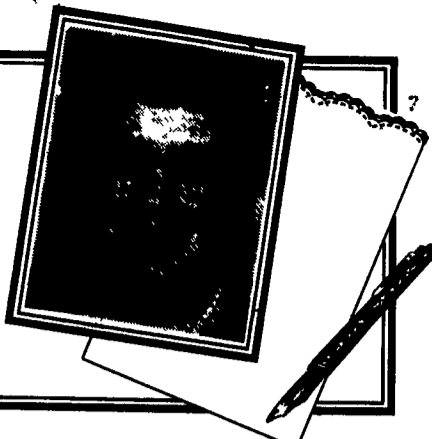


Ida's Notebook

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People in general are a restless bunch. They like to travel and see the rest of the world. However,

many folks never leave their own county. Just now it seems that my rela-

tives are really into traveling. My sisters have vacations planned to Arizona, Ireland for bicycling, and a two-month truck-camper trip across the United States.

Our childrens' families move around even more. One goes to Spain and England regularly while another just came home from a three-week assignment in China. Previously he spent time at a newly built plant in India where conditions were quite primitive.

I've done my share of traveling but now I am content to let the children visit me. Three times I flew to Europe and one time to Hawaii. My husband and I went to Alaska and also drove across the

country to Seattle several years ago. Then there were several trips across Canada and a cruise in the Caribbean.

One usually meets congenial people on trips and can bring home many happy memories. We've visited people in New York state and in Vermont who we met in 1981. And, of course, the pictures taken during these trips are wonderful reminders of sunny days.

Now I'm satisfied to stay home and hear about other people's travels while I work at home. My yellow and red raspberries have

been pruned. The garden hasn't been planted but often the sugar peas do as well if they are planted a bit later.

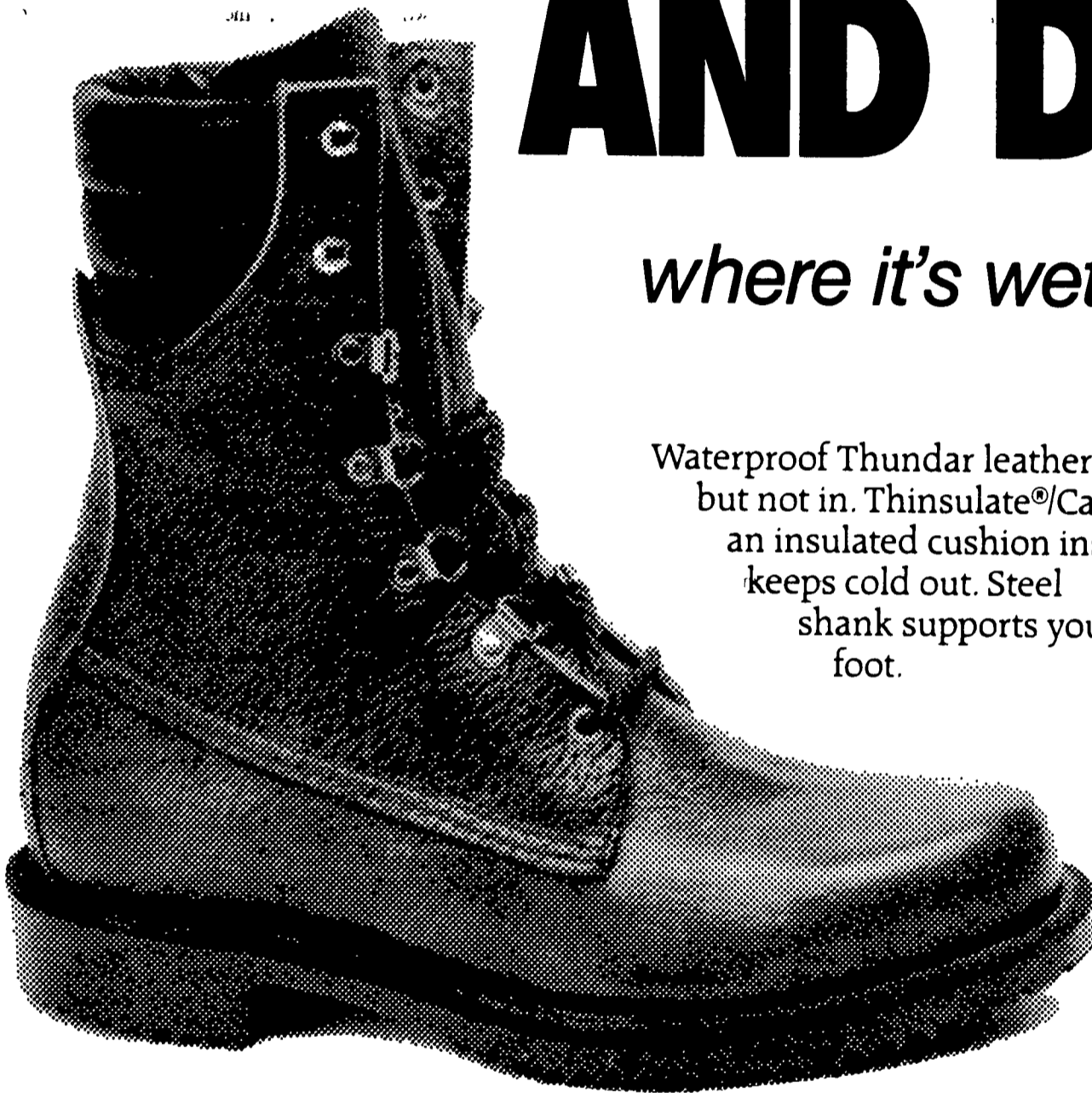
My husband has been very busy learning how to fell large trees. Many ash trees, some with 20-foot trunks, have been hauled to the saw mill. Our son wants to plant corn in what was a pasture area and so many locust fence posts had to be removed. Now trees are being sawed down so that there will be less shade.

It seems that Allen and I are always making more work for ourselves.



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