

Mary and the Beans Talk

by MARY HUBELIT
Some people who grew up on a farm have flatly refused to even look at a vegetable gar-

den in their adult life. Others, steeped in some aspect of professional life have found valuable therapy (plus a margin-

al economic bonus) in tending a garden. Then there are those who have a curious mind and a healthy respect for the

miracle of growth, who never lost the faith instilled in them by their very first garden.

My very first garden was a bean. Somewhere between four and five years old, I'm sure the details of it are remembered more from Mother and Dad's telling over the years than an actual recollection of the performance. Anyway, our first spring in a new house found us planning excitedly for a vegetable garden. After some time spent measuring, marking, digging and raking, we were at last ready to plant.

First the stakes and string were set to mark the limits of the row, then the shallow trough was scored. Mother (who could bend over easier than Dad) selected a package of beans from the collection of seeds, shook a few into her hand and began to sow. Halfway along the row I could stand it no longer - I had to plant a garden too. Mother handed me a bean and I took off.

"Not there!" Dad hollered, "The potatoes go there!"

"Not here - this is for my radishes!" cried my brother with the authority of his 3-year seniority.

Mother said gently: "Why don't you find your very own place - mark it so we'll all know where it is?"

Off I trudged happily, to the side of the house where tall larkspur against a white lattice fence divided the front lawn from the back yard. Satisfied that they

couldn't see me, I scraped a small hole and tenderly laid the bean on its side, piled the warm soil and reassuringly patted it flat. Why should I mark the place? I knew where my garden was, you bet I did! They could keep theirs!

Now, the second thing you have to know about growing your own veggies is that they don't come up overnight. Nobody told me. Next

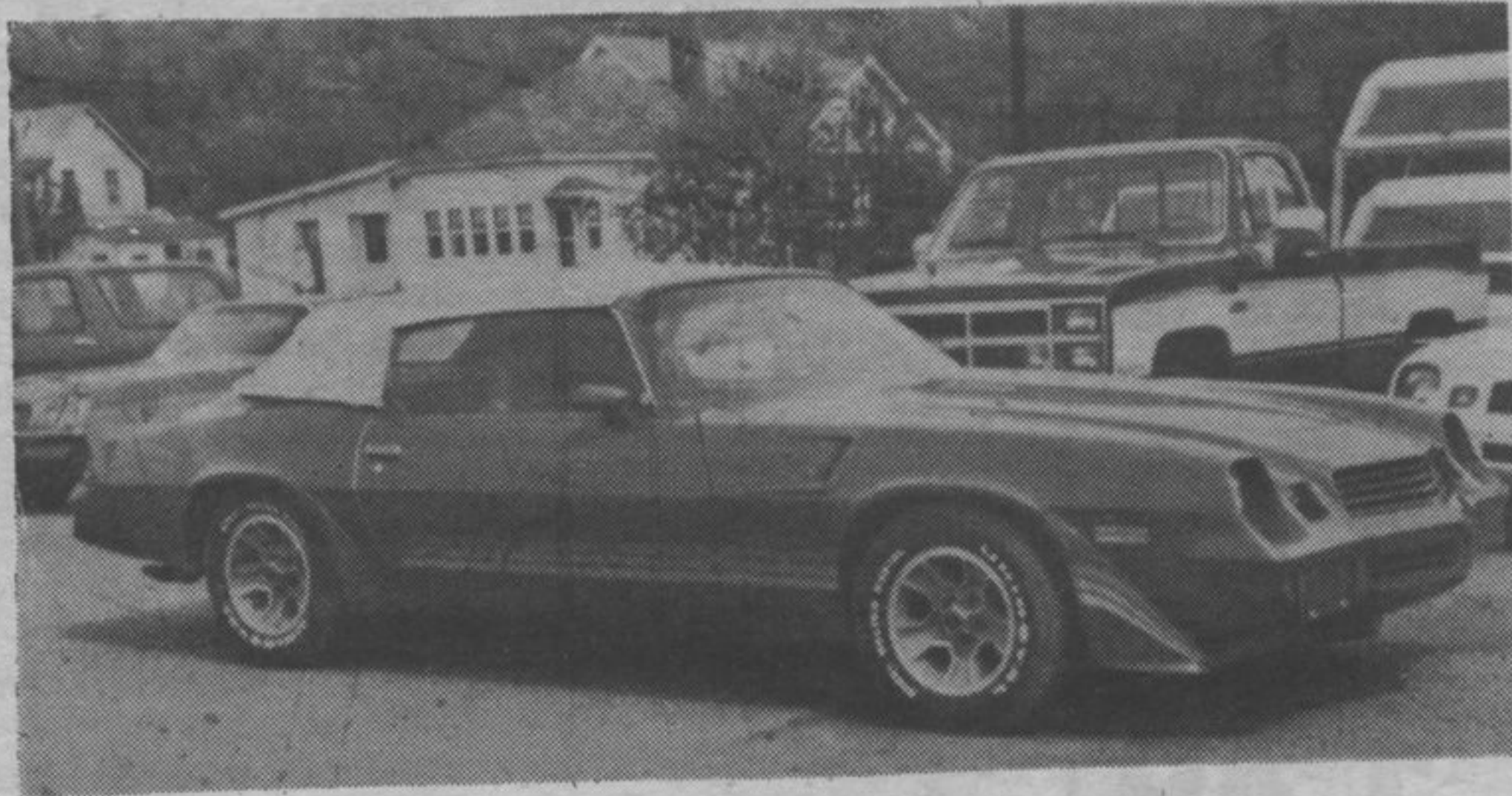
morning when I was let out to play, I pawed up my bean - it was dirty, but otherwise looked just like yesterday. Cover it up again - go and play.

