

SPRAY, YOU SAY?

An Editorial

A warning is going out to gardeners across America as they prepare for their annual war on the insect world.

Make sure your insecticide sprayguns don't backfire and remove YOU instead of the bugs and worms from your garden.

There are at least 45,000 pesticide products to choose from and most of them can also harm man if handled improperly. Care must be taken in administering even the mildest of insecticides, the safety experts say.

The first recommended step toward safe use of pesticides is to read the label to make sure you are buying the right product for the task you want to accomplish. Also note the degree of danger in using the substance. Poisons generally come in four grades of toxicity, which under Federal Law must be clearly indicated on the label. The four classifications are:

- 1. Highly toxic - labeled as DANGER-POISON accompanied by a skull and crossbones. Recommended antidotes are included along with instructions to call a physician immediately if swallowed and to "keep out of reach of children."
2. Moderately toxic - bearing the word WARNING on the label but with no antidote statement. The admonition to keep out of the reach of children is included.
3. Low order of toxicity - this calls for the word CAUTION, with no antidote statement but a warning to keep out of the reach of children.
4. Comparatively free from danger - No warning, caution or antidote statement is required but "keep out of the reach of children must be included. Any unqualified claim of safety is not acceptable to the Federal government.

Once you are ready to fire away with an insecticide, follow the instructions to the letter, using only the amount recommended in the manner stipulated. The U.S.A. Department of Agriculture warns that an overdosage is wasteful; it will not kill any more insects and it can harm plants.

The National Safety Council suggests that both user and family should be aware of first aid measures called for in an insecticide accident. It also recommends emptying and flushing sprayers after each use, returning leftovers to their original containers.

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency says pesticides should never be poured down the sink or into a toilet bowl, for they can interfere with the operation of septic tanks or pollute waterways.

Combined's safety experts set forth these additional recommendations:

- Dilute or mix sprays outdoors or in well-ventilated places, keeping your face averted when opening the container.
- Never use your mouth to blow out clogged lines, nozzle tips or siphons or sprays.
- Do not smoke while using pesticides and try not to inhale mists or dusts. Never spray into the wind. If you get insecticides in your eyes, flush them with water for 15 minutes and then see a doctor.
- Avoid contaminating streams, lakes or ponds. Do not apply pesticides while bees and other pollinating insects are visiting plants. Stay clear of squirrel and bird nests.
- Wear protective clothing. Remove insecticide-spattered clothing at once and bathe thoroughly with soap and water. Wash face and hands after using pesticides.
- And, Happy Hunting!

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

FINAL MOVEMENT ON WELFARE REFORM

This past week (May 4), county officers from throughout the State met in Albany to dramatize the unbearable burdens welfare costs are imposing on local governments. On the average, welfare is consuming over 50 per cent of all county expenditures. For many county governments, it has forced outrageous property tax increases as high as 40 per cent in one year. There are now reports that some counties are considering their constitutions and making amendments and will face bankruptcy as soon as four years from now - all because of welfare.

To meet with this problem, the county officers are pushing for the enactment of state legislation which would freeze county welfare expenditures at 1976 levels. They say any increases in welfare costs after 1976 must be paid by the state government. Their demand although it may save counties from the increased costs of an out-of-control program, is only a remedy that will see taxpayers pay the bill at another tax collector's window - the state government. It is no solution to the inflated welfare problem. True, the hearingful welfare reform which will save the taxpayers money, can only come if we get a handle on the total cost of the program.

Our present system does little more than spew forth money in an attempt to solve our social problems. We need management reforms to eliminate the welfare cheats, the overcharging for medical services, and all the other abuses of our welfare system. This will mean laying out some money to computerize our welfare payment system, but in two years time the system would more than pay for itself.

The County Executive of Suffolk County gave testimony to this at the county officers meeting Suffolk County, with a population of 1.3 million, installed a computer system at a cost of \$2 million. The computer now catches \$250,000 mistakes on welfare payments each month. Before the computer, these payments would have been made and the error never corrected.

As vice-chairman of the Temporary State Commission on Revising the Social Services Law, I have been working for nearly 10 years on welfare reforms. I have proposed and introduced many bills to clean up our welfare system, but they have always met defeat since there was not enough determination on the part of all elected officials in this state to enact true welfare reforms.

The failure of others to realize the seriousness of the situation has led New York City to a narrow escape from bankruptcy and it now threatens the solvency of many of the state's 57 counties. I was glad to see the county officers finally come to Albany in a unified effort to put their full weight behind welfare reform legislation. After years of determined study I am pleased the solution to our welfare problems are now a priority item.

The problem, therefore, is, can we get enough people around the state to support the solutions which will save New York State taxpayers billions of dollars in state and county taxes? That decision rests in the hands of public opinion and the public pressure put on local and state elected representatives to combat themselves to long-term, welfare reform programs.

Please make note that the State Assembly in Albany will have a new Tax Code assigned by the U.S. Post Office. If you are writing to me in Albany, correspondence should be addressed to me at Legislative Office Building, Albany, N. Y. 12248.

ASSEMBLYMAN EMERY'S SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16th

Saturday, May 15th - Genesee Alumni Association's Annual Meeting and Luncheon - 1:00 p. m. - Ballroom of the College Union.

Following the meeting and luncheon at 3:30 p. m., in the Fall Brook Theater of the Fine Arts Center there will be a formal dedication of the William A. Brodie



50 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1926

Dr. Charles H. ... of dramatic changes have been made in the Village Law by the legislature recently passed, each and every law which is a decided improvement to the people. The total of bills of the Village Board is now twenty-three instead of one. The other bills being held in abeyance which have always been administered and acted by the people have been nullified and the Village Board has been appointed by the Village Board with the right to act upon the people's rights to any other law which is proposed to be enacted with political bias system on the way purpose of which is to take away the power from the people to propose and concentrate it in the hands of a few.

