

*Ida's
Notebook*
by
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On this dismal gray and rainy day in March, I sit down to write this article. The washing machine is churning away and there are

leftovers in the refrigerator for lunch. By the time that you read this in April, I'm hoping my husband will be home from his eight-week stay in the hospital. They seem to find one problem after another to try and solve.

On a sunny day last week I took a walk around our house. So now we have some snowdrops on the kitchen table. And my pussy willow tree is full of soft catkins.

The daffodils have more leaves than flowers as I think the dry weather last summer affected them. The small evergreens near the mailbox have survived the winter.

The florist sent a basket of blooming bulbs. There are blue hyacinths, red tulips, and yellow daffodils. Some of the poinsettias from Christmas are still blooming nicely. Not all of my African violets are going to survive, but I did have a nice pink one to give to my sister, who is ill.

One of our sons and his 14-year-old son came to visit me the other week. We went to a local restaurant for lunch. They are both very tall and quite heavy, too. I could see why as I watched them eat. They had a melted cheese and bacon sand-

wich. Then they had big plates of food from the salad bar. But, when they were finished, the lettuce was still on the plate.

I guess we all are what we eat, and if it is too many desserts, it will certainly show.

Editor's note: Several readers have expressed interest in sending get-well cards to Ida's husband, Allen. Lancaster Farming would be glad to forward your cards and letters to Ida's attention. Send them to Lou Ann Good, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522 and we will be glad to forward them. Thank you.

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