

# Gardening Today

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In autumn when rains begin is the easiest time to remove weeds and go over your lawn generally. The better shape your lawn is in when winter comes, the better it will come through.  
If, because of water shortages you have irrigated very little this summer and your lawn is now dry, start irrigating. The rains will help out, but Lillie Madsen a few good soakings from the sprinkling system will also help out the rains, when it comes to bringing a lawn back in a hurry in autumn.



Plantains form one of our most unsightly lawn weeds. They have shallow branching root systems but these cling tenaciously to the soil and make hand pulling difficult except when the soil is damp. Most of the root must be destroyed or a new plant will develop. The holes left by the removal should be filled with a good soil and then seeded.

Individual attacks may be made with cheap crude acids or (after the war) with gasoline or kerosene. Sulfuric acid or battery acid may be inserted in the crown of each plant by using a sharpened stick. Or a spring bottom oil can may be used to squirt a bit of fluid into the crown of each plant. The top of the spout should be pressed partially shut so only a little comes out at a time.

There are other chemicals which may be used for "spotting" control of weeds and probably new and better ones will be developed as time goes on.

In England, success has been reported in controlling Common Plantain with iron sulfate but the experience in this country has not been very favorable, aetern gardeners report. I have not heard of much attempt at control with this method here in the Willamette valley but think perhaps if it works in England, it might also here. We seem to have much the same gardening characteristics in this valley that England has. The suggested procedure is to dissolve three pounds of iron sulphate in five to 10 gallons of water and sprinkle or spray this solution on 1000 square feet of lawn area. Several treatments may be necessary and repeat applications should be carried out at the first

## Dallas Girl Weds Army Man

DALLAS—Word has been received in Dallas of the wedding of Miss Jeanne Coville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Coville of Dallas, to S/Sgt. Chester B. Healy, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Healy, at Vancouver, Washington, September 9, in the home of the Reverend Paul Kuntzman, who officiated.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simmons of Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boughton of Valsez. Mrs. Simmons is a sister of the bride. Sgt. Healy returned to Baxter General hospital in Spokane, September 23, for further treatment for wounds suffered in the South Pacific.

Social Day club of the Eastern Star will meet at the Masonic temple on Tuesday for all day sewing on ditty bags. A no-host luncheon will be served at noon.

## RATION CALENDAR

**PROCESSED FOODS:**  
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## Need for War Fund Will Not End on V-Day

Early ending of hostilities in Europe cannot result in any immediate reduction in the services of national war fund agencies, according to a statement by Win-

Mrs. Max Taggart and sons, Max and John Christopher, are leaving Tuesday for their home in Ontario after a several weeks stay in Salem with her mother, Mrs. Marie H. Schneider.

Navy mothers will hold their first meeting after the summer vacation at the YWCA Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. An interesting program is arranged for the evening.

throp W. Aldrich, president of the fund, received here by Charles A. Sprague, president of the Oregon war chest.

Victory in the European theatre may, on the contrary, "increase rather than diminish the need of our help," Aldrich advised.

Aldrich's statement anticipates increased demands on war fund agencies arising from the morale needs of our forces when they become occupation forces, from the complicated problems in the repatriation of war prisoners, from the need for prompt aid to civilian populations in the newly liberated countries to supplement the relief programs of UNRRA and other government agencies, and, principally, from the intensification of war in the Pacific.

For this final phase of the war, the statement points out, "the USO, United Seamen's service and War Prisoners aid must be ready for bigger tasks. We must remember,

## Portland Area Needs 13,000 More Workers

PORTLAND, Sept. 23-(AP)—The most critical labor shortage on the Pacific coast is in the Portland-Vancouver area, the state manpower director said today. To meet schedules, 13,000 additional workers are needed.

too, that the day is drawing near when the liberation of the Philippines, and an open door in China, will bring us face to face with traditional responsibilities which all Americans will gladly welcome."

In appealing for public participation in the war chest campaign soon to start, Sprague called for continued support of the work of the fund's agencies "until the day when our men and women in the armed forces are back in their homes."

## Poll Proposes Free Election For Germany

DENVER, Sept. 23-(AP)—The National Opinion Research center today announced that more than half of the Americans recently interviewed believed the German people should be allowed to vote in a free election for the kind of government they want.

