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## TODAY and TOMORROW

By DON ROBINSON

### FARMERS gardens

There is no doubt that a successful truck farmer is a superman. Millions of Victory garden amateurs are ready to testify to that fact after spending a summer digging, hoeing, weeding, watering and weeping over results. To city folks the farmer has always been looked upon as a lucky individual who spent hours out in the open leaning on a hoe or sitting behind a plow lazily drawn through his fields by well-trained horses. They have envied him that easy life in the open as compared with their own hectic, nine to five set-to with telephones, typewriters and rush-hour crowds.

But they envy him no longer. They have learned a bitter lesson in their short battle with the soil and many a city family's desire to "break away from it all" and seek peace and comfort on a little farm in the country has disappeared forever.

### PAINS mysteries

It all seemed so easy at first. Oh, they got a few pains in the back and a few blisters on their hands from that first spring digging, but that was more than compensated for by the feeling that they were strengthening their seldom-used muscles and renewing their neglected health.

Just digging, hoeing, raking and planting—and then waiting a couple of months to pick those delicious fresh vegetables pictured on the seed envelopes, made keeping the wolf from the door appear as simple as could be. At first everything went ahead on schedule for most of the victory gardeners. A week or two after planting, the carrot tops, the radishes, the corn shoots and the beans broke into full view. But after the vegetables got to the point where picking was in the offing, mysterious things began to happen. The bean leaves began turning yellow or got full of little holes. The tomato plants began to wilt, the lima bean plants looked thin and emaciated and the peas were blitzkrieged by rabbits or rain.

### DISCOURAGEMENT . . . bugs

Of course the first radish was a real thrill—very much like that of becoming a parent for the first time. And Victory gardeners boasted among each other about the string beans fresh from their own back yards which were "the most delicious you ever tasted." But to most of us who this year planted our first garden, the agricultural life proved full of discouragement. How were we to know that Mexican beetles must be dealt with immediately or they will ruin beans? Why didn't somebody tell us that fertilizer was really important if we wanted the pods to have big green peas in them? And why hadn't we realized the story of Peter Rabbit was one of stark tragedy?

We meant well. We thought farming was really a cinch and most of us went about it in a very modest way. Some of us really did a pretty good job for beginners but in many, many cases the Japanese beetles and their allies proved a more imposing enemy than the little yellow men who are infesting the Pacific Islands.

### LESSON 1943

Undoubtedly the Victory garden program of 1942 has done some good in supplementing the world's food supply. With approximately 15,020,000 families having planted gardens, no matter how poorly some of them turned out, there must certainly have been many extra tons of edible food added to the "bread basket of the world." But probably the greatest good done by the Victory gardens this year was in the teaching millions of people that they must learn the facts of farm life before they do their next spring planting. Plans are now being made to give gardening courses this winter in towns and cities all over the nation. The disappointed gardeners of 1942, having learned the need for such education the hard way, will undoubtedly flock to such courses and, in 1943, there is a good chance that the back-yard gardens will furnish millions of families with good, healthful food. Most of us are willing to try

again, but we are through thinking that the raising of vegetables is an easy task. Next year we'll go to the fields with spades under one arm and text-books under the other—and we'll take every word in the books seriously. Meantime, we take our hats off to the real farmers of America who this year have produced record crops and made it unnecessary for us to depend upon our own feeble efforts to have food on our tables.

## The KNOTHOLE

Bob Fitch, Minnesota's great discus thrower and football end, is now at the Manhattan Beach Coast Guard Training station in Brooklyn. Former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey is athletic director for the station. For the first time since 1909, Notre Dame's football captain is a South Bend boy, right end George Murphy. The Yankees drew 766,869 fans for their first 51 home games. Bob Snyder, quarterback of the 1941 Chicago Bears nominates Danny Foremann, veteran guard, as the team's most valuable player. Otto Graham, Northwestern's star halfback, is a musician of note. He plays the French horn, cornet, piano, violin and harmonica. The Red Sox recently lost eight games in four straight Sundays. Del Bissonette, former Dodger first baseman who is managing the Hartford club of the Eastern league, has placed himself on the active list. Lawrence ("Pops") Harrison has been named head basketball coach at the University of Iowa. In the last 11 years first basemen have won the American league home run crown seven times and tied it twice. The reign was broken in 1937 by Joe DiMaggio and last year by Ted Williams.

