

# Is it the happiest day of your life?

By Mary Hubelit

Well now, we all like to hear about happy people, and we enjoy vicariously the glow of their special occasion. But wait — if you do not feel that glow or hear the little bells ringing, do not despair; happiness is many things to many people.

From the vantage point of seventy-one years, it seems that ol' Shakespeare — in the Anglophone world — was a happiness expert. He knew it was there, somewhere in the plot; he knew happiness from every point of view except a child's.

Your first patent-leather T-straps (for Sundays only); your first haircut downtown at the barber shop; your cat's first blue ribbon at the Oddfellows' Lodge pet show — these spell happiness of the hot

tear, gut-grabbing kind when you're six years old!

Recently, I've noticed a pressure surge in the T.V. commercials trying to sell weddings. They all promote their own product as the fast lane to happiness. Three cheers for the bride! Long life to the groom! (Statistics show she will live longer but who cares today?)

This is May, a short time before the traditional 'marryin' month of June. The excitement mounts... so do the bills, the panic, the doubts. Maybe our flight could last longer if we didn't fly so high in the first place? Married happiness is not a blissful, rosy state of euphoria. It is hard work.

It happens when both pairs of in-laws like both of you. It happens when the babies are healthy and the

mortgage is paid off. It happens when you agree on a vacation destination. I could go on, but I'm sure you get the picture — happiness doesn't always just happen; it is carefully programmed with love, tolerance and a little luck... especially luck.

For luck you wear a blue garter; for luck you throw your bouquet; for luck he doesn't see you the evening before the wedding. Luck indeed! These are superstitions, advanced and maintained by well-meaning people who have something to gain from your 'big day'.

However, it keeps the wheels of commerce turning, lets the traditionalists bask for a while, and provides one heckuva party in the good ol' summer time!

## Dear John:



John Deere Answers Your Lawn and Garden Woes

### Tournament of Mowing Masters

**Dear John: Should I mow my lawn as frequently as the golf course across the street is mowed? The course has beautiful grass.**

Dear Greens Gazer: Frequent mowing might be right on par for the golf course, but your lawn probably needs a different mowing schedule to make it to the green.

To have thick, healthy lawn, cut off only one-third of the grass blade each time you mow. The height of the grass blade determines the depth of the root system, so the higher you cut from the soil, the deeper and stronger your lawn's root system will be. A lawn with a deep root system is more tolerant to heat, drought, pests and disease.

The one-third mowing rule usually means mowing about once a week, which leaves you plenty of time to practice your golf swing or shoot 18 at the course across the street.

**Dear John: My new mother-in-law says that mulching my garden is a must. Is she just trying to tell me what to do again?**

Dear Badgered Bride: Your mother-in-law has a point. While you don't have to mulch, it does have it's advantages.

Mulch keeps the soil moist and cool, conserves water and also cuts down on weeds in the garden. The easiest warm-weather

mulch is known as the "dust mulch", which is simply cultivated topsoil loosened with a hand weeder. Other types of mulch include wood chips, shredded or nugget pine bark, hay, pine needles, dried grass clippings and plastic.

Lay about 5 to 7 cm of mulch in June, keeping it at least 5 cm away from plant stems. Keep dust mulch cultivated down to 1 cm.

**Dear John: I want to buy a garden tiller instead of renting one this year. What features should I look for?**

Dear Restless Renter: As you've probably figured out, tillers save gardeners a lot of time and back strain.

Garden tillers range in size from hand-held rotary cultivators to heavy-duty, motorized machines. When buying a tiller, consider these features: tines mounted behind the wheels won't roll over the freshly tilled soil. A heavy-duty walk-behind tiller with reverse drive lets you back away from fences and maneuver out of corners easily. Counter-rotating tines prevent porpoising (a jerky up and down movement), and does a more thorough job with each pass of the tiller. Tillers with a wide swath make the job go faster. And removable tines make it easy to till between closely spaced rows.

### Thank You

The IWA of Canada wish to express their sincere gratitude to the people that have given and shown support toward the strike.

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25 words or less  
Prepaid in Advance

Deadline  
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

### Card of Thanks

Nickleson

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to relatives and the many friends of the late Jim Nickleson, all of who came from far and near to attend his Memorial Service, for their support, kindness and compassion. Our special thanks to the Staff & Officials of the Ministry Natural Resources in Thunder Bay and Terrace Bay for their help. Our thanks to the Reverend Jack White and Mr. Ernest Hunt a friend of the family, both of whom officiated at the Memorial Service. Our gratitude to Mike Kenny, whose eulogy to Jim was very special. Also our thanks to the Honourary Pallbearers; Jim Jackson, Gary Lorentson, Paul Strassburger, Steve Mason, Don Perry, Drew Cherry.

Margie, Lu, John & Doug Nickleson

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### In Appreciation

We send our sincerest and fondest appreciation to all the dear and thoughtful friends of the late James Ferguson & his family.

Jon & Audrey Ferguson  
David, Dan, Steve, Rodger & Ken

### St. John's Anglican Church

"Homecoming Weekend"

June 3,4,5, 1988

A Weekend of Fun and Activities

Friday — Reception & Out-of-town Registration  
From 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday — Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Afternoon Activities  
Banquet & Dance begins at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday — Anniversary Service 10:00 a.m.  
The Reverend James Turner preaching followed by an  
Afternoon of Picnic, Fun & Games.

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