

HOME GARDENERS — BEWARE! An Editorial

The home gardening season will soon be in full sway in our area as local members of the "green thumb association" will be trying to make up time lost thru the bad weather we have experienced this Spring.

After long months of winter, followed by spring rains, more spring rains, cold weather, and more cold weather, local and area residents will be back at the annual battle with dandelions, crab grass, and insects in the perennial effort to add a touch of natural color and beauty to their backyard scenes.

We have recently received a timely bulletin from the American Medical Association that contains some very good advice that we think is worthy of passing along to our readers for consideration.

If you have done nothing more strenuous than sit by the fire most of the winter — or watched TV, by all means take it easy the first few week-ends of gardening. Give your muscles a chance to regain strength gradually, rather than trying to do too much on the first day out.

Gardening often brings cuts and scratches from twigs, thorns, and sharp tools. First aid usually consists of washing the scratch with soap and water and applying an adhesive bandage. Let it bleed a little to wash away impurities. Deeper cuts may require medical attention.

Tetanus germs are harbored in the soil, particularly if barnyard fertilizer is used. The home gardener who fails to protect himself with tetanus immunization is courting lockjaw.

Insect sprays and powders, plus poisons that kill weeds, are useful aids to gardening. These, also have inherent hazards — if improperly or carelessly used.

Once again, read the directions, especially the warnings.

Bees, wasps and spiders are out for the spring season, too, and now and then one of them may sting you. For most of us, a sting is painful and causes swelling, but it isn't serious. If you are one of those individuals with an allergy to insect bites — for heaven's sake, ask your doctor about the desensitizing injections. Or — you might very well find out first hand — what heaven is like! Every year we read about someone that is allergic to insect bites, being stung by several bees, wasps, or hornets — and then dying of muscular paralysis — before medical aid can be summoned.

Then, last but not least, **Power Tools**, particularly lawn mowers, which are now standard equipment for the modern home gardener, are the cause of many accidents. They save many an aching back, but are potentially dangerous. Your power tools come with instructions on their safe use. Study them carefully!

For Power Mowers: 1. **Always** disconnect the spark plug wire whenever you want to work on the underside of the mower, as well as when you are refueling it, or carrying it around from one place to another.

2. Thoroughly inspect the lawn before beginning to mow and clear it of all sticks, stones, wire and other debris.

3. Never fill the tank indoors or while the engine is hot or still running.

4. Mow only when the grass is dry — and never use a power mower barefoot. Wear heavy shoes, preferably safety shoes, while working. Thousands of toes are amputated or mangled every year when feet slip under the blade housing.

5. Keep children out of the area you are mowing.

6. **Never** allow youngsters or inexperienced persons to operate a power mower.

7. Learn to disengage the clutch or to stop the mower quickly — in case of an emergency.

8. Latly, be sure to stop the motor whenever you leave the mower!

Well gardeners, if you follow all of the above advice, more than likely the worst thing that you will end up with is a case of blisters — or perhaps a bad case of the doldrums, if a frost should come along and undo all of your handi-work!



50 YEARS AGO

June 1, 1917

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Miss Mydah Brown of Hornell has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. L. C. Livermore of Independence.

Mrs. G. E. Burdick of Alfred visited her sister, Mrs. E. R. Crandall of Independence the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Updyke of West Union were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Updyke of Independence.

Miss Ruth Taylor closed her school in District No. 4, East Valley, last Wednesday after a successful year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Joseph Lynch are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, May 29th.

Lawrence Bloss of Sayre, Pa., was in town visiting friends from Tuesday until Thursday.

P. C. Lynch returned home Friday from a business trip to Flint, Detroit and Buffalo.

George Seeley of Salamanca is visiting his uncle, James Dougherty this week.

A. O. Tucker left Tuesday for a ten-day business trip to Cohocton, Wallace and Bath.

Dr. L. E. Willes and family of Fillmore, N. Y. visited Mrs. Willes' sister, Mrs. Teasdale, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Acker of Purdy Creek were guests of Miss Jennie Fosbury from Friday until Monday.

