

Ida's Notebook
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too are awakening early and wishing that we could sleep. Of course, if you have some trouble or a big problem to solve that certainly will keep you awake. We've been told that you should get up and read, but I'm not sure that that is the answer. Our recent rainy weather has helped the weeds to grow tall. Some are easy to pull while others are tightly anchored to the ground. Then comes the job of

finding a place to throw the weeds. Most of the time our wheelbarrow is full of weeds waiting to be emptied. Luckily we do have land on which to dump the weeds. We live on the edge of woodland which is full of animals who live off of the vegetables in my garden. Four of our grandchildren, who live in Georgia, went white water rafting with their families. One of the girls fell in the water.

And, she was the one who was most anxious to go rafting. She was quickly fished out of the water. As our son has kayaked before he chose that method of transportation. Now I have something in common with Catherine as years ago, when I was rafting on the rain swollen Lehigh River, I too fell out of a raft and had to be pulled into another raft. At least I did not lose my glasses as some others did who also fell into

the raging waters. My sister, who recently returned from a trip to Europe, tells me that she bicycled 276 miles in Czechoslovakia. Our grandson flew to Seattle for a week to visit friends. Another grandson vacationed in New Hampshire and sent us a card. Our world today seems smaller than it did 100 years ago as it is much easier to travel to the ends of the earth.

Long ago my husband's aunt, who lived to be 100 years old, often told us that she could not sleep past four o'clock. Now we

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