

TO KEEP GREEN THUMBS GREEN!

An Editorial

It's that time of year again! Time to oil the gardening shears, fuel the power mower and saw, put the sprayers in order and restock the first-aid kit!

In other words, it's time to do something to prevent the annual deluge of sprains, fractures, cuts, stings, burns, poisonings and near-fatal and fatal gardening accidents — nearly every one of them due to human error or thoughtlessness.

If you want to be admired as a green-thumb gardener rather than becoming a bloodied red-thumb casualty, here are some basic rules of the garden path.

— First, make sure that all tools are in good working order.

— Second, read the directions — and follow them — for all tools and pesticides.

— Third, wear clothes suitable for gardening — no loose garments or jewelry to catch on tools or bushes — and always wear gardening gloves.

— Fourth, keep children away from garden areas when you are working in them.

Gardeners are using power tools increasingly to ease the burden of their work. These tools include electrical trimmers, both battery operated and those requiring cords plugged into household current, power saws and power mowers, electrical and gasoline-operated, and mechanical grass cutters.

Other than endangering fingers and toes and a capacity or hurling rocks and other debris dangerously close to eyes, ears, and mouth, battery-operated tools pose few hazards.

But the plug-in variety tell another story. They should never be used without a properly grounded three-wire connection or extension cord. The gardener must keep a sharp eye on the cord to make sure that it does not become snarled on machinery and severed with disastrous results.

Electrical equipment should never be used in the rain or when a gardener is standing in water unless he is wearing safety rubber footwear and rubber gloves. It is wise to wear safety glasses whether working in rain or sun.

Regardless of the source of power — battery or electric outlet — switches should be turned off whenever tools are not in use. If a grass cutter catches on a wire fence, a stone or a twig, shut it off and then dislodge the object; never try to do this with the motor turned on and risk losing a finger — or worse. And never leave a power tool unattended for little hands to toy with.

As for power mowers, they should never be used when anyone else — adult or child — is nearby because they can throw stones that harm, maim or kill. If it becomes necessary to remove anything from the blades, turn off the motor; never set fingers to any moving parts.

Chain saws require special precautions. Your footing must be firm lest you lose your balance, and the tool itself be light enough to maneuver with ease. The wise woodsman never works alone; he has someone to help him plan his work, watch for falling limbs and help clear undergrowth with an axe before the sawing begins.

A wide variety of saws and mowers operate on gasoline motors. These call for still further precautions. Tanks should be filled only on bare ground, and a rigid no-smoking rule should be observed by those handling fuel or the machines it runs. A fire extinguisher should be kept near the place gasoline-operated equipment is stored.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST — Children should not be allowed to use any gardening tool or to regard any tools as toys when they are not in use.

In other words, gardening tools may be recreational equipment for adults, but they definitely are not meant for child's play!

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

Each year the State Legislature wrestles with the serious problem of curtailing the alarming rise in the crime rate of this State, and usually there are those who advocate the so-called "gun control" proposals as being the ultimate answer. Crime statistics show that enforcement of laws is the only way to reduce crime. The State has a long history of gun control laws, but the crime rate has continued to rise. The State has a long history of gun control laws, but the crime rate has continued to rise. The State has a long history of gun control laws, but the crime rate has continued to rise.

This year the two Republican legislative leaders, Assemblyman Emery and Senator Anderson, have introduced a bill to make it a crime to carry a gun in a public place. The bill would make it a crime to carry a gun in a public place, and it would also make it a crime to carry a gun in a public place.

The Durfee-Anderson proposal would tighten law enforcement with respect to crimes committed with guns, reduce plea bargaining, prevent lower courts from reducing armed felony charges and establish a system for tracking the manner in which these crimes are handled by our criminal justice agencies. The legislative leaders refer to "revolving-door justice" in our courts which frequently results in the gun-carrying criminal being returned to the streets. This is so because present state law treats all armed felonies without regard to the kind of weapon, and because too often plea bargaining has become a way of life in our over-crowded courts.

The proposed measures, which have the support of a large number of legislators around the State, would subject anyone convicted of certain felonies with a gun to stiff mandatory minimum sentences. Second offenders would be subject to life imprisonment. In addition, a person charged with committing certain felonies while armed with a gun would be severely restricted in his ability to plead to a lesser offense, and stricter accountability for such pleas would be required.

The Durfee-Anderson bill would add a new article to the Penal Law defining the crime of armed felony in three degrees.

Armed felony would consist of such other serious crimes as robbery, burglary, escape and rape committed with a gun. If the elements of any of these crimes are present, the local criminal court could not reduce the charge and pleas to an indictment for any such crime must include at least a plea of guilty to a felony.

Where a plea to a felony other than armed felony is permitted, the prosecutor must transmit a copy of his statement of reasons for agreeing to the lesser charge to the State Division of Criminal Justice Services, which would be required to include analyses of the reports compiled pursuant to Section 837-A of the Executive Law.

A separate sentencing structure would be established for the new crime of armed felony to include mandatory minimum sentences.

A second offense of armed felony would become a Class A-II felony. The elements of crimes of burglary and robbery, first, second and third degrees, would be readjusted and the penalties adjusted respectively.

When you realize that, under present provisions of the Penal Law, a 16-year-old boy who takes a bicycle from another youngster while armed with brass knuckles is guilty of robbery in the first degree and subject to 25 years imprisonment while the same penalty applies when a gang of masked bandits hold up a bank with sub-machine guns, you can see how badly we need to revise these laws. I think that this is a sensible, reasonable approach to a very serious problem which cries for a solution. And it steers away from the usual call for so-called "total gun control"

in this State which clearly is no solution at all.

The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) announces his schedule for the week beginning May 15, 1975.

Thursday, May 15th — Assemblyman Emery, Chairman of the Minority Task Force on Taxation and the State's Economy will be conducting a Public Hearing at the Monroe County Office Building, 100 West Seneca, Rochester, N.Y. 14620.

Friday, May 16th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Saturday, May 17th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Sunday, May 18th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Monday, May 19th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

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Saturday, May 24th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Sunday, May 25th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Monday, May 26th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Tuesday, May 27th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Wednesday, May 28th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Thursday, May 29th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Friday, May 30th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Saturday, May 31st — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Sunday, June 1st — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Monday, June 2nd — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Tuesday, June 3rd — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Wednesday, June 4th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Thursday, June 5th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Friday, June 6th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Saturday, June 7th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Sunday, June 8th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Monday, June 9th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

Tuesday, June 10th — Assemblyman Emery will be in the State Capitol in Albany.

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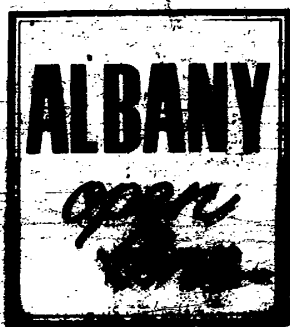
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50 YEARS AGO

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Miss Mabelle Jeanne Perrin died suddenly May 7 at Oswego Hospital after a brief illness. She will be remembered by Andover people as the young lady who staged the musical "On Deck" at the Auditorium in February. She was putting on a play at Mexico, N.Y., when she was taken ill. The body was taken to the home of her parents in Upper Sandusky, Ohio for funeral and burial. Roland Stevens officiated at the funeral.

Memorial Day will be observed Saturday, May 20 as usual. Plans are being made for the parade to Trillium Cemetery and a program to follow with the address being given by Attorney Ward Hopkins of Cuba.

Andover was blessed with a sharp rain shower, May 14.

The interior of the Sugar Bowl is being reconstructed.

A deer was seen quietly feeding

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