

# Ida's Notebook

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We are having a dry spell after a wet summer. My houseplants don't know how lucky they are to be watered regularly. The plants that I have a problem watering are the hanging baskets of geraniums that my sisters gave for my birthday. You see, every few days I have to drag the kitchen chair out on the porch so that I can reach them to give them water. So far, I haven't fallen off the chair and they are still blooming.

My husband has been watering his transplanted raspberries and the strawberries too. But, he kept forgetting to turn off the water and so he bought a timer. It was no fun

going outside with a flashlight at 11 p.m. to check if the water was shut off. I even got him to lay a soaker hose along my lima beans.

The other week I was glad that I had planted flowers in my garden as I could use them for a bouquet. Our son Philip and his wife Lisa had a baby girl and I sent her some flowers. However, they were not as beautiful as the ones that our daughter in Texas had a florist deliver. While she was in the hospital, we had their boys here at our home off and on. We live close to

the road and so we can't let them play outside unless we are with them. A favorite game is hide-and-seek. The oldest boy always giggles when we get close to finding him and gives away his hiding place. The youngest can reach so many things — fish bowl, dishes on the counter, and pens and pencils by the telephone.

Our newest grandchild is a pretty baby and I'm sure she will keep her parents quite busy as I can remember when I brought home a new baby.

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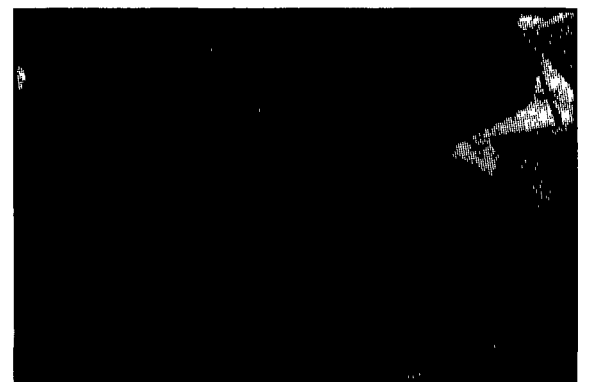
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