

Ida's Notebook

by
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and soon some tomato plants in the basement under lights. Each plant is in a separate pot that Allen made out of newspaper. This should make it easier to transplant them.

My daughters gave me gift certificates from a seed catalog as Christmas gifts. So, I was able to order lots and lots of flowers. The problem will be to start them from seed as often they do not sprout for me.

Lately, my high school class has been meeting every other month for lunch. At one time only small groups got together but now the whole class is included. We find that our interests are more common now that we are retired. Health is a common denominator and so are our families. Travel is always a subject for conversation together with hobbies. Naturally, the group is continually growing smaller but we will enjoy it while we can.

We were always told to have our sugar peas planted by St. Patrick's Day, but I don't think we will unless it stops raining. The soil is too wet to rototill. Although, my husband bought a brand new big rototiller that he is anxious to use, I tell him that it is too big for him to handle. Of course, he does not agree. He has tackled some very big jobs this winter. To me, our mea-

dow looks like a disaster area. Big trees have been cut down and he has some 30 logs for sale. The ash and hickory are 25 feet long and three and four feet across. When they fell, they broke limbs off nearby trees. There will be firewood to sell and brush to burn. Eventually, I am hoping for a nice meadow to look at again. There are cabbage, broccoli,

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Cook's Question

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ANSWER — Leona Hartzler, Burlington, W.V., wanted a recipe called Aunt Annie's soft pretzels. Thanks to Anna Joyce Martin, East Earl, for sending a recipe.

Auntie Anne's Soft Pretzels

- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon yeast
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups bread flour

Mix together ingredients. Roll into pretzel shapes. Place on cookie sheets, let rise 30 minutes. Sprinkle with pretzel salt. Bake at 450 degrees until browned. Dip into melted butter.

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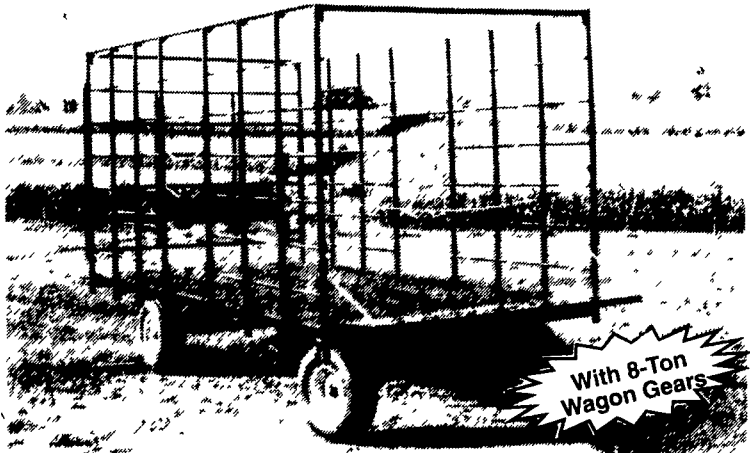
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