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Looks like Spring is here in earnest, now that April has arrived. Been busy in the greenhouse an' it looks like hundreds of cabbage, broccholi, an' tomato plants are in various stages of germinatin' and growin'. Lots o' flowers started too since the good wife is takin' on a major landscapin' project here at the homestead. Been busy tillin' up flower beds and a plantin' space back in the orchard fer some kitchen garden an' a place to start some plants. Have 3 cold frames runnin' an' have put an electric heatin' cable in the big one which really helps out. Providin' th' Good Lord cooperates with plenty o sunshine an' moisture we should produce a good crop this year. Th' early spring flowers are bloomin' and th' forsythia bushes are in full color. Makes a feller glad he survived th' winter just past.

Saw in the paper a while back ol' George Gurney up at Yankton, South Dakota, has passed on. We been buyin' seeds an' nursery stock from George fer many years an' he has about the best. George wuz up in his 90's an' he an' th' Good Lord wuz in partnership fer many a year makin' things grow fer us home folks that likes to raise stuff. He will be sorely missed.

Saw in th' Purdue newspaper this week an article about Mauri Williamson who runs the Agricultural Alumni Association up at Purdue. We used to know Mauri many years ago when we wuz up there an' here's a case of a Feller frum our neck of th' woods who has made his place felt all over th' state. Mauri's office at Purdue is filled with ol' farm relics an' stuff includin' a pot belly stove an' an outhouse which he uses as a closet. Not ever body has an outhouse in his office, but Mauri does. Rememberin' him as we do, it seems an appropriate place fer one. Mauri has a reputation of a great rural wit an' his presence at any of th' Purdue meetin's over th' state makes fer a certain good time. We hope he continues to spread his brand of Hoosier humor an' ability to git things done fer a long time yet.

Easter's comin' right up an' it's time to take notice of Him who died fer us. It's most appropriate that Easter comes in th' Springtime when all the earth is wakin' up frum it's long winter sleep. The Almighty's presence is expecially felt this time o' year an' we hope all o' you will take note of his fact. Git yerselves to Church an' give thanks fer his Blessed Son who died fer us an fer th' Heavenly Father who makes th' crops grow an' th' flowers bloom. There is much about growin' stuff we don't know and never will but just rememberin' that God on High makes it all happen is enuf fer us. Count your blessin's and give thanks.