

# SNOW

## Friend or Foe?

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The prediction of snow brings moans and groans from the majority of our people; even weather forecasters apologize when they mention snow.

Why is it this product of Mother Nature has become such an unwanted part of our weather? Could it be the cost of removal, or the extra effort required?

Or might it be that too many of us are failing to realize the real value of a good snowfall?

Snow is formed when we have a very cold upper atmosphere. The moisture vapors freeze into white flakes which fall upon the earth in all sizes and shapes. On the average, 10 inches of snow equals one inch of rain in moisture content.

Snow is nature's one way of adding moisture to the earth. Think what a good snowfall would do at this time for the wheat growers of the Great Plain States.

The sight of dancing flakes should bring excitement to both young and old, as the earth gradually turns white. Snowfall is an Act of God and one of nature's most decorative elements. As the snowflakes pile up, they provide protection for all types of plants and vegetation.

Most cases of winter-kill of crops and plants can be prevented, if the plants are snow-covered at the time of the extremely cold weather. Zero weather without snow can kill winter grains such as wheat and barley, as experienced by local growers. Bare ground freezes deeply, while ground under several inches of snow freezes very little.

The heaving of plants out of the ground by alternate freezing and thawing can be prevented by being covered with several inches of snow. Strawberry plants under snow will not be damaged by cold weather; the same is true for wheat, barley or alfalfa.

However, without snow cover many of these plants will be heaved out of the ground and will die.

We'll admit that severe snowstorms with huge drifts are dangerous and impose hardships on many folks. Driving becomes more dangerous and snow plowing equipment costs money. The disruption of communication lines is an economic blow to any community. There is little doubt that all of us can get along without these extra weather problems.

On the other hand, think of the benefits. We should consider the value of winter sports programs based upon snow. How can the youngsters enjoy sledding without snow? The popular sports of skiing and snowmobiling are built upon adequate snow cover.

The beauty of snowfall, and the extra comfort of home and the fireplace, are all plus factors of nature's most cleansing element - snow.

Therefore, the next time you hear snow in the weather forecast, or arise in the morning to a new snowfall, think of the good things that Mother Nature has given to mankind with the snow.

It has an important place on earth, along with the sun, rain, air, and the wind. Snow protects the earth the same as the blanket over a baby in its crib.



The start of Spring just a week away, we're saying good-bye to winter and snow. The beautiful white stuff isn't appreciated as much as it should be. But it

has a purpose in Nature and inspires photographers like Grant Heilman who took this picture.

### Dinner rallies set

AKRON - A series of five dinner rallies has been planned by the Boyd for Congress Committee, John Gibble, general campaign chairman, announced today. Boyd is a candidate for the Republican nomination to the 16th U.S. Congressional District seat now occupied by Rep. Edwin D. Eshleman.

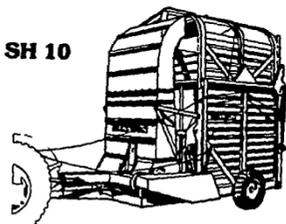
Gibble said that Boyd would speak briefly at each of the rallies, concentrating on the issues he feels are central to the campaign. The rallies are open to the general public. Gibble said tickets should be purchased in advance from rally chairman James Gibble, Lititz, phone 626-4091. Each of the dinner rallies starts at 6:45 p.m. The dates, places and ticket prices are: March 20, Brunnerville Fire Hall, \$4.50; March 26, Memorial United Methodist Church, Quarryville, \$4.50; April 2, Brownstown Restaurant, \$4.50; April 10, Hostetter's Dining Service, Mount Joy, \$5; April 23, Friendship Fire Hall, Lebanon, \$4.50.

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