

**Ida's
Notebook**

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our youngest son. He lives on the farm and boards heifers for several dairymen. He also has a full-time engineering job in Lancaster County.

Over the years, I cut out newspaper articles about our children and kept them in separate envelopes. This morning I reread a few about Philip and I admit it, I am amazed at everything that he has done.

As the older children were in 4-H Clubs and, I was a Community Club leader for more than 20 years, he was active in 4-H for

nine years. He traveled with them on several exchange trips and hosted members from other states. One year he was Pennsylvania's high individual judge in the 4-H potato judging at Harrisburg.

When he went to Penn State University, he was active in many honor groups and was an officer also. Our children were lucky to receive many scholarships. He was the state winner of an agri-business careers scholarship in the 4-H National Awards Program.

At Penn State, he graduated with 15 more credits than required for graduation. Then he went to the University of Wisconsin for his master's degree in agricultural engineering. For three years he worked in Chicago for Case International before coming home to farm with his father.

At this time, he is on a long vacation which has taken him west to Wyoming with his family. They have a pop-up trailer and will have many experiences to share when they return.

From time to time over the past few years, I have written about our children. The one that I have not mentioned is Philip,

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