

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 S. 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 of particles from an explosion are particularly dangerous. These wounds carry the tetanus organisms deep into the body when 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, spasm 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 in "high-risk" occupations and pre-school children."



50 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1919

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Fifty friends and neighbors gathered at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday evening to honor the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Collins.

Wilbert W. Yale, 73, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. A. Fowler, Tuesday, April 1st. A brother, a sister and two nieces survive. Interment was in Harpersville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles are the parents of a daughter, Dorothy, Adelaide, born March 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Howland of Elm Valley are the parents of a son, Lynn LeRoy, born Thursday, March 20th.

The Hornell-Wellsville bus made a record trip between Wellsville and Andover last Friday night, being three hours on the road. They were compelled to leave the car here and finish their trip on train.

March kept her record for weather, for we experienced one of the worst blizzards of the winter Friday and Saturday with 10 above zero April 1st.

Ray Rogers has purchased the Chas. Wilson farm that lays across the road from his farm.

Bernard Pritchard has purchased the Frank Nobles farm and are nearly all moved into their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke of Little Genesee are visiting relatives in Independence this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence visited relatives at Wellsville from Wednesday until Friday.

Mrs. F. E. Warren of Westery, R. 1, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. A. Crandall of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walters of Buffalo, have bought the farm of John Breiding on Hartsville Hill and are moving there.

Simon B. Adams, Jr., 95, died at his home on Voorhees Hill Wednesday. A daughter and three sons survive.

Floyd Burdick died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Burdick of Railroad Valley, Tuesday.

Miss Mary M. Padden spent the week-end in Hornell, guest of Mrs. C. J. Tanner.

Mrs. Wilbur Cronk has been passing a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Howland in Elm Valley.

G. W. Watson of Friendship is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Robinson.

Mrs. Mary A. Willard of Belmont, has been visiting at the home of her brother, Mortimer Lannhear of Railroad Valley.

Miss Ruby Snyder returned to her school duties in Rochester, Monday after spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder.

40 YEARS AGO

April 5, 1929

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Miss Lillian Smith and Darwin Tremaine were united in marriage Saturday, March 30 by Rev. Walter Dynes.

Charles Harvey Watson, 79, died at the home of his son, Dr. Watson of Alfred, April 2nd. His wife, two sons and two daughters survive. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Miss Lucy Knickerbocker and Alonza McKee were united in marriage Tuesday by Rev. Walter Dynes.

John Barrett, 49, died at his home in Dewey, Okla., Tuesday. His wife, three daughters, his mother, three brothers and two sisters survive. Interment was in Dewey, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Green are the parents of a daughter, Lois Janette, born Sunday, March 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitford of Hartsville Hill, are the parents of a daughter, Genevieve Iva, born Sunday, March 23rd.

the parents of a son, Harold Edward, born Friday, March 29th. Miss Alice Kelly of West Green-



Albany is now empty of legislators. They will be back April 15, and before the session is over consider this:

What would you think of an elected representative who was handed a bill, a legal document if you will, loaded with all the commas, clauses, mayas and shalls, the omission of only one of which changes the whole meaning and the bill was worth roughly \$2 billion and a half an hour later the legislators voted for it?

It happened time and again last Friday and Saturday night as the Legislature passed a series of bills representing a \$6.4 billion budget.

Most of the bills were not printed. They were mimeographed.

While the Assembly, for example, was debating one bill, this re-

porter went to the well of the chamber where there was a stack of bills spelling out cutbacks in state aid to education — the next bill to be taken up on the calendar. The clerk said no. A legislator tried to get one. "No," he was told.

Only when the bill was called for debate were they passed out. It was the first time anyone except the party leaders and their staffs had seen them.

Another Assemblyman left the room to answer a phone call during

wood, left Friday morning for an Easter trip to Washington, D. C.

Clayton Stephens of West Greenwood, has moved to Elm Valley, where he will work for Frank Meade.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall of Andover are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crandall, Hilda Jane and Billy of Alfred, are spending the week-end at the home of R. E. Spicer of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Montgomery and sons, Miss Minnie Vaughn of Hornell, and Miss Mae Wood and Inez Meade of Andover, were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arling Briggs of Davis Hill this week.

Mrs. Thomas Joyce has returned from a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mark Loree and family of Almond.

Edward Preston of Chicago, arrived in Andover the last of the week for an extended visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Alfretha Crandall, who has returned to her home on W. Center Street after spending the winter with her daughter in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stearns and son, Judson of Hornell, passed Easter Sunday and Monday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns.

Mrs. Patricia Dougherty is spending a few days in Hornell, Okla. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harold Griswold.

30 YEARS AGO

April 7, 1939

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers The first annual meeting of Andover East & West Club was held Friday night at the Legion Hall following a 6:30 tureen dinner.

At this time the following officers for the coming year were elected: Gerald [unclear] president, Guy Childs, vice-president, George Sackett, treasurer, and C. C. Backus, secretary.

Edwin F. Earley, 79, died at the home of his daughter, Monday, April 3rd. His daughter, Mrs. Walton and a brother, Atty Crayton L. Earley survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Joyce and family of West Greenwood, are passing some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynch near Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond motored to Buffalo, Saturday, where they visited relatives and friends in that city, Lancaster and

the debate. When he got back he found the bill had been passed. He said to his staff: "I don't know what for another. We only printed 100 copies." was the reply. There are 156 Assemblymen.

The argument can be made that it made no difference really because the Assemblymen had been told what was in the bills days before in private party conferences. The fact that they were told something is true. But they were never given anything in writing in bill form.

But all that is true when one remembers that what happened last week is exactly what happened in 1965 when the Medicaid bill was passed. A lot of papers were waved about and figures and statistics written on charts, but the fact is that very few legislators know what was in the bill.

Today the Legislature is still struggling with Medicaid. They keep cutting it back, but it keeps on growing and growing.

The last days of the session will see passage of the supplemental budget. A supplemental budget is a device used by legislators to put back in the budget what they took out the month before. And like the budget bills this year, it could be off the presses at noon and voted on at 1 p. m. and not many will know what's in it. We hope not.

Elma. Miss Dorothy Joyce accompanied them and passed the week-end with her sisters, Misses Agnes and Kathryn Joyce in Buffalo.

Leo Raufenbarth of Hornell spent Sunday at the home of his mother and sister, Mrs. M. Raufenbarth and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cook left Thursday for DaGola, Pa., where they will be employed in the practical nursing home of Mrs. E. W. Salisbury.

Miss Elizabeth Hoff of Buffalo, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge and daughter, Marion, were guests over the week-end at the home of Mrs. Trowbridge's brother, Clarence Mead in Elmira.

Mrs. Kenneth Blackman and son of Hinsdale, are passing the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles of Shovel Hollow.

Forrest Gee of Hornell was a week-end guest at the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Conners.

Mrs. Eva Hazlett of Stannards is passing a few days with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldyn Brooks of West Almond, passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greenway.

Miss Lulu Wightman of Sab. is spending the week-end at the home of her brother, E. C. Wightman and family.

Miss Rita Elliott left Wednesday to pass the week-end with her family at her home in Andover.

Miss Lillian [unclear] passed Wednesday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. [unclear] and daughter, Ernestine of Olean were calling on relatives in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. [unclear] and Mrs. [unclear] passed Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Mary Keough of Wellsville. Mrs. Apple remained until Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis spent Sunday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson at Dundee.

Menzo Burdick of Elm Valley was a Wednesday visitor of his sister, Mrs. Jennie Carr.

made from hamburger, ground chuck or occasionally ground round.

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