way you want and don't have to take the news as it is presented to you on television. Sometimes I remember details of a scandal but don't read all the information on local government.

My parents always read the obituaries first and I thought that was morbid. But now that I'm older, I find that I try not to miss looking over the names too. When it comes to the comics, you can afford to be choosy and only read the ones that make you smile --- sometimes they're hard to find.

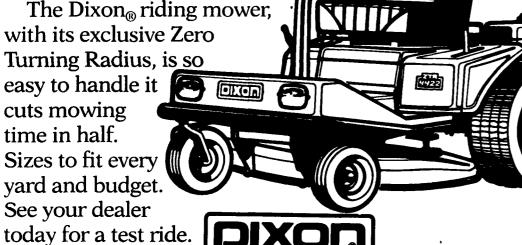
Nowadays, there is so much information available and it comes to us much quicker than in previous years. The trouble is that much of it is bad news from the far corners of the world. However, there is important educational news such as that on health.

All of us have just so much time that we can devote to reading and thus we must pick and choose from the many magazines that come into our homes. Recently, I've subscribed to two new ones and hope that I'll find time to read them. My daughter tells me that I will like the "Smithsonian" and I hope that she is right.

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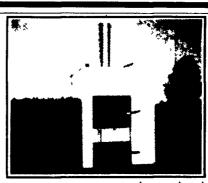
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