

V-Gardeners to Hear Contest Judge Tell of Key Points in Amateur Competition

Ardent amateur vegetable gardeners already enrolled or intending to compete in the Victory Garden contest are expected to turn out in large numbers for the meeting, tonight at 8 o'clock at the YMCA, of the Salem Men's Garden club which, jointly with The Statesman, is sponsoring the contest.

For at tonight's meeting Charles Cole, chairman of the judging committee, will outline in some detail the points upon which judging will be based—and may be prevailed upon to explain just what gardening practices are most likely to produce prize-winning crops.

Though warning was given a week ago that the contest entry list will have to be closed soon in order that judging of early crops may proceed, the enrollment deadline date has not been set definitely. It will not be until after the Marion-Polk county flower and vegetable show, scheduled for May 22 and 23. Gardeners attending this show, in the Valley Motor company building, will have opportunity to enroll.

New enrollments continue to come in but there are indications that some Victory gardeners still are waiting to see how their gardens begin to show up after the expected period of good growing weather.

Some contestants who early entered the race, in competition for one of the prizes which total in value more than \$200, include:

H. L. Gillette, 10 Beech Ave.; Dr. K. H. Waters and Prof. H. C. Hutchins, East Nob Hill; Grace A. McLaughlin, 1696 South High; Mrs. Robert M. Gatke, 280 Richmond; William A. Merriott, 1880 Kansas; Joseph Hart, 2252 Simpson; A. V. Snyder, 1935 Center; Mrs. Harry Hunt, 2545 Hazel; Homer S. Anderson, 824 North Front; Floyd Query, 1615 Nebraska; L. W. Elliott, 1240 Lee; Mar-

garet Gilbert, 901 South 13th; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Taylor, 300 Culver Lane; Clara A. Heltzel, 710 South Liberty; Garland E. Hollowell, 1568 Chemeketa; Lester L. Laws, route 4; Mrs. W. B. McCallum, 587 Statesman; A. W. Metzger, 1715 North 22nd; Mrs. Lloyd D. Reilly, 425 Oxford; Ida Frykberg, 376 Evergreen; Mrs. Douglas McKay, 395 Jerris; Lacy M. Peoples, Highland tract; Mrs. H. E. McWain, 90 Fairview; Arthur Kilday, 1180 Colonial; E. D. Buell, 1955 North Fifth; Roy Ellert, 705 Thompson; Lee Acheson, 1641 D; Blanche Allen, 1530 North 21st; Jean Chamberlain, 715 North Commercial; I. C. Ramseyer, 2590 South Summer; Val Reznicek, 1945 West Nob Hill.

Other features of tonight's Salem Men's Garden club meeting will include a talk by Sidney Jary of Keizer, outlining the activities of the Keizer Victory Garden project which is said to be "going great guns," a discussion of borders, perennials and annuals, by Ernest Iufer; and tentatively, a display of wild plants, and the members have been invited through the club bulletin to bring any outstanding specimens of plants, regardless of variety, now available in their gardens.

Large Attendance At Meeting Seen

That the spring "wreck" of Marion county voiture No. 153, of the 40 et 8 societe, scheduled for Saturday night at the Marion hotel, will be one of the best-attended in recent years was indicated at an adjourned voiture meeting Wednesday night at the Lions' Den.

Eighteen new members will be initiated, six of them for the Portland voiture and several from other Willamette valley areas. A delegation of 75 from the Portland voiture was promised.

Real Estate Exam Draws 8

Eight applicants wrote in the semi-annual examinations for real estate brokers and real estate salesmen here Wednesday, Claude H. Murphy, state real estate commissioner, reported.

Approximately 100 applicants will participate in similar examinations in Portland Thursday.

The quarterly meeting of the real estate commission will be held in Portland Friday.

Corey Enters Hospital

SWEGLE—E. L. Corey entered the Deaconess hospital last week for treatment in preparation for an operation.

Enters Hospital

TALBOT—Betty Wintermantel was taken to the Salem General hospital Tuesday morning for treatment and diagnosis.

Today's Garden

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Mrs. J. C. asks how to get rid of the radish worm. Reports that worms are ruining her radishes.

Answer: Our best radishes are our earliest ones. They are not bothered so much by the worm. Oregon State college gives as a control: "Planting the radishes in rows. When second pair of leaves appear, place 10 or 12-inch boards on edge along the row, join the ends of the short boards, and cover top with mosquito bar or fly screen." Autumn planted radishes or every early grown ones seldom have worms.

Mrs. L. S. C. asks if it is too late to set out tomatoes for this year's early crop.

