

Uncle Ab From Abington — January 19, 1977

By Jim Jones

The' big snow hit us last night an' this mornin' it wuz shore purty out. But after gettin' out in th' stuff and diggin' some paths an' th' drive out, we got to wonderin' about th' merits of th' white stuff. Snow is called th' pore man's fertilizer an' if this crop of snow is any indication, we should have a good crop this year. Suppose we got sum 8 inches of th' white stuff an we supposed to git some 3 inches more. But th' problem has been th' wind which blows th' lanes an roads full again jest as soon as you clear them out. Schools closed an' the' junior snow shovelers have been busy. Its a good day to set inside by the fire an' toast your toes.

With only a few weeks ahead to Groun' Hawg day, its time to make yer plans fer the garden. We got out the catalowgs yesterday an' made out th' order. Figgered on makin' sum changes frum last year--mebbe not grow some stuff we didn't think much of an' grow more of th' stuff we really likes. The records of last year's order an the'good wife's records of yield an' what she froze an' canned were helpful. But regardless of the record keepin, the' time is now here to git yer seed orders worked out so when th' first good days of spring come, you kin be ready to start in. Might take note that many seed companies offer a discount or other good deal fer those who order early. We wanted to git our seeds here soon so we could start plantin' in the' greenhouse an' git some of the stuff ready fer transplantin. Been savin' coffee cans and milkcartons fer this purpose an' now have a big collection.

Noted in this week's Prairie Farmer that Ol' John Turnipseed is about to retire. Enjoyed his colyum fer many years an' am sorry to hear he's callin' it quits. Guess they're goin' to run sum of his better stuff er the rest o' this year but then its all over.

Been watchin' th' snow blowin' around' outside an wonderin' where all th' liberated wimmen is that should be out shove lin' snow. Never seen one today when we went off to town fer a bit--jest men and kids. Wonder if bein' liberated is seasonal like Christmas an so on.

Realize th' snow causes problems, but like everything in this world it has a purpose an' th' Good Lord made it fer us to enjoy as well as cuss at. Its good fer the groun' an' fer th' kids to play in so take it an' enjoy th' beauty of this day.