

Ida's Notebook

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This year I have iris blooms! There are hundreds and hundreds of huge flowers. Most of them are blue and white but there are also light yellow, slate blue, and brown and maroon. I've just walked to a neighbor's house with a bouquet. On the way I saw a pair of bluebirds inspecting a bluebird house that Allen put on a post of his new rail fence. But, a pair of jenny wrens got there first and have already built a nest in the box. They totally ignored the special bird box for wrens which is nearby. All day long they sing their exuberant song. I've read that they lay five to

eight white eggs speckled with brown.

Last week we fished at a local pond, which was filled with trout. It was almost too easy to catch them as I immediately caught three. The first thing you realize is that you owe money for the fish you've caught and so I stopped fishing. We gave away two fish and baked one for supper.

The other day I did something that I hope I won't be sorry for doing. Ever since I found a snake under a bush lima, I've grown pole

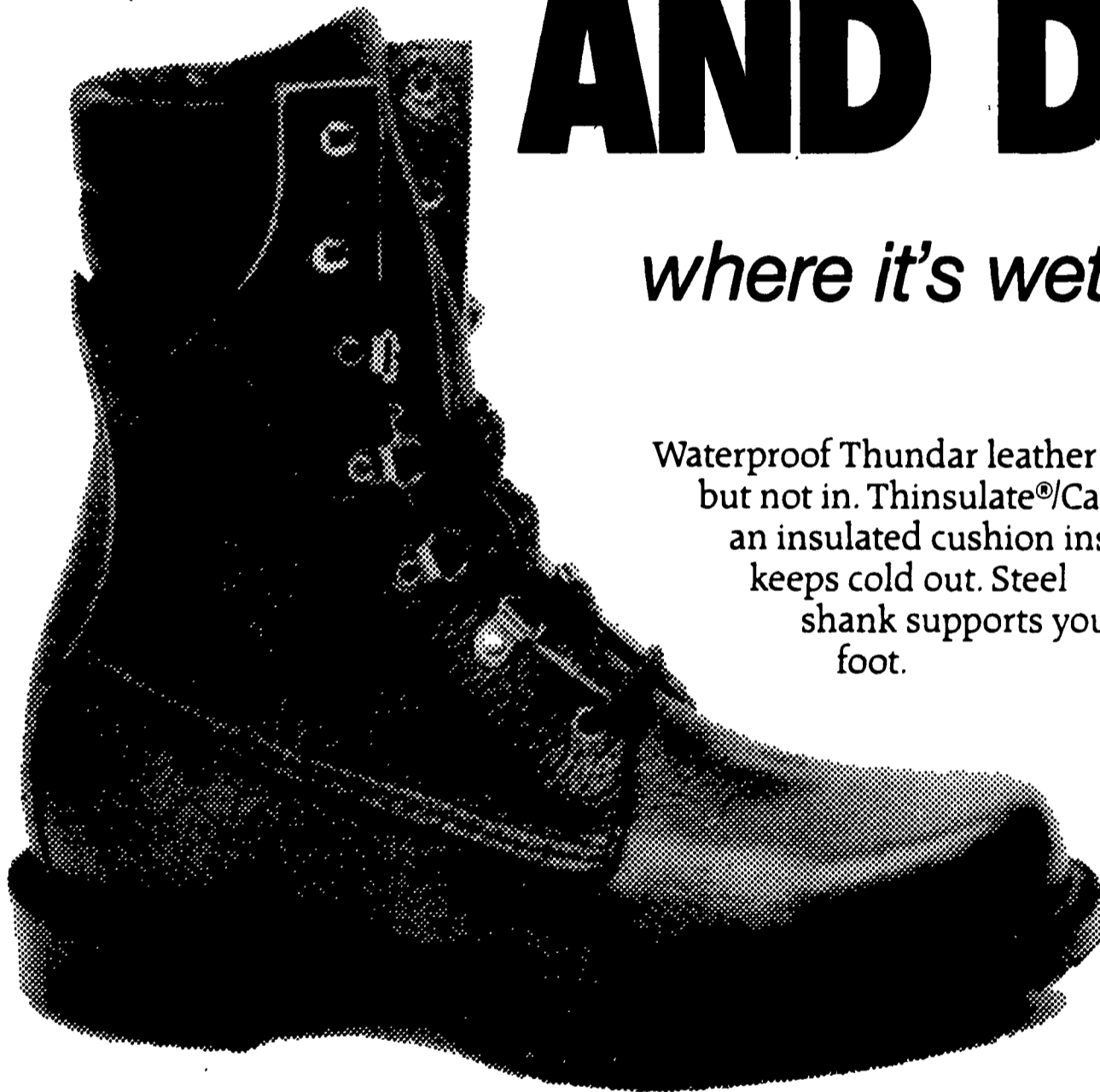
limas on a fence. But, this year we bought seed and upon opening the bag I discovered tiny baby lima seeds. Against my better judgment, I put in a 100-foot row. Surely hope someone will help me to harvest them.

When our son, Philip, mowed the meadow, before putting heifers in for the summer, we saw a beautiful red fox run up the hill. His coat glistened in the sun and he even lay down in full view of the tractor. There are so many things to see if you keep alert.



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