

**SAFETY VALVE**

**EXPERT BUCK-PASSING**

Dear Anonymous: People who write anonymous letters to the Dallas Post, should expect an unsigned reply.

Does the writer of a letter on the subject of hospitals realize what a staggering sum it costs to erect such a hospital, and what the cost is of maintaining such an institution?

She says she will not contribute to the General Hospital, but would gladly contribute to building a hospital out here.

How much? A million dollars?

A million dollars would be a good running start on a small hospital, allowing something for a sinking fund for maintenance and operation.

Has the anonymous writer any idea of the length of time that would be required to build such a hospital, even supposing the fund could be raised?

Is she willing to wait for erection

of a Back Mountain Hospital if she finds that she needs surgical care? If her child is injured in a traffic accident, will she wait until we have a Back Mountain hospital before she has his skull X-Rayed?

Does she realize what a marvelous service a large hospital gives its patients, a service which has to be based upon expensive equipment as well as top-notch medical knowledge?

Construction of a new building at General Hospital will benefit everybody in the area. It will add to the general stock-pile of equipment, and make it possible to care for more people relieving the pressure on overburdened hospitals.

The anonymous writer's excuse seems pretty weak.

It is so easy to say, "Well if somebody else will do something, so will I."

So easy to say, "If I can't write the rules, I won't play ball."

So easy to think, "It's always the other fellow who gets hurt. I won't be in any accident. Nobody will put me on a stretcher after I have crashed on the Turnpike, and take me to General Hospital. I

**Youth Concert Planned April 11**

**Philharmonic Will Give Student Program**

Youth Concert Committee has extended invitations to all fifth and sixth grade students in private, public, and parochial schools in Wyoming Valley to their free concert Saturday morning, April 11, at 10:30 in Wilkes College gymnasium.

The concert is co-sponsored by Wilkes-Barre Philharmonic Orchestra and Junior League of Wilkes-Barre.

Students' names have been submitted to Mrs. Houston Day, chairman, for a musical quiz contest during intermission.

Eight names will be drawn from all the contestants and the eight will participate in the quiz.

The grand prize will be an R.C.A. hi-fi phonograph and there will be other prizes for the other seven contestants.

Mrs. Day also announced that school music supervisors have been most cooperative and there will be music demonstrations during school classes by Philharmonic members.

The demonstrations along with a thirty-minute educational television program on Channel 28 WBERE, Saturday morning at 9:30 will help to prepare the students better to understand and enjoy the concert.

don't USE General Hospital."

Can you afford to wait until a Back Mountain Hospital is built before making your contribution?

And now, how about that \$2?

That is ALL you are being asked to give.

The price of half a tankful of gas. A very small roast of pork. A large jar of instant coffee and a pound of butter. A shampoo and pin-curls.

On second thought, I can't write an anonymous letter. I always like to stand up and be counted.

Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks.

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**May Month To Improve Home**

Harrisburg — A State-wide campaign to improve the homes of Pennsylvania was inaugurated this week by Governor David L. Lawrence.

The month of May has been declared "Home Improvement Month" by the State's Chief Executive. The Governor, in an official Proclamation, urges all property owners to improve their homes through modernization and repair.

In this declaration, the Governor calls on all citizens to undertake or plan improvements and modernization during the month of May.

"Aware of the magnitude and urgency for this need of rehabilitation of many homes," he said, "It is our desire that lending institutions, contractors, dealers, manufacturers, trade associations, and realtors join with local civic organizations and private citizens within the State to assist in promoting a modernization plan for all homes in need of improvement or repair."

The Federal Housing Administration is cooperating fully with the Governor's program. Under the Governor's home improvement loan insurance program the lowest rates for property improvement loans are available. No collateral or mortgage is required and payment may be up to five years with a maximum of \$3,500 per home.

All loans to property owners for improvement and repair are made by local lending institutions on unsecured notes insured by the Government.

In twenty-five years of helping homeowners improve the livability and value of their homes, the FHA property improvement program has insured over 22 million repair, alteration and improvement loans valued at more than \$11½ billion.