Answer: It is just now time to be setting out the plants. From May 10 to 20 is suggested by our county agent. The too early set-out plants simply stand still and are frequently injured so that they do not pick up throughout the season. This depends somewhat upon your soil condition, too, you know.

Mrs. A. A. asks if the lawn moss will do well in shade or if it needs full sun. Also how long-lived it is.

Answer: If she means Sagina Subulata this really seems to do a little better with a bit of shade. I do not know how long it will live. I have been told that the older moss lawns tend to yellow and must be renewed from time to time.

MDs Hear of Nerve Malady Guadalcanal 'Hell' Caused

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Service Editor

DETROIT.—The hitherto unrevealed medical story of the hell on Guadalcanal which broke strong men until they gibbered has been told to the American psychiatric association by Lt. Commander E. Rogers Smith of Mare Island, naval surgeon.

He said the strain on the marines produced nervous symptoms that never had been seen before and may never be seen again.

These men broke down mostly after the fight was over, not in the course of it.

Men who had been proud of ability to carry alcohol found they no longer tolerated it. A couple of short beers would make them cry like babies or they would want to fight everyone in sight.

"We believe," said Lt. Commander Smith, describing some of these marines treated at the naval hospital, "that never before in history have such a group of healthy, toughened, well-trained men been subjected to such conditions as the combat troops of the marine corps faced during the days following August 7, 1942.

"Rain, heat, insects, dysentery, malaria, all contributed—but the end result was not blood stream infection nor gastrointestinal disease but a disturbance of the whole organism—a disorder of thinking and living—of even wanting to live. And this incredible strain lasted not one or two days or nights but persisted for weeks and weeks.

"Hope left most of these men—hope of winning the battle—hope of being aided or rescued. Fatigue wore them down. Painful aching fatigue that they felt could never be relieved or cured."

But they were, originally, as a class, tougher and mentally superior and their doctors hope that after six months on the continent all or nearly all will be fit for civilian life and many will be qualified for limited military duty. But it is now considered very doubtful that any of them can go back into the kind of action they faced last fall.

ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Victory Garden Program and Contest

Please enroll my name as a participant in the Salem Victory Garden and Home Food Supply Program. I understand that this enrollment makes my garden eligible for prize awards offered in the Victory Garden contest sponsored by the Salem Men's Garden club and The Oregon Statesman.

Approximate area of my plot is _____ square feet

My garden is located at _____

My address is _____

Signed _____

Print or type name here _____

Obtain your application blank at Statesman office or YMCA.

Soldiers Can Read

But "Elsie Dinsmore" Won't Satisfy ...

By MAXINE BUREN

Picture a husky soldier or sailor breathlessly reading a copy of "Elsie Dinsmore," spending his spare hours with a copy of "Dave Darin and the German Submarines" (1918 edition) or getting as far as the solution in a murder mystery and finding that chapter gone from the book. Yet that's the sort of reading that hundreds of well-meaning book donors think soldiers on the kind many of them give.

The need for good books for the Ninth Service command library is still urgent, according to Mrs. Ruth Stratton, librarian, who has directed the handling of around 10,000 books at her office in the Oregon State library building since the first of the year.

The books will be collected by block leaders in Salem, according to a plan being worked out, and those in charge ask that a careful selection be made of books before they are turned in. Worthless books must be discarded for they only require more help at the library, or shipping center.

Strangely enough, serious books top fiction as favorite reading for servicemen. They especially like biographies, technical reading and many select poetry as favorites. Late books on current topics are much in demand, soldiers like good mysteries but not trashy novels.

Assisting Mrs. Stratton in the work of collecting, servicing and distributing books for the entire state outside Portland are Mrs. Arden S. Reed, her secretary; Mrs. Lueva Lueck, librarian's assistant and Dan Zeh, shipping clerk. The latter was recently discharged from active duty in the navy and is continuing his service as a member of the staff.

We could write a series about the Victory book campaign. How the books are sent in boxes of 35 to 40 to even the smallest outposts upon request. How, even though there are over 100 such traveling libraries in use, no books are duplicated, so the libraries can be rotated. How selections are carefully made so each book will be of real interest to the readers. Of how great sections of the unused book space in the state library is used for storing books as yet unused, ready to send to camps as they are established over the state.

We could tell of a good example of how the boys want to read, when we recall how groups come from the fairgrounds or the airport, anxious to get books and delighted when they are allowed to roam around, making their own selections.

It would make Salem householders let go of their own precious books, if they realized how much more useful are the volumes in some soldier's hand than filling up the bookshelves at home.

It's just another way we can help the men who are giving up their homes and families and their own firesides to fight for us. It isn't glamorous to give your favorite book, but it's generous and patriotic too.