About half of these persons, however, would not permit the election of a communist government.

The NORC said that of the 2,536 persons questioned, 56 per cent were in favor of the free election, 37 per cent disapproved the plan and seven per cent were undecided.

## Extra Workers Needed for Big Carrot Pack

A carrot pack twice the size of last year's and one destined largely for lend-lease and the armed forces is scheduled to commence next Wednesday, September 27, at California Packing corporation's Salem plant.

Registration of persons who will work during the long season will be taken there September 26. Several months of steady employment are offered in carrots, Chet I. Nelson of the Salem canners' committee said Saturday.

In addition to personnel already listed for the work, the company

is calling for 35 women and 30 men to work nights; 20 men and 10 women for daytime work.

Forty more women are needed for night work in the beet pack at Calpak, while 20 additional men are sought for the day shift.

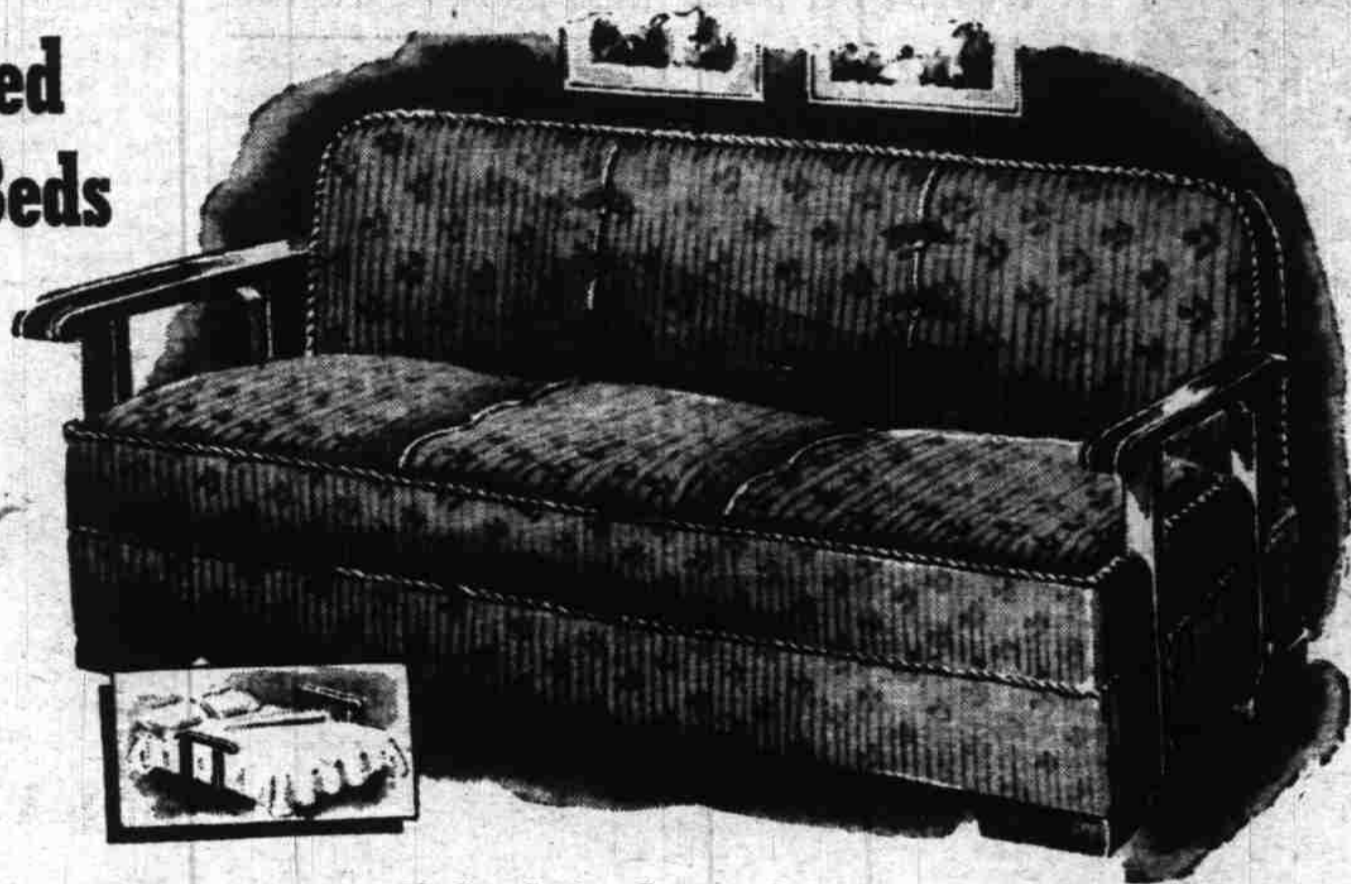
Most canneries in this area are short of men for the prune season, Nelson said Saturday.

