

*Ida's
Notebook*

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ing six weeks to travel across the country in a recreational vehicle while another sister had just returned from a trip to the Grand Canyon. She told us of riding a mule to the bottom of the canyon and how it tried to eat grass at the very edge of the path — scary. One of our sons took his whole family to Hawaii for a week. While another son flew his family to Salt Lake City in Utah.

If you have a garden and really tend it, you are tied down to home territory. That seems to be our case as we freeze sweet corn and pick green beans most every-

day. Now my cucumbers are beginning to bear and I'm canning pickles everyday. The cabbage that my husband started in the basement has grown to enormous proportions and the heads are almost too big.

Since the neighbors in an adjoining development take daily walks past our farm, I am able to give my excess vegetables to them. One of them even baked a peach pie for us after we gave her fresh sweet corn from our patch.

The patch has a double electric wire to protect it from the animals. Even so, my hus-

band has set traps and caught five groundhogs so far. Our daughter in New Jersey also set traps and she caught two young raccoons at one time. She tells us that the deer eat all of her flowers too. Oh, for the life of a gardener.



My family seems to be a traveling one. We recently had a family picnic and quite a few were missing. One sister was tak-

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