Mrs. Charles Calhoun has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Cartwright in East Valley the past week.

Mrs. Martha Livermore of Nile is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Livermore. The Misses Muriel Wells of Nile and Gertrude Wells of Alfred were also week-end guests at the Livermore home.

40 YEARS AGO

June 3, 1927

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Mr. and Mrs. Orla Baker are the parents of a son, Robert Ardean, born Monday, May 30th.

The Misses Ruth Baker of Tip Top and Bessie Williams of Wellsville were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Henderson of Rochester.

Mrs. John Illig of Independence was called to Mohoney City last week by the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Carrie M. Slade of Independence spent Sunday and Monday in Whitesville, guest of Mrs. Carroll Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. John Folsing and daughter, Constance of South Bethlehem, N. Y., are guests of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Folsing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Boyd and family of Elba, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. William Price and family of Batavia were Memorial Day guests at the home of Miss Mary Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. VanWie and daughter, Velma of Painted Post passed Sunday and Monday guests of Mrs. Ida Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stein of Lancaster were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gee.

Mrs. Melvin Matteson, daughter, Ena and son, Ardean and Miss Loreta Lehman, passed from Saturday until Monday with relatives in Hazelhurst and vicinity.

Mrs. A. C. Briggs is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Lewis of Whitesville.

Miss Elizabeth Folsing of New York City was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Folsing. Miss Folsing left Andover Wednesday for Denver, Colo., where in company with her sister, Miss Katherine Folsing they are to make a trip to the Pacific Coast for five to six weeks.

30 YEARS AGO

May 28, 1937

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Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Grossman are the parents of a daughter, Alura Jean, born Tuesday, May 25th.

At the Memorial Day observance

Red's Racetrack Rambles

Hello again, Racing Fans. Well, this past week-end was rather a disappointment to a lot of you wasn't it?

Yep, the weatherman didn't cooperate very much as both Holland and Olean were rained out Saturday night.

However, despite the threatening weather in this part of the country, things were a little brighter over at Perry in the afternoon and they were able to hold their full racing card.

The first heat in the Amateur started the day of some excitement as C. Stone, No. 110, won the race easily only to get clobbered on the No. 3 turn, as he went around to pick up the checkered flag. C. Stone turned into a rolling Stone as the driver plowed into the rear-end of No. 110 and drove him over the bank — with the car rolling over at least once and coming to a stop on its right side. Only the driver's feelings were injured and despite plenty of bent tin, the car was rolled back on its wheels and was able to be driven away under his own power. In fact, the driver was able to go ahead and cor first place in the feature — no neither he, nor the car could have received any serious damage.

The other Amateur heat and the 2 Semi-Late Model Heats were rather quiet with the winners jumping out to an early lead and never being threatened.

However, both Modern heats were really exciting with "Daring Cecil" (Cecil Darrin), No. 70X taking the 1st heat; and Art Clark, No. 7, taking the 2nd heat.

The Amateur Feature started out to be a real duel between Craig Stone, No. 110, and Randy Barrows, No. 4, with Randy finally passing No. 110 between the No. 3 and No. 4 turns. However, a mix-up on the No. 2 turn caused

Sunday, Lyle Ordiway gave the "Gettysburg Address"; Regina Ann Richardson, "In Flanders Field"; and Rev. Edward J. Cory gave the Address.

Saturday evening about fifty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barney of Independence gathered at their new home for a housewarming.

A party of friends gave Mrs. Edward Kilbane a surprise visit on her birthday, celebrating the occasion with a dinner and social time at the home of Mrs. Avery Mead, Sunday evening.

Miss Betty Greene and Charles Spicer of Independence took part in the music festival at Houghton Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stewart and children attended a birthday party for Clark Wambold and Ernest Woodworth at the home of Clark Wambold, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Dan Mullen and four children, Charlotte, Stewart, Bessie and Gerald Stephens Mrs. John Mullen and son, Nelson attended a birthday party for Bernard Mullen, Wednesday.

Mrs. John E. Vincent returned from New York City Saturday after passing the winter with her sister, Miss Helen Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sackett are enjoying a two weeks vacation at Cayuga Lake, New York City and Wilmington, Delaware.

