

*Ida's
Notebook*
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With all the rain that we've been having I'm thinking my garden will be quite weedy until I can get to hoeing again. This year it must be all hand-hoed as my husband cannot use the rototiller. So far the deer have not eaten the sugar peas.

When things go along fine we do not think of possible problems, but when things go wrong then that is all that we can think about. The drain at my sink was clogged for a while and it was a big inconvenience. I had to go back to using a dishpan and car-

rying all the water into the yard to empty it.

On top of that situation was the fact that the big rugs in the basement got soaked. What a job to prop them up on boards and chairs to dry.

The same is true of our health. When we feel fine we do not think of illness. But, when a little or big pain comes along, then that is all that we think about — whether it is a sore finger or a major ailment.

When our children come to visit we usually have something to ask them to do for us. It often

includes climbing a ladder or handling big equipment. Somehow, we older folks do depend on the young folks. For years we simply did whatever was required to keep things running smoothly, but now we need help.

Recently we had six young grandchildren here for a few hours and they enjoyed each other's company. They do not get to see each other very often as they live too far apart.

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