

**Ida's  
Notebook**  
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keep in touch with faraway friends. It seems that each year we have to remove a few names, but then I'll add a new name as I make a new friend.

My husband has been cracking some of his older black walnuts to keep himself busy. Now I have plenty to put in cookies. That is another job for this month as I usually make dozens to give to my neighbors.

The other week we attended a travelogue on Alaska. It brought back memories of our trip there a few years ago. Many things that we saw were revisited and some new sights were shown.

Recently, there have been a number of funerals at our church. Our retired minister died suddenly and there was a large funeral. Many people came to show their respects and sympathize with the family. Most of the funerals have been older people, but even so, we hate to see them leave.

Our neighbor girl was married the other Tuesday. Many Amish teams passed our house on the way to the wedding. The father of the groom drove 30 miles but he stopped halfway and changed horses. Many people came in vans.

The father of the bride brought us a dish called "roast" which was a bread filling. And, the bride brought us a big piece of her wedding cake plus some fresh fruit. She and her husband will be our new neighbors as her parents plan to move to the smaller "grandfather" house on the farm.

My high school class had lunch together again and we had a chance to order pictures of our recent 65th anniversary. Some of my classmates travel long distances to be with the group every other month.

December already and time to start addressing Christmas cards. It surely takes time to write notes on them but by doing so we can

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