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Plan Gardens!

The Oregon State Grange recently has pointed out that few of us realize the importance of "victory gardens" as a war effort, and too much complacency has resulted from food surpluses of past years. It has been pointed out that the staggering demands placed upon this country by the allies can quickly undermine the food surpluses, particularly since the farmers may face serious handicaps such as labor shortage, shortage of farm machinery and equipment and other vital materials such as fertilizers and sprays.

In support of the garden movement, a state committee has been organized which is releasing valuable information upon the production of vegetables adaptable to the Pacific Northwest. The committee thus plans to keep the movement practical and avoid any excited hysteria to dig up lawns, golf courses and flower gardens. That kind of a program would result in wasted effort and materials and would do much to discourage next year's efforts.

Whatever extra food can be produced in family gardens will release just that much more of the canned goods which is a necessity for the military services and for shipment to our allies. Thus the garden program provides another important civilian defense activity in which most of us may participate.

Record Pork Barrel!

The non-controversial title, "Rivers and Harbors Improvement," is today being used to camouflage a number of costly proposed projects which, in reality, would do little to improve navigation in this country, and which would do much to harm basic industries on which we depend for victory in this war.

The largest rivers and harbors bill in this country's history, involving initial expenditures of close to \$1,000,000,000, will soon be debated in Congress. That bill would provide \$277,000,000 to start the St. Lawrence waterway project—a project which could not be completed for four or five years; which would go a long way toward disrupting such essential industries as coal, power and land transport, and which would take tremendous quantities of materials, money and labor needed for vital and immediate defense work right now.

It would provide almost \$198,000,000 for the Florida Ship Canal—a project which competent engineers regard as impractical in the extreme.

So it goes, down a long list. The billion dollars this bill proposes for undertakings which are largely destructive and unnecessary, would provide for 4,300,000 soldiers. It would buy 12,350,000 Garand rifles. It would build 14,600 medium tanks. It would build 7,300 light bombers. It would build 20 superdreadnaughts. Those are the purposes for which every possible dollar of American public funds should be used today.

According to the Brookings Institution, this bill has been "repeatedly characterized in Congress as the most flagrant illustration of the pork barrel system in our history." What a farce to talk about public economy and reduction in non-defense spending, and then consider such an omnibus measure as this.—Industrial News Review.

Government public relations men have begun showing concern over public apathy toward the war. One reason for this lack of enthusiasm recently was suggested by news commentators, Pearson and Allen, who pointed out that the public had not been given all the hard facts—"...too great a feeling of optimism was radiated from high places immediately after Pearl Harbor . . . and the public has not been given any real idea of how devastating were the losses at Pearl Harbor." The British government has maintained unity only by giving the public the cold hard facts—the American public also can take it.



THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA— HOW TO RESPECT AND DISPLAY IT

- 1—When flags of states or cities or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States of America, the latter should always be at the peak. When flown from adjacent staffs the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last.
- 2—When displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the Flag of the United States should be on the right (the flag's own right), and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.
- 3—When used on a speaker's platform, whether indoors or out, the flag should never be reduced to the role of a mere decoration by being tied into knots or draped over the stand. For this purpose bunting should be used. The flag, if displayed, should be either on a staff or secured to the wall or back curtain behind the speaker with the union to the flag's right.
- 4—When flags of two or more nations are displayed together they should be flown from separate staffs of the same height and the flags should be of approximately equal size.
- 5—When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left.
- 6—Whenever a number of flags of states or cities or pennants of societies are to be arranged in a group and displayed from staffs with the flag of the United States the latter should be placed at the center of that group and on a staff slightly higher than any of the others.
- 7—When the flag is displayed in the body of the church, it should be from a staff placed in the position of honor at the congregation's right as they face the clergyman. The service flag, the state flag or other flag should be at the left of the congregation. If in the chancel or on the platform, the flag of the United States should be placed on the clergyman's right as he faces the congregation and the other flags at his left.
- 8—When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony or front of a building, the union of the flag should go to the peak of the staff (unless the flag is to be displayed at half-staff).
- 9—Whenever the flag of the United States is carried in a procession in company with other flags, it should occupy a position in front of the center of the line of flags or on the right of the marching line.



RURAL TRENDS

ROGER M. KYES

MACHINES THAT MANUFACTURE TIME

In this day of substitutes and alternates, there is one thing for which we cannot use anything else, and that is time. We have machines that measure time to the millionth of a second, but we have no machine that can add even that small a fraction of a second to a 24-hour day.

And yet, strangely enough, every farm in the country has available for its use machinery that can add many minutes—perhaps hours—to every working day. We refer to the modern farm machinery that does its work so much more effectively and so much more quickly than it can be done by the old-fashioned methods of our fathers and grandfathers.

Those machines are making several vitally important contributions to the nation's welfare. They are permitting the farmer

How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!—Prov. 10:16.

Self-forgetfulness, purity and love are treasures untold—constant prayers, prophecies, and anointings.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Therefore, come what may, hold fast to love. Though men should rend your heart, let them not embitter or harden it.—F. W. Robertson.

Without constancy there is neither love, friendship, nor virtue in the world.—Addison.

FOR VICTORY: BUY BONDS

to maintain, or even increase, his production; in the face of a very definite shortage of farm labor.

They are helping to keep the cost of farm products down, so that more food will be available to more people, without sacrifice of the farmer's legitimate profits.

They are saving many hours and minutes for doing those "when-I-get-time" jobs.

And how important those jobs are getting to be! They are a significant item in national conservation of essential materials, which are bound to be increasingly harder to get.

Haven't you often said to yourself "I'll patch the roof or repair the mower, or fix the fence, or mend the pump, or gravel the lane, just as soon as I get time?"

Those are the jobs which cost more every day they are put off. Machines and tools that are not ready for instant service when they are needed are worse than no machines at all.

Because of a certain shortage of farm equipment during the coming season, all of our agricultural agencies have been urging the farmer to order needed repair parts and get repairs done without delay. This is mighty good advice, and it applies with equal force to other repair jobs—about the house, the barn, the granary—every place around the farm.

A large part of these smaller repair jobs require little or no new materials, they merely take time—time that can be manufactured, right on the farm, by using the modern machines that make farming easier, quicker, cheaper and more productive.

● Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bell and small daughter Judith Ann returned to their home in Klamath Falls Saturday. Mrs. Bell and baby had spent the last 10 days with Mrs. R. E. Bell.

● Rev. Young from the Lutheran church in Medford held church services at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grimm Monday evening.

● W. O. Martin was a business visitor to Medford Wednesday.

● Aunt Jane McCoy of Ashland spent Friday with Mrs. Malinda King.

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WHITNEY-GETTLING

Miss Louise Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Whitney of Fruitdale and Thomas Gettling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gettling of Ashland, were married Sunday afternoon at the Newman Methodist church in Grants Pass. Miss Donna Branch, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor and Donald Gettling, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. After the wedding a reception was held in the church parlors.

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PROSPECTS IMPROVED FOR FARM MACHINERY SUPPLY

A brighter outlook for obtaining enough harvest machinery and irrigation pumping equipment to meet Oregon needs this year is reported by F. E. Price, agricultural engineer at Oregon State college, who recently returned from Washington, where he joined representatives from other western states in presenting the needs of this region to the war production board and other agencies.

Pumping equipment had not previously been given a favored priority rating, and Oregon had faced the prospect of an extreme shortage of harvesting equipment.

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