

Ida's Notebook

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It is time to hunt warmer morning. I'm glad that I got my clothes as it is rather cold in the flower plants put in pots before

the frost. This year I only have some 70 on windowsills all over the house. My two bay windows hold the biggest pots. I even transplant some blooming impatiens.

Last week I brought our granddaughter home from a soccer game so that her father could work longer in the fields. He has filled a silo with a soybean and alfalfa mixture. Now a custom operator is trying to put the corn in a bigger silo. He can cut six rows at a time, but has trouble getting the corn that the wind blew down.

Last week I heard from two distant cousins. The one person I had not seen for several years. In fact, I knew her father better than I knew her even though she lives in the county. Her sister's dying brought her to our house. Just now it seems as though there is a lot of sickness in our family. A sister and a nephew were both in the hospital in serious condition.

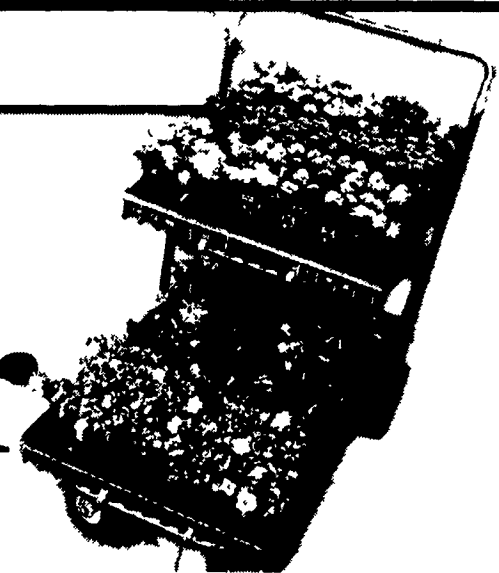
Last week I picked up a few black walnuts as my husband wants to hull them. They are a special kind called "Stablers." People pick up nuts from our

trees along the road. Many of the nuts are wasted as they are in wooded areas.

This year I don't have sweet potatoes but I do have a lot of squash. Some butternut ones are small while others are quite large. The acorn squash are small this year. Often I use the neck of the squash for slicing and then fry it in a pan. Other times I mash it after cooking it and use it for pies the same as a pumpkin.

There is always something to keep me busy and that is the way that I like it as I cannot just sit and read.

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