Mrs. Hattie Clarke arrived Sunday from Fallbrook, Calif., and is at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lehman are the parents of a son, born Sunday, May 28th.

Miss Veronica O'Hagan of Bradford, Pa., is visiting friends in Andover this week.

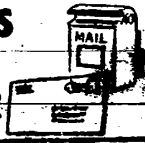
Mrs. William McDonough of Troupsburg, passed a few days this week at the home of her sister Mr. and Mrs. Irving H. Gilfillan.

Clarence Mead and son, Bobby of Elmira, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mead at their home in East Valley Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Childs and family of Obi were Sunday callers at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burger of Elm Valley and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wereley.

Mrs. Sarah Guinn in company with her son, Mr. and Mrs. James Guinn of Wellsville, passed Wednesday and Thursday at the home of their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Guinn of Port Jervis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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Dear Red,
I have seen by the papers and the weather reports that you have been having a rough Spring. Well it has been just the opposite out here. The past week it has been 98° plus. The high today was 105°. I wish that you would have some of this nice weather. I'm also looking forward to your "Red's Racetrack Rambles" as the racing season will get going soon.

You and Ann have on the good work also as far as the Andover News is concerned.

the race to be stopped at this point, so at the start the positions reversed to the previous completed lap with No. 110 in 1st place and No. 4 in second — and that's the way the race happily ended.

The Semi-Late Model feature was marked with a pile-up on the No. 2 turn and as the lead cars came around into the home-stretch a chain reaction developed when "Whitey" threw the red flag — and the last few cars slammed on their brakes. LaVern Pangrazio, No. 311, wasn't quite able to get stopped in time to avoid bumping into the car ahead of him — and Don Belzile, No. 82, who was charging right in back of him — plowed into the rear-end of No. 311, resulting in some bent-up tin but no serious damage, although it took a wrecker to pull them apart. After a new re-start things got back to normal with Don Belzile, No. 82, finally forging out into the lead and going on to pick up the "Checkered".

In the Modern Feature, Don Wylie, No. 97, jumped out to an early lead and gradually forced ahead far enough as some of the other popular drivers slipped it out for runner-up positions — that they were unable to catch him in the closing laps of the race. Eddy Anchor, No. 56, who was charging up thru the pack in the early part of the race, lost his left front wheel in the back-stretch and was forced to drop out. Pete Tinrue, No. 22, seemed to be having trouble with his car and had to drop back; and Art Clark, No. 7, seemed to be nursing his cay along — as if he had a problem and didn't want to push it too far.

For a brief re-cap of the afternoon's racing results: In the Amateurs—Craig Stone, No. 110, won the 1st heat and the feature; with Randy Barrows, No. 4, taking the 2nd heat and placing 2nd in the feature; and Elmer Elliott, No. 17, placing 3rd in the Feature.

In the Semi-Late Models — Larry Joy No. 17, won the 1st heat; LaVern Pangrazio, No. 311, took the 2nd heat; and in the Feature, Don Belzile, No. 82, was 1st; Glenn Sherwood, No. 62, 2nd and Bill Tingle, No. 26X, 3rd.

In the Moderns — Cecil Darrin, No. 70X, took the 1st heat; Art Clark, No. 7, won the 2nd heat; and in the Feature, Don Wylie, No. 97 was 1st; DeVere Bliss, No. 3B, 2nd; Stroker McGurk, No. 18, 3rd; Cliff Norton, No. 45, 4th; and Art Clark, No. 7, 5th.

Well fans, that wraps it up for this week as we had to take care of our responsibilities at various cemeteries on Memorial Day and didn't get to cover the races at Perry in the afternoon — or at Holland that night.

This coming Saturday night Woodhull plans on opening the season under lights — so we plan on going over there for our picture assignment.

So-o-o, see you at the races — somewhere?

NOTICE

On March 12th I scraped the right fender on my car near the Catholic Church and Parking Lot. If anyone finding marks on the left side of their car, please notify me and I will make refers.

Augustus Lynch

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