



Ida's Notebook

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Today the weather is beautiful and I should be outside replanting some peas that came up poorly.

But, if I do not write this article today I know that I can't tomorrow as I'll spend 15 hours at the polls

registering voters. Then the next day my Bible Study group comes here for their last meeting this season. And, I expect to bake a cake, do some more dusting, and arrange flowers on the dining room table.

On Mother's Day some of our children phoned and some sent cards. Philip and Lisa who live on the farm with their two boys brought me a big iced cake which I shared with them.

It seems that little boys get attached to their dogs. One grandson phoned to tell me that his dog died and he said, "Grandma, it was older than you are." Some of our 11 grandchildren play with their dogs so much that they pretend to be

dogs too and run around on all fours even if they are three or six years old.

We've had several dogs on our farm over the years. Some were short-haired and some were long-haired but our boys enjoyed playing with all of them. It is nice to have a useful dog but they don't all fill that category. Some just lay on the porch and wait to be petted while others help to bring the cows up to the barn.

For many years I've had a black cat that had a litter of kittens each

spring. This year she and her two kittens have disappeared. They have been gone for a week and I fear they won't come back. Our daughter in Texas is a real big admirer of cats and dogs. She had a special pet cat when she was young and she has never outgrown her love of animals. Her cats and German shepherd dogs were flown to her new home in Texas last summer. I don't think those animals know how good they have it down there with her and her husband.

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