

A SHOT OF PREVENTION — IS WORTH A LOT OF CURE!

An Editorial

In Spring, when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, his mother's thoughts are of a rich, green lawn and a colorful flower garden, and his father is probably anticipating blistered hands and a sore back. The green thumb season is upon us.

Father's grumbling aside, gardening is good exercise and a relaxing hobby. But gardening can also expose a person to an extremely painful illness or even death, from tetanus.

Tetanus, more commonly known as lockjaw, is due to a deadly poison produced by a micro-organism that is found almost everywhere. Many persons carry the germ in their intestines and so do many cattle, horses and other domestic animals. Soil can be a source of tetanus infection, especially if it has been treated with animal fertilizer.

Dr. Hollis Ingraham, State Health Commissioner, says: "Many people think that tetanus results only from a cut by a rusty nail or similar object. This is a dangerous fallacy because tetanus can result from a very slight wound or scratch. The tetanus germ needs only a very slight break in the skin to enter the body."

Deaths from tetanus have resulted from such things as a peck from a chicken, an insect bite, a scratch from a rose bush thorn or a small crack in the skin. Some disease-causing wounds have been so slight that the patient was unable to recall any injury and no trace of the wound remained when the patient was examined.

Puncture wounds like those caused by a nail or a splinter, a gunshot wound or particles from an explosion are particularly dangerous. These wounds carry the tetanus organisms deep into the body where dead or dying tissue and the absence of oxygen provide an ideal environment for growth of the disease. Crushing injuries and burns are also favorable for development of tetanus.

Gardeners are only one group whose activities make tetanus a special hazard. Other common occupations which result in a high risk of tetanus, designated by the State Health Department as "high-risk" groups, are policemen, firemen, carpenters, military personnel, fishermen, hunters, industry workers, farmers, housewives and children.

In acute infections of tetanus, the period necessary for the germs to grow and cause symptoms varies from five to ten days. Initial symptoms may include pain or tingling around the wound and restlessness, irritability, stiff neck, fever, considerable sweating, a tightness of the jaw and mild stiffness in the arms and legs.

When the disease is further advanced, spasms of the facial muscles and jaw muscles occur. The muscle spasms progress to include the extremities, back and abdomen. The spasms are extremely painful and easily precipitated by noise, movement of touching the victim. In later stages, the spasms cause difficulty in breathing and swallowing. Death is most commonly caused by pulmonary complications.

But no one need die from tetanus. The disease is completely preventable with proper immunization. Three injections of tetanus toxoid are needed, the first two, a month apart and the third, six months to one year later. A booster shot every ten years thereafter maintains adequate protection. When an injury occurs which might result in tetanus, a booster should be given.

Tetanus toxoid is relatively painless and free of reaction. The tetanus antitoxin often administered following an injury sometimes causes a painful reaction not associated with the tetanus toxoid immunization.

Dr. Ingraham states: "Adequate immunization with tetanus toxoid is the most satisfactory solution to the dangers of tetanus. "Routine, universal immunization is the most desirable goal, but special emphasis should be placed on immunizing those on "high-risk" occupations and pre-school children."



50 YEARS AGO

May 17, 1918

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Mrs. Antha R. Case, 69, died Monday, May 13th. Her husband, her mother and a sister survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Daniel Witter has built a new barn on his lot on Hochambeau Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left for their home in Buffalo Sunday after spending a couple of weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Livermore of South Hill.

Mrs. Mary Hines came from Elmira Friday to spend the week with her brother, John Casey, Sr., of South Hill.

James Mulcahy, 24, died Wednesday, May 15th. Funeral services were held at the Blessed Sacrament Church Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Carr was a weekend guest of Mrs. Olive Bliven of Hornell.

Mrs. Frank Farwell and son of Scio are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Farwell this week.

Lee Pomeroy is in Depew, working in the branch mill of the Andover Silk Co., for a few weeks.

Mrs. Alicia Rogers and Mrs. Dell Brewster were guests of Whitesville relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reed and family of Canisteo were guests at the home of Mrs. Reed's father, Calvin Slocum Sunday.

John P. Mulcahy of Olean, has been in Andover this week, called here by the illness and death of his brother, James Mulcahy.

Mrs. Bert Lashier of Hornell was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lee Pomeroy Tuesday night and Mrs. Pomeroy accompanied her home Wednesday for a visit.

Miss Veronica Hyland has returned to her school duties at Bryant & Stratton Business College at Buffalo; after passing a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hyland of Andover.

Olin Pineroy of Elmira was an Andover visitor the last of the week and a pleasant caller on the News.

M. V. Lynch is home from Camp Dix on a furlough to help on the farm.

Miss Mildred Smith of Elm Valley spent the week-end in Wellsville guest of the Misses Josephine Potter and Lucy VanAllen.

Mrs. Rachel Farr of Andover, spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Hann of Elm Valley.

40 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1928

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Mrs. Lenora O'Keefe Shine, 75, mother of Mrs. Margaret Dean, died at her home in Wellsville Friday May 11th.

Avery Mead has purchased the property on Pleasant Ave., known as the John Deming property, of Leon Cook.

Miss Mary McPetridge was graduated from the Training School for Nurses of the Buffalo General Hospital, Thursday, May 17th. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McPetridge attended the commencement exercises.

John Dean of South Hill, moved some of his household goods last week to Buffalo, where he will reside with his daughter, Mary.

Miss Anna O'Leary of Andover spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Dean and family of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Clark have moved into their new home on the farm recently purchased by Edward Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilbur of Cleveland, Ohio, spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. B. S. Baker of Tip Top.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burdick and Miss Jeanne Burdick of Waverly spent the week-end at T. G. Burdick's of Tip Top.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Preat of Bath accompanied by Mrs. John Oakes and son of South America, were in Andover this week.