This went on for a week. My brother's radishes were already showing green. Then one morning my Mother was shaken by her little girl running to the house howling "There's something in my bean!

Its going to eat it!" Mother examined the bean, told me about the small sprout and cautioned me not to dig it up again because it was ready to grow. She came outside with me, helped me plant and water the bean and then we went in and finished the breakfast dishes.

Now I know why Mother's Day and the planting season are so close together.

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The Grade 6 and 7 class of St. Martin School recently conducted a survey on smoking, as part of Education Week and their Science programme. The students interviewed a parent, a relative or an older friend. The results of the survey are both interesting and amusing.

1. How old were you when you started smoking?

14 years (3) 15 (2) 16 (2) 17 (2) 18 (3) 20 (2) 21 22 23 (3) 25

2. Why did you start smoking?

- 1) I like it
- 2) Everyone else did it
- 3) I didn't want to be "square"
- 4) My family smoked
- 5) It was the thing to do
- 6) Peer pressure
- 7) I was stupid
- 8) I wanted to show off.

3. Did you ever try to quit? If so, for how long?

- 1) No, I didn't try
- 2) Yes, for seven months
- 3) Yes, for three months, but it wasn't very pleasant
- 4) Yes, for one month
- 5) Yes, for two months
- 6) Yes, for ten months
- 7) Yes, for five years
- 8) Yes, for two weeks
- 9) Yes, for seven years
- 10) Yes, for one day
- 11) Yes, for Lent, and a New Year's resolution.

4. How do you feel about me (student) smoking?

- 1) If you smoke, I'll ground you until I can trust you again
- 2) If I let you, you won't smoke. If I tell you not to, you will smoke.
- 3) It wouldn't be right for you
- 4) I won't let you and I'll be angry if you start
- 5) I don't want to see you do it
- 6) If I catch you, I'll make you eat the whole pack
- 7) It's a personal decision
- 8) I'll be terribly upset
- 9) I won't like it, but I'll still love you anyway
- 10) Don't be like me
- 11) It's your business
- 12) I'll be disappointed in you; you should have more sense
- 13) I don't want to you; it's a dirty habit.

5. Why do you continue to smoke, if you know smoking is dangerous to your health?

- 1) It relaxes me when I'm upset
- 2) I feel like it
- 3) It's too hard to quit
- 4) It's a physical matter
- 5) It's easier to smoke than not to
- 6) I enjoy it
- 7) I have no will power
- 8) I'm addicted, but I don't enjoy it
- 9) It calms my nerves
- 10) I enjoy it after a hectic day
- 11) I'm hooked
- 12) It's a habit.

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and junior hockey in Thunder Bay and then accepted a four year scholarship at St. Scholastica College in Duluth. George was a very integral part of the team's success, graduating to play in Italy for the past two seasons. He has been involved in teaching hockey in Italy and wants to continue playing while instructing.

The school has four sessions; July 23-28; July 30th - August 11th; August 13 - 25th; and August 27 - September 1st (a one week advanced skilled programme for all-star calibre players).

The programme is a full day, including three hours of ice time, one hour of physical fitness, a classroom session, plus a lunch break daily.

There is still room in some of the sessions, so call 577-4465 or write: Superior Hockey Schools, 672 Strachan Cres., Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7C 5K8 for a brochure.