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Get close to Mother Nature in your backyard garden

More people than ever will be gardening this year. Why?

One reason will be to beat inflation, the rising price of food especially. Many local gardeners raise enough of their own food to last them through the winter and into the next growing season.

Along with the savings to their pocketbooks, gardeners gain the satisfaction of feeling self-sufficient by earning their own food from the soil.

Not only do they feel

self-sufficient, but if they give some of their produce to friends, they feel they are benefiting others too.

But the main reason why people garden is not entirely clear. They do it because they like to.

The gardeners who raise flowers are not trying to save money. They are trying to create beauty around them.

But all gardeners of flowers and vegetables, like to be near the soil. There is a primitive and healthy feeling that people get by re-

newing their contact with the soil.

They are like the giant Antaeus of Greek mythology, who lost his strength when he was not in contact with his Mother Earth. Hercules destroyed Antaeus by holding him in the air and keeping his feet off the ground.

A lot of us are like Antaeus: too long away from the soil we grow weak.

So every spring we have to go into our gardens again, and get in touch with Mother Earth.

The art of growing roses

by Lester G. Hostetter

Don't think that exhibition roses are grown only by master gardeners. Many folks say, "After my first blooms in June, 'black-spot' and mildew cause a deterioration of my bushes for the remainder of the season." With proper care, it is easy to enjoy beautiful blooms until late autumn.

When planning for a rose garden, familiarize yourself with the different types of plants available. My bed of one-hundred stalks is comprised of Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, and Floribundas. Excellent Teas for this particular locale are dark red Chrysler Imperial, orange-red Tropicana, medium-red Mister Lincoln, and pink-blend First Prize. Hardy Grandifloras include medium-pinks Queen Elizabeth, Camelot, and Pink Parfait along with John S. Armstrong, a dark red. Strong Floribundas are dark red Europeana, yellow Little Darling, and orange-red Spartan.

Most novice rosarians are not aware of the Handbook for Selecting Roses published by the American Rose Society which rates over 1,000 varieties on a scale from one to ten. It is a good practice not to purchase a new variety until it has been rated nationally. Then, choose only those