Another of Andover's old landmarks, the American House, this week began to feel the touch of modern improvement and present day times. Extensive exterior improvements were started early Monday morning which will transform the building into one of Andover's beauty places. It will get a coat of stucco. Workmen have taken down the large double deck porch which has graced the front of the building for many years and from the top of which in years long gone, by the old Excelsior Band and later the Andover Concert Band used to render their weekly Band Concerts. A new double deck porch will be built to be made of concrete and stucco. The building itself was a three story framed building and was erected about sixty-five years ago.

The people of Andover enjoyed a great Friday evening when "The Telegram" a delightful comedy was presented by a group of young people from the Almold Union Church, for the benefit of the Kings Daughters of the Presbyterian Church of Andover. All parts were well acted and the audience was generous in its expressions of appreciation of the good work of the players and of the fine music furnished by our own musicians. The Kings Daughters and those furnishing the entertainment are very grateful for the generous support given by the home folks.

In Supreme Court yesterday, after a thorough trial, Judge Charles Brown ordered a padlock to be placed on the Swink Hotel in Andover for a year. This will close this particular nuisance for a while. The Judge left for future decision who should pay the expense of the trial. There were twenty people from Andover present at the trial.

The Village Board of Health is making plans for a Garbage Disposal. The plans for the present are to let each family that wishes to have garbage disposal regularly perhaps weekly or often and to register with P. W. Richardson, Clerk of the Board. Each family is to purchase 2 metal cans to put their garbage in. The cost of the system to be nominal. Twenty-five cents weekly is the cost.

The regular meeting of the Literary Society was held May 7. The topics were drawn from a box and the names of persons giving these were drawn from another. As these were given without any preparation, it was great and a treat to the listeners. Those taking part were: Rose Dawson, Ruby Robinson, Marjory Williams, Mary Moran, Edward Cannon, Gerald Hann, Naomi Stokler, Carl Greene, Louis Harrison, Eleanor DeBauer, Lorford Horton, Claire Greene, Raymond O'Boyle, Albert Rogers, Louise Folsing, Edna Quinn, Mary Cable, Lillian Holmes, Alice Rogers. A prize was offered

Fine Arts Center

Speaking at the Tri County Pistol League's Dinner - Conover Lake Sportsmen's Club in Lakeville.

Sunday, May 16th - "Fly In" Breakfast - Danville Airport from 7:00 a. m. to Noon.

Thursday, May 20th - Employers Appreciation Banquet - 7:00 p. m. - Occupational Center, at Mount Morris.

for the best presentation and the Judges Kenneth Alvord, Grace Burdick and Gertrude Beebe decided on the following: 1st, Rose Dawson; Honorable Mention, Carl Greene and Eleanor DeBauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Love, parents of the late Mrs. Love, died at the St. James Mercy Hospital. Mrs. E. O. ... and Mr. Robert ... at a bridge luncheon, Saturday afternoon.

Com. Howland and some of his ... at the St. James Mercy Hospital.

The ... School will close May 31 with a picnic at ... Mr. and Mrs. ... were in ... on ...

Mr. and Mrs. ... and Mrs. ... called on ... at the ...

The Annual May Ball will be held Tuesday evening, May 18, with music by Ted Zapp and his novelty orchestra from Olean, accompanied by Miss Jane Searle's Charleston Dancers and Singers. Dancing will be from 9:30 to 1:30 - Price \$1.50 per couple.

40 YEARS AGO

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Plans have been completed to treat Seed Potatoes for all farmers of Allegany County who desire to do so according to W. D. Allen, Assistant County Agricultural Agent. The hot-water-bath method of treating will be used as it is most effective in the control of scab and rhizoctonia. The cost of the treating by these methods is 50 cents per bushel at independence at the Sam Clarke farm on May 12 and Andover Milk Plant on May 14.

Herbert Clarke daughter of Herbert and Elvretta Austin Clarke was born in Independence June 10, 1886 and died May 1, 1936 at the St. James Mercy Hospital. On February 24, 1903 she married Clayton Greene who died August 18, 1908. She is survived by one son, Elton of Wellsville and three granddaughters; four brothers, William and Robert of Independence, Winfield of Little Genesee and Howard of Rochester Bural was in Hillside Cemetery.

Miss Virgil Bloss of Canisteo formerly of Andover, was chosen "Miss American Legion" at the Annual Show put on in Canisteo. She was chosen by vote of 400 people, as the most popular girl in Canisteo. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloss former Andover residents.

John J. Oakes of Andover, will sail May 9 from New York City for Buenos Aires, South America, where he will be employed at least one year. He will be in charge of construction of a large cement factory at Parana, Argentina. He was offered this position by the International Cement Corp., which owns three other plants in South America. Mr. Oakes was employed for over 13 years in the building and operation of two of these factories. Mrs. Oakes and family will remain in Andover for the present.

A farewell service will be held for Mrs. Mary S. Bassett, wife of the late Eugene Bassett of Walton N. Y., at the Independence Cemetery, May 13.

Miss Ann Jessamine Hillman eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Hillman of Little Genesee, deceased, and Carroll Hill and Cora Hill of Andover, were married April 21.

Miss Rebecca Helen Balsman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Balsman and Claude Leitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Leitch of Ulysses, Pa., were married April 30 at the Andover Presbyterian Church by Rev. Deane.

Miss Grace Burdick of Rochester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Burdick of Elm Valley and

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