**NO APRIL FOOL JOKE**

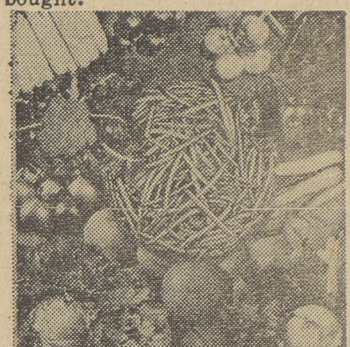
Harrisburg—Don't be stuck without a sticker on or after April 1.

Any passenger car owner who has not received an application for the 1959 registration year was urged today by the State Department of Revenue to notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles immediately.

**GETTING THE MOST... FROM YOUR GARDEN**  
By Lyman N. White  
**ASSOCIATED SEED GROWERS**

No summer hobby offers so much for so little as a vegetable garden. Vegetables are easy to grow, given three things: good seed, good soil and plenty of sunlight. In return you get crisp texture, rich flavor, the convenience and economy of fresh supplies at your doorstep. You can raise many interesting and unusual plants not grown commercially. It's a lot of fun.

The cool-weather species come first, chiefly the salad plants, of which lettuce is the leader. There are two main types—the commercial lettuce with leaves rolled into a tight ball for convenience in trade handling, and the loose-leafed type, which is better for the home garden as it is richer in vitamins and food value and can be picked a few leaves at a time, instead of lifting the whole head. There are many varieties, such as the big Simpson's Curled, the bright Grand Rapids and the heat-resistant Oak Leaf. They can all be readily raised from seed, though young plants may be bought.



courtesy Agrow

Other spring greens should be grown to complement lettuce in the salad bowl. These include cress or peppercress, mustard, radishes and chives, which are miniature and mild members of the onion tribe, raised from little bulbs for their long leaves like green knitting needles. Their heartier, more robust cousin is the scallion, or bunching onion, which does not make a round bulb and is usually grown from tiny onions, known as sets.

The secret of having all these saladings in perfection is moist soil that is rich in plant food, especially nitrogen for leafy plants, since they should grow quickly, yet all have light root systems, not fit for foraging far in search of food. They need a well-prepared bed in the sunlight of spring.

For the first potterbs, or boiled greens, spinach is the standard. It is a hardy plant, so much so that seed may be sown before winter sets in and left to come up as the cold abates. More frequently it is one of the first rows to be made up, and cutting will normally start in six weeks, though the new hybrid spinach should shorten the time by about a week. Where there is a good cook in the family, so that spinach is relished, a 12-ft. row will not be too much, but it should be sown in 4-ft. lengths at intervals of a week.

Peas are now popular all the year round, thanks to freezing and canning, but still green peas fresh from the garden are at their delicious best, the pride and joy of the gardener as the first fruits of spring. Varieties range widely, from the low-growing Little Marvel, which requires no brushwood on which to climb, through the medium types such as Thomas Laxton to the tall and late-maturing Alderman.

A good way to sow peas is to set them in a shallow trench at the same time placing in position any brushwood needed. Later, when the seedlings are three or four inches high, the sides of the trench are pulled in with a hoe and firmed down, thus giving a deeper set and killing incipient weeds at the same time. Peas are legumes, and the roots of all legumes depend for essential nitrogen on certain beneficial bacteria. It is therefore necessary, if peas have not been grown in the garden before, to shake the seed with the proper inoculant, a powder which can be had at the seed store and costs but a few cents.

Two other early and valuable crops are asparagus and rhubarb. Both are perennials, started from roots. They give no yield for a year or two, but once established in fertile soil they will brighten each spring for a lifetime.

NEXT WEEK: Flowers.

**Warning On Danger In Trash Burning**

Secretary of Forests and Waters Maurice K. Goddard warned Pennsylvanians that "warm weather, gusty winds, and dry grass and leaves make an explosive mixture."