Miss Rose Quigg and niece of Conneaut, Ohio, motored to Andover Saturday and were guests of



By Alex Rankin

A Central New York Assemblyman said a few nights ago on television that the rich pension plan he voted to give himself and other legislators was needed to attract men of high calibre into government.

Democratic Assemblyman James J. Barry of North Syracuse is not

her brothers, John and Frank Quigg, returning home Tuesday. Harold Hawland and Miss Mary Boyd left Wednesday by motor for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson of Ruthersford, N. J.

Mrs. D. M. Hant who has been passing the winter in Washington, D. C., returned to her home on Dyke Street Thursday.

Supervisor and Mrs. F. S. Potter were Saturday and Sunday guests of Mrs. LeRoy Burdick of Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson left Wednesday for Johnstown, Pa., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. D. A. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Richardson returned home Friday from a very pleasant winter passed in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horton and children of Buffalo were weekend guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

30 YEARS AGO

May 20, 1938

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Today, May 20th, 1938, marks the 25th anniversary of the formal opening of the new Carnegie Andover Free Library Building.

About 20 ladies, wives of the members of the Andover Fire Department, met last Friday evening at the fire hall to organize a firemen's auxiliary. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Cassie Walsh, President; Mrs. Gertrude Kupp, Vice-President; Mrs. Margaret Kemp, Secretary and Mrs. Berneta Wereley, Treasurer.

Grocery Specials this week are: Strawberries, qt. 19c; Bananas, 5 lbs. 25c; Maxwell House Coffee, lb. 25c; Chuck Roast, lb. 21c; Bacon Squares, lb. 21c; Pork Loin End, lb. 19c; Hot Dogs, lb. 19c; Haddock Filets, 2 lbs. 23c and Veal Roast, lb. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vincent of Buffalo are passing a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence.

The Davis Hill School is closed in District 6 because of an epidemic of Scarlet Fever.

Miss Glennys Forsythe of Rochester spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Joanna Clair of Elm Valley.

Miss Alyse Pope of Cortland Normal passed the week-end with her parents, Supt. and Mrs. W. G. Pope.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sackett are enjoying a two-weeks vacation from his work as manager of the local A & P Store. They will spend some time at Cayuto Lake and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sly and son, Larry of Painted Post were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Gilfillan were callers at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough in Troupsburg, Friday.

Mrs. Ida Burdick, Mrs. Charles Gath, Mrs. George Wereley, Mrs. H. W. Boyd, Mrs. Sarah Burdick and Mrs. E. H. Higby motored to Elmira Tuesday where they attended the school of instruction and initiation at the Rebekah State Assembly.

Mrs. Hugo Honegger returned Monday from Knapp Creek where she has been the guest of her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cronk the past week.

Lynn Trowbridge of Fulton passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge.

Mrs. Ralph Burgett and Mrs. R. E. Shaif are attending the sessions of the Rebekah State assembly at Elmira this week.

the first to make such a suggestion. Voters will hear it next year. The question is whether the legislature should raise its salary from the present \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year. They said it in 1934 when they gave themselves a \$1,000 raise.

Personnel can be left entirely to the discretion and the pleasure of Barry's comment still stands.

The recently passed Urban Development Corporation bill is an example.

Forest for a moment that Gov. Rockefeller admitted openly he tried arms — told Assemblymen he would not pass out the language in their direction — if they voted against it.

Beyond that is the fact that AT LEAST five Assemblymen were recorded officially on record as voting for the bill but were not in the chamber when the vote was taken.

One was across the street in a restaurant.

Another was on the way home.

This is the kind of thing that breeds cynicism and contempt for state government and the Legislature.

Several people in the Amsterdam area have suggested during telephone conversations that the situation could be taken to court and the UDC bill ruled illegal because votes were counted for people who were not there.

Morally there is no question. It is the same thing as buying votes for \$2 each or registering and voting names from cemetery gravestones.

Legally it would not work unless it could be proved that 11 people were absent but recorded as voting yes.

Because the vote was 86 to 45, and it takes 76 votes to pass a bill in the Assembly, it would take 11 votes to reverse the outcome. There might be a legal case if it could be shown that those who were not there but who were voted anyway could have changed the outcome.

And, of course, this says nothing of the way the people who live in the districts of those who weren't there were cheated.

There is much to be said for the argument that the state Legislature is so structured that the governor and the leaders of both houses make the decisions and the other 205 legislators are just there to ratify them.

Evidence for this can be found in the fact that for years a handful of legislators have fought for the creation of a bi-partisan legislative staff to compare with the staff of the State Division of the Budget. They have always lost.

Most legislators admit they know little or nothing about the budget except what the Budget Division tells them. It is so obvious that it would be silly not to admit it, and so they do.

It is also obvious that this arrangement makes it far easier for the governor to keep too much from being cut from his budget. It prevents a lot of embarrassing questions.

Thus this year the Legislature could find ways to cut only \$131 million from a \$5.5 billion budget presented by the governor.

"Peanuts," commented Republican Sen. John H. Hughes of Syracuse, who has for years led a losing battle to cut deeply into the budget.

Are peanuts worth \$18,000 a year and retirement at age 55 at half pay after 20 years, only five of which have to be in the state Legislature?

Information on forest insects and diseases may be obtained from the New York State Conservation Department, Bureau of Forest Pest Control, Albany, N. Y., 12226 or from any of the 15 Regional Forest District Offices in the State.

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