

is rested at an angle against a wall or fence. The three-pronged hoe in the same circumstances can do much the same damage. Shovels, spades or other tools left lying about in the wrong places may also injure you.

When clipping hedges, and you pause to pull the clippings away, take care that you don't leave the shears in such a position that in drawing back your hand, you strike the pointed blade.

Keep cutting tools sharp. Handle with particular caution such implements as sickles, and as far as practicable cut away from the hands or body. Handle a garden fork with care—the prongs are sharp. Should you pierce the foot, get medical attention at once as a precaution against tetanus.

Broken, split or splintered handles should be discarded as they may pinch or lacerate the hands. If replacement is not easy, repair breaks by carefully binding with cord; roughened or splintered handles should be smoothed down with sandpaper.

Store all tools indoors in a rack or similar device to hold them flat against a wall.

Poisons for garden pests should be kept in safe places out of the reach of children and used according to instructions. A knowledge of the antidotes for any such poison is valuable. Always get prompt first aid for the smallest wound caused in the garden, particularly a punctured wound, as dirt or germs may be carried into the blood stream and retained. It is wise to make bleed the smallest puncture or cut, and, as stated, get first aid immediately.

That good servant, the wheelbarrow, can be a dangerous enemy. Don't leave it standing on pathways intending to shift it later. Later may be too late—and you may have a serious casualty on your hands.

A wheelbarrow handle in a vulnerable spot can keep you out of the garden for a long time.

There's another dangerous habit that even the tidiest gardeners are guilty of. Instead of clearing away rose prunings immediately after the job, they sometimes leave them lying around "until tomorrow." One of the first lessons of garden experience is surely the poisonous quality of the rose thorn. If you have domestic pets, think of their relatively unprotected pads.

A final warning on one of the commonest of dangerous habits—don't leave the garden hose draped across paths and steps; people can't see it at night and a stumble may produce a broken limb.

## COFFS HARBOUR CELEBRATIONS



The School dance, "Lady Lilac" was one of the features of the Coffs Harbour procession. The stars were, Alfie Mercy, Eulunda Gundy, Andy Ferguson and Edith Pacey.



"Queen of the Wattle" Float in the Coffs Harbour procession. Betty Roberts, Frank Southwood, Margaret Mercy, Marie Hoskins, Evelyn Williams, Myrtle Brown, Susan Stockey, Marie Cray, Andy Ferguson, Eric Mercy, Richard Pacey and Tom Brown.



Coffs Harbour Coronation procession had some lovely youngsters. In this group we see, Betty Roberts and Elizabeth Hoskins in the back row, and in the front row, Susan Stockey, Margaret Mercy, Marie Hoskins, Maria Craig, Myrtle Brown and Evelyn Williams.