

Uncle Ab From Abington — April 7, 1976

By Jim Jones

It's been an eventful Spring so far. First of April already. Had fine warm days and some pretty chilly ones. Even had a tornado hit our little town and shake us up a bit. Lots of damage but fortunately no really serious injuries and no fatalities. Really a fine job by the local utility folks and other volunteers to get debris cleared and power restored in record time. Seems like small-town folks work better together than their big city cousins when hard times hit. Thanks fellows!

Still a little wet in the garden, but many flowers are up and more are planted. Onions, lettuce, and radishes in the cold frame. Time to plant portulacas under the glass for transplanting later. Warm days make one try to get outside as much as possible and enjoy the sunshine. Noticed several young calves, pigs and sheep in the fields and so Spring comes again. Even have strawberries in bloom--wonder who will have the first berries?

Been testing soil for area gardeners. All kinds have been brought in. Glad to see the interest--means more folks are gardening than ever before. Seeds came from Gurney's the other day --didn't realize we had bought so much! Figger if we don't plant, we can eat the seeds.

Local historical group is looking for the land owner who has had his land in his family for the longest time. Want to make an award at the Bicentennial observance this summer. Folks, get out those deeds and abstracts and look them over. Understand there will be a nice certificate given to recognize those folks who have played so great a part in local history. Give the committee a hand and participate in this event.

Spent a few days in Chicago on business a while back. Some time there really makes one appreciate the countryside and small towns. Never figgered out why anyone would want to live there, but many do. Good to get back home to the rural life.

Plannin' a trip to the creek to get some flatrocks--want to lay up a wall or two. Also pave a place outside the back door with stone. Stone walks and stone walls are a thing of beauty and lend a rural charm all their own. Lot more fun than concrete.

Been rambling on about little but hope all you folks are enjoying the springtime. Its a promise of things to come from the Good Lord above, just as was the full rainbow after the storm went thru that damaged so much property. Take heed and be glad you are alive, neighbor!