Snell Names Victory Day For May 19

Designation of Wednesday, May 19, as "African Victory day" was proclaimed yesterday by Gov. Earl Snell, who stated the purpose to

be celebration of "the redemption of the continent of Africa—the first continent reclaimed from our enemies." The proclamation read in part:

"The occupation of northwest Africa was an American program. The command of the African campaign was vested in our General Eisenhower. America's ground, aerial and naval forces played a spectacular and vital part in the

final battles of Tunisia. Britain has rung its church bells and rejoiced throughout the land over the liberation; Russia and China have rejoiced. It is improper for America to leave to its comrades-in-arms the observance of this first decisive and absolute victory of the Second World war.

"It is my hope that on the 19th day of May every community in

Oregon will join in this observance, in every way that it can be managed without interference with the war effort. And Oregon invites the states of the union to join with her in celebration of the victory of our armed forces and the accomplishments of our home front.

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Old-Age Assistance Grants Increased By Record Funds Okehed in Last Legislature

By RALPH C. CURTIS

The stepping-up of individual old-age assistance grants in Oregon, contemplated when the legislature approved an all-time record appropriation of \$30,404,328.27 for public welfare in the closing days of the 1943 session, already is taking place, the state public welfare commission's most recent report reveals.

In comparison to the record for March, 1943, the number of old-age assistance recipients had declined in March of this year by 8.6 per cent but the obligations had increased 7.5 per cent. In that month \$530,589.50 was paid out to 19,987 beneficiaries, making the average grant \$26.55, an increase from last December's \$24.71, but still substantially below the figure toward which the legislative ways and means committee's public

welfare subcommittee was aiming. It was pointed out at the time that the goal could be reached only gradually.

On the basis of the monthly outlay for March, the biennium cost would be only about \$12,742,000 in comparison to the \$20,000,000 authorized in the budget.

In contrast to the statewide decrease of 8.6 per cent in number of recipients, in comparison to March, 1942, the number in Marion county decreased by less than 1 per cent, to 1658 persons, and the total obligations increased by 14.7 per cent to \$42,976 which provided an average grant per individual recipient of \$25.92, slightly below the state average. Marion county is however high on the list, beneficiaries receiving more on the average than those in all counties excepting Multnomah, Clackamas, Sherman and Lincoln. Multnomah's average of \$30.28 per person greatly increases the state average.

The substantial statewide decrease in number of recipients probably is due in large part to former recipients rejoining the ranks of the regularly employed, as is indicated by the fact that the more noticeable reductions occurred in such war-affected counties as Multnomah, Clackamas, Benton, Clatsop, Curry, Deschutes, Tillamook and Washington; though less accountably, the greatest reduction of all, 23.5 per cent, occurred in Sherman county.

Improved economic conditions are dramatically reflected in a 46.6 per cent drop in the number of general assistance recipients throughout the state, from March, 1942, to the same month in 1943. The number of recipients in the former period was 14,316; in March, 1943, it had declined to 7647. However, presumably due to larger grants in recognition of rising living costs, total obligations declined only 13.2 per cent, from \$145,277 to \$126,056.

In Marion county the number of general assistance recipients declined from 1280 to 688, the percentage being close to the state average. Total obligations dropped 2.9 per cent, from \$11,250 to \$10,919. The number of recipients in Polk county was all but halved, from 268 to 138, and the total obligations declined 18.4 per cent from \$3651 to \$2980.

Using Trucks To Save Gas Said Illegal

Driving trucks between places of residence and business, to circumvent gas restrictions on passenger automobiles, is a violation of regulations, and gasoline for this purpose is being denied, it was stated today by Herman O. Sites, district manager of the office of defense transportation, motor transport division.

"It should be clearly understood," Sites said, "that refusal of war price and rationing boards to give additional gasoline for passenger car use is not sufficient grounds for the ODT to give any more gas for truck use.

"Any person who has a passenger car as well as a truck is required to drive the passenger car to and from work.

"If a person sells a passenger car and buys a truck for use to and from work, if issued a certificate, he will obtain an amount of gas equal only to a basic A gasoline ration."

Sites said persons contemplating purchase of a used truck for personal transportation should first consult with ODT to see if the ODT will grant transport rations with which to run the truck.

Children Buy Stamps

SILVERTON — Eugene Field grade school children bought \$147.60 worth of war stamps during the week. The seventh grade was responsible for selling the most.

Doctors in Portland

LABISH CENTER — Miss Peggy Tontz was ill last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clyde Boehm, in Salem. She spent several days doctoring in Portland, staying at the home of her grandmother and aunt.

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