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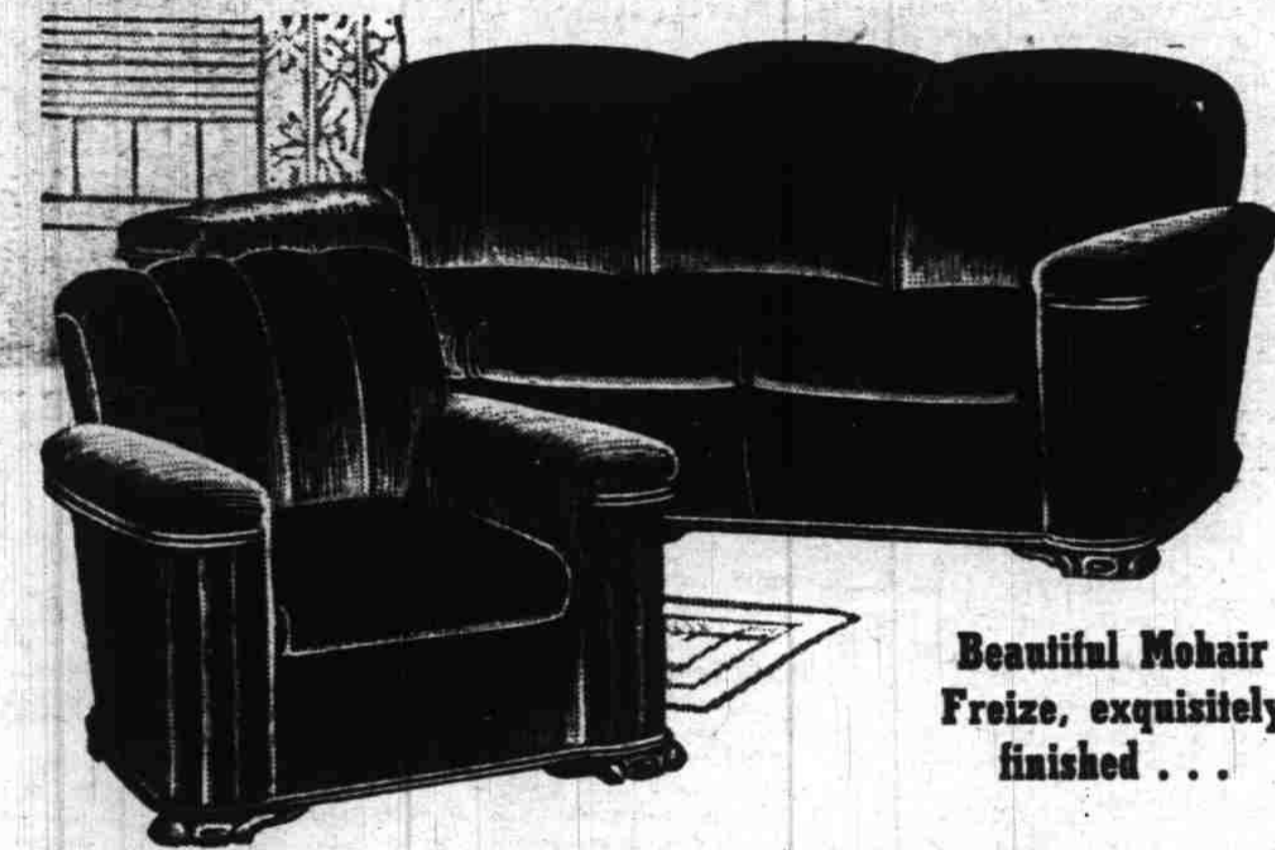
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