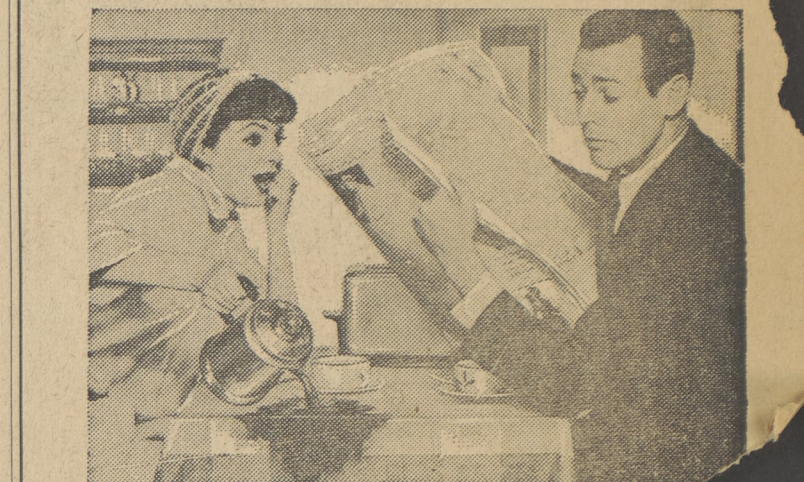
He added: "It will help if everybody follows the following simple rules:

"Farmers and contractors burning off field or brush piles should notify the nearest District Forester's office before they burn. This saves dispatching wardens to check smoke.

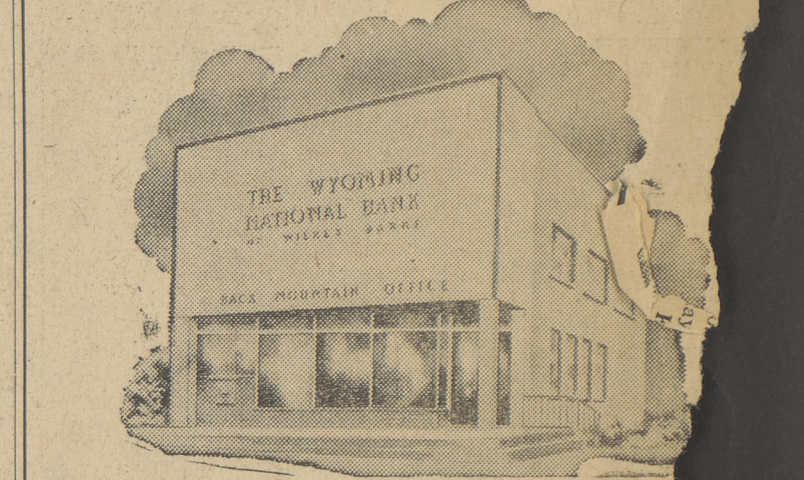
"Don't burn in the middle of the day in dry, windy weather. Burn in late evening hours when the air is damper and calmer. Burn after a rain. Never leave trash, debris, or brush fire unattended. Use lots of water to put out the embers. Burn small amounts at a time.

And, finally, always keep water and tools with you as you attend the fire.

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**LEGION NEWS**  
Paul Shaver spent the Easter holiday with his daughter, Claudia, in Falls Church, Va.  
Tom Reese, Sr., is fighting the virus at his home on Franklin Street, Dallas.  
William O'Brien has given up his position as relief steward at the club. Anyone interested contact Sandy McCulloch.  
Howard Whitesell has rejoined the Post after a couple of years absence. Welcome back Howard.  
The magic number for "Over the Top Membership" is now eighteen. Let's get the dues in boys. After March 31, the 1958 Legion cards cannot be used.  
Herb Brobst dropped in to see the boys Monday. Herb lives in Pringle.  
The plans for the Westmoreland Championship Basketball Banquet at the Legion April 4 have been completed by the committee. The Auxiliary expects to serve about fifty guests a delicious ham dinner.  
If anyone has a piano they would like to get rid of call Ed Buckley. The Legion is in need of one.  
**Standing Stalks Aid Corn Borer Survival**  
About forty per cent of the corn borers wintering in stalk fields have survived, the State Department of Agriculture says.  
Entomologists checking borer populations in corn fields have found that winter weather, birds and other predators have reduced the population to "about normal levels."

Bureau of Plant Industry inspectors report that bird activity is especially great in fields of corn picked by hand.  
Dr. Thomas L. Guyton, director of the bureau, said that to reduce possible damage from corn borers this summer, farmers should be sure to plow under all corn stalks.  
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