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By Jim Jones

Feller wonders about th' weather this spring--hot and dry alreddy, Neighbors been puttin' in hay--used to not do this until June but guess there's lots of hay bein' cut. Frum th' looks of it, not much danger of it gettin' wet since haven't had rain fer a while.

Been busy puttin' garden in an' finally got th' big piece out at Lou's planted. Lou been haulin' water fer th' sweet tater plants since th' soil moisture is gettin' down. But th' smaller piece is not quite done yet. Got th' tomato and cabbage plants all in but will probably stick a little corn in too. Early stuff is up an' lookin' fine. Peas in bloom so it won't be long to time to freeze an' git ready fer winter agin.

Good wife been havin' a ball with her flower beds. Since th' Troy tiller come along we has been tillin' all kinds o' stuff. At any rate she has a pile of flower beds all plantid with stuff growed in th' greenhouse an' other places. Seems like a lot o' work but she enjoys it an' is feelin' good about seein' stuff growin. Put sum shelves in th' kitchen windows an' some hangers in th' dining room so th' house is green inside too.

This time o' year is important since what happens now tells in th' harvest time jest a few short months ahead. Th' Good Book sez what ye reap ye sow or sumpthin' like that so if you wants to eat this winter you better git th' seeds in th' ground. Th' farmers learned that a long time ago an' gardeners today are findin' it out too. After sowin' take care of it so you'll have a crop. That means keepin' th' stuff cultivated and watered an' th' bugs off. Th' harvest time will tell how well you did.

But along with yer plantin, stick a few flowers in too. Marigolds are abundant here at our place and they keep th' bugs away as well as look purty. Th' Good Lord give us th' flowers too so plant som and make yer place beautiful.

Memorial Day is a time to pay yer respects fer those who have gone before. This is th' first of th' three summer hollerdays an' on of th' most meaningful. It's a time to look back on th' folks of Grandfathers day an' remember what they stood fer. Of course, there's many to be remembered who have passed on more recently. But it's not jest a day to think about th' race at Indianapolis, its a day to pay tribute to our dear departed. You got to remember that some time in th' future folks will be rememberin' YOU on Memorial day an' you'll want them to do so.