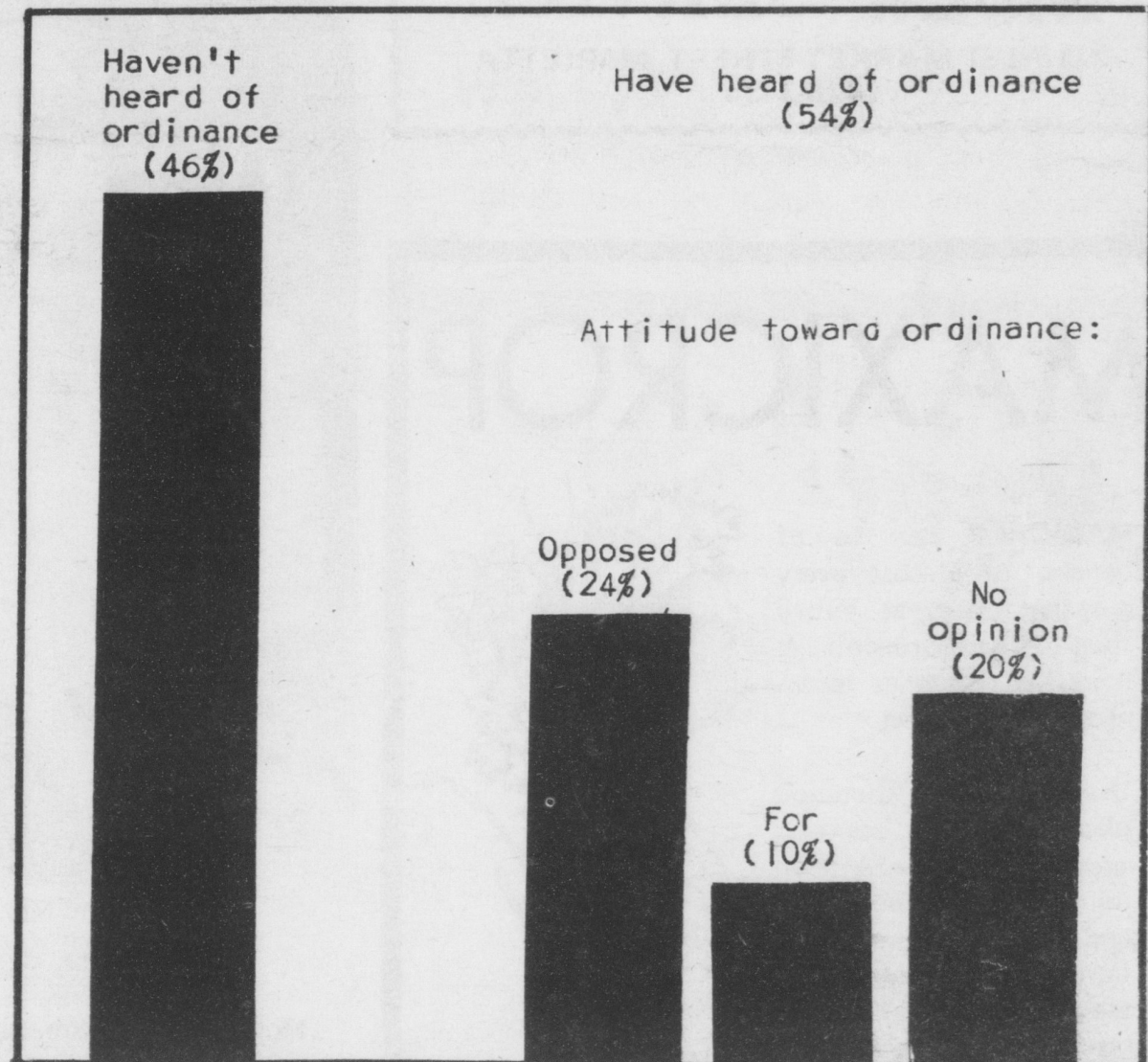


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stalks rated between 7.5 and 9.5 to be assured of the most disease-resistant, high-quality specimens. Incidentally, the "perfect" rose with a rating of 10 has never been developed, even though many prize-winners appear

flawless. These ratings are compiled from random samplings conducted by the ARS among member rose gardeners throughout the nation.

What causes roses to "re-
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People don't know about zoning law

In the telephone survey conducted last Saturday the Susquehanna Bulletin found out that 46 per cent of the people interviewed in Mount Joy had not heard of the proposed new zoning ordinance.

Of the 54 per cent who had heard of the proposed new zoning ordinance, 24 per cent were opposed to it, 20 per cent had no opinion, and 10 per cent favored it.

If the 46 per cent who had never heard of it are combined with the 20 per cent who had heard of it but had no opinion about it, they make up a group of 66 per cent of the people interviewed who were neither for nor against the new proposed ordinance.

Fifty names of Mount Joy residents were selected at random from the telephone directory and were interviewed in the survey. The largest probable error of the obtained percentages is about 5 per cent, which means that the chances are 50-50 that the real error could be above or below 5 per cent.

Even with such a small sample, there can be little doubt that the majority of people in Mount Joy either have not heard of the proposed new zoning ordinance or do not have an opinion about it.

Opposition or support of the proposed ordinance was associated with place of residence. People living in areas where there is only one dwelling unit per lot tended to oppose it. People living in more densely populated areas either had no opinion or favored it. But some people who did not feel personally threatened by the proposed new ordinance were sympathetic to other people "who had saved and built a house in a residential area and then find out it won't stay residential."

One person was opposed to any possibility of more apartments or condominiums in Mount Joy, because of "the kind of people who move into apartments. They come and go, and don't become part of the community. They are not good for

the community."

Another person would not trust politicians to protect the quality of residential areas.

One respondent said he had lived in other communities that had been urbanized, that he had moved to Mount Joy to get away from apartment dwellers, and that he was going to fight any chance of more apartments going up in his new home town.

Someone said that parking in Mount Joy was already a problem and that the possibility of more apartments in town was unthinkable.

If there is a need for more homes, said one citizen, build them in the surrounding farmland, or build more high apartment houses in Lancaster city, which needs revitalization.

One elderly man exploded on the telephone. "Listen!" he shouted. "I'm old and I'm going to die soon. Don't bother me with your fool questions. Let the young people worry about it."

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