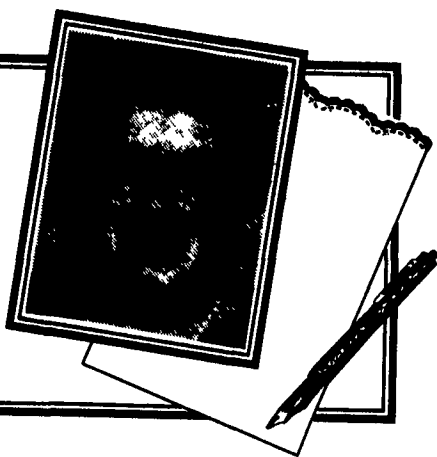


**Ida's
Notebook**

by
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Our house is surrounded by large trees in full foliage. There are so many leaves that we no longer can see our nearest neighbors. And, there are many birds in these trees. This year we've been blessed with lots of bluebirds. In fact, they're using one of the birdhouses that Allen built. On Sunday afternoon I saw a goldfinch on my peony buds. Then I watched a kingbird as it darted from its perch on our railfence after insects in true flycatcher fashion.

My large beds of iris are blooming along this same fence and I

was able to supply several bouquets for our church as they helped to celebrate our pastor's birthday. Talking of birthdays, I'll have one soon and I believe that my family is planning a small gathering to help me celebrate.

It will be nice to see some of my children that live far away. I am especially looking forward to seeing for the first time our youngest grandson who lives in Texas. They plan to visit us this summer. Our daughter phones us every Sunday and all that I've heard are few cooing sounds. They tell me

that he is growing fast.

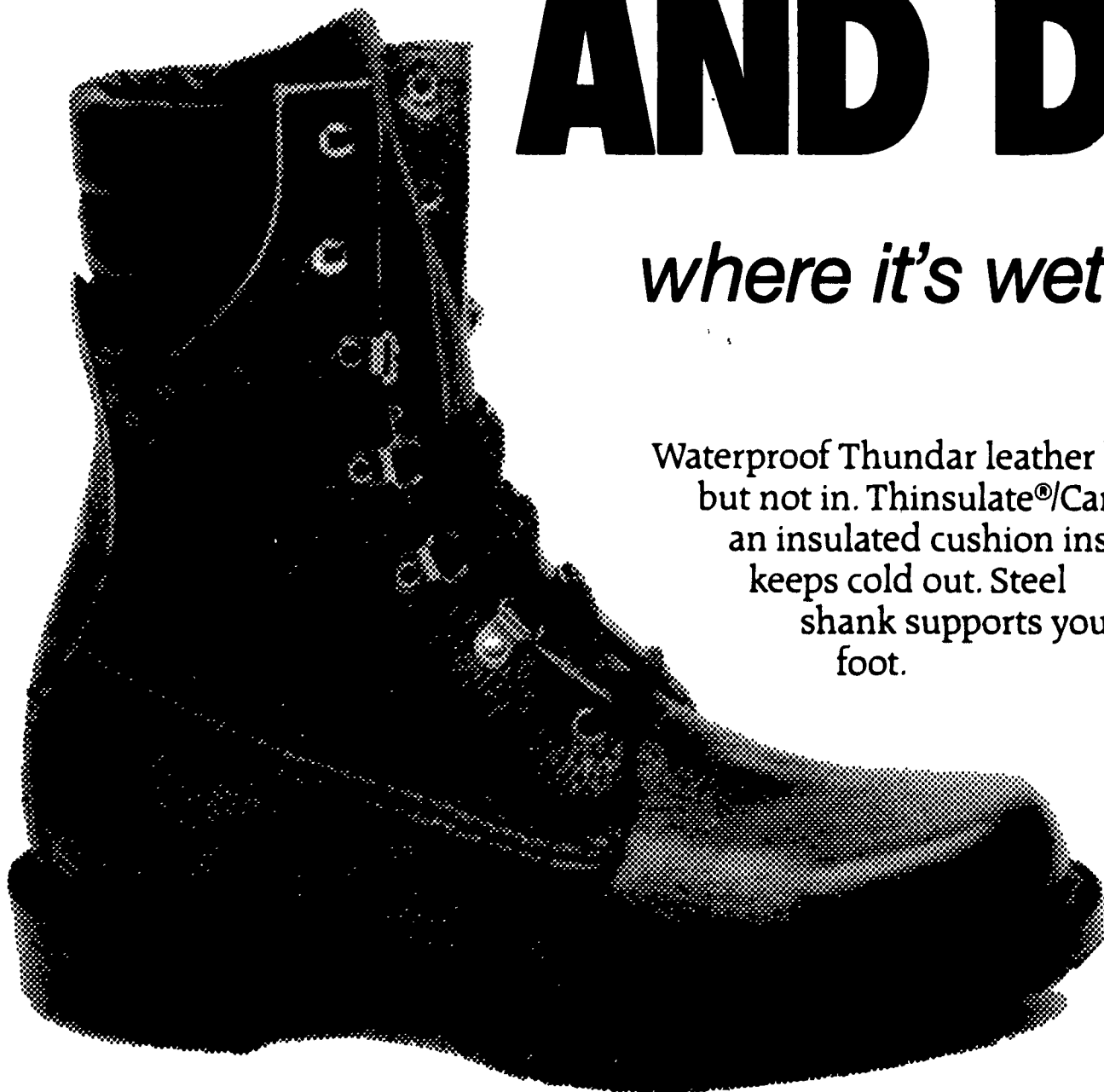
Recently I attended a Women's Day Luncheon. The array of food was awesome — all salads. The program consisted of women who have made a career of music. One was a singer, one a teacher, one a choreographer, and one a musical director and composer. They were all very talented and dedicated to their chosen field.

My chosen field is homemaking and gardening. Speaking of that, I'd better get busy and cook dinner for my husband.



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