## Medford Captures O-C Championship

The Medford Craters won the Oregon-California league baseball championship at Klamath Falls Saturday night when they defeated the Pelicans 3 to 1 behind the fine pitching of Lt. Norm Lewis. Virg Haynes, former Ashland pitcher, was charged with the defeat. The Klamath team took the Sunday tilt, which was a mere formality, by winning 8 to 7. Benham handled the mound duties for the Klamath Falls squad and Snyder pitched for Medford. Dorris forfeited their two games to Grants Pass to end season play for these two clubs. Klamath Falls and Medford met last night at Medford for the first game in their two-out-of-three series for the president's cup. The next one will be played in Klamath Falls Sunday and, if a third one is necessary, will be in Medford, probably Aug. 30.

## THIS AND THAT (By Old Timer)

### To the Editor:

Allow us to suggest that the fire ladders could do a good turn if they would clean up the site of their new headquarters. The foundation for the structure was made ready some time ago and a veritable jungle has since sprung up about the place, creating not only an eyesore but a fire hazard that should be eliminated forthwith. And this leads us to the conclusion that if we are to have a tidy appearing town it is up to the city officials to take the initiative. Nuf ced.

Here is something worthy of note. During the first three months of 1942, a survey shows, inter-city highway buses carried 63,235,935 passengers compared to 62,072,930 carried in railroad coaches.

Ancient Egyptian Beauties, we read, plucked their eyebrows, tinted their finger and toe nails and used lipstick and rouge. What, no painted legs?

Autumn, according to a poet, is the perfect season. There's one guy who never has had to rake up the leaves.

Uncle Zeke opines that the object of the second front is to get Hitler's back to the wall. Doubtless the Nazis have discovered that the Commando boys are mighty tough babies.

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## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWNS)—Although congress is having few sessions these days, and is acting on no important legislation since the majority of its members are recessing, nevertheless important things have happened here recently to make our war program work more efficiently.

From the public's viewpoint perhaps, one of the most interesting projects which has got under way is the investigation being made by a committee headed by Bernard M. Baruch to determine the true facts regarding the confused rubber situation. Following his veto of the bill passed by both houses of congress to guarantee greater use of farm products in the making of rubber and alcohol, President Roosevelt named Mr. Baruch, chairman of the War Industries board of the last war, to make a nonpartisan analysis of the facts regarding rubber needs, rubber supplies and the best methods of making synthetic rubber. To assist him in this study, the President named Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard university, and Dr. Kar T. Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Realizing that the bill passed by congress to favor farmers in the manufacture of synthetic rubber was purely a political measure the President sharply criticized the bill saying: "the approval of this bill would in my opinion, block the progress of the war production program, and therefore the war itself."

Another recent action taken in Washington, which may prove of vital importance in the future success of our war program, was the approval by Donald Nelson, head of the WPB, of the proposal of Henry J. Kaiser to build giant cargo planes to relieve our shipping problems. Mr. Kaiser, who built the Boulder and Grand Coulee dams and who has recently performed a miracle in mass production of ships, will now have the chance to demonstrate what he can do in the production of 70-ton planes and has also been given authority to construct an experimental 200-ton flying boat. Mr. Kaiser's program has been the subject of wide debate, some officials feeling that vital materials should not be used for experimenting, but the War Production board evidently agrees with Mr. Kaiser that his program may be the answer to the Nazi submarine attacks.

The final execution of the Nazi saboteurs following trials which will be kept a closed secret until after the war, is believed to have the hearty approval of the great majority of the people. Even the

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

The daily vacation Bible school at the Christian church will close Friday night with open house. At 8 o'clock a short program will be given. Following the program the class rooms will be visited where some of the work can be viewed. A very successful and well attended school has been in session for the last two weeks, according to the minister of the church, Earl F. Downing, who has issued an invitation to the parents and friends of the children and of the church to see and hear the children and some of their work.

## VISITS PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar O. Winther of Bloomington, Ind., are guests at the home of Mrs. Winther's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Galey. Mr. Winther is a member of the history faculty at the University of Indiana and has spent the past two months in research work in early western history at the Huntington library in Pasadena where he had a scholarship. He left today for Seattle for a short visit with his parents. Mrs. Winther will join him there later and they will proceed to their home in Indiana.

## HERE FROM FORT LEWIS

Jack Bentley, former member of Battery B, and now stationed at Fort Lewis, is visiting in Ashland. He has a 15-day furlough, most of which will be spent here. Jack states that a good many members of the original Battery B company have gone to other units.

## RETURNS FROM PORTLAND

Leo Schoeniger returned Sunday from Portland and has reopened his barber shop on the Plaza.

jail sentences, instead of the death sentence, given to two of the saboteurs who are believed to have given vital information in exchange for leniency, was generally approved as a worthwhile move for getting other saboteurs to reveal important information. The activities of the FBI in following up all clues of Axis activities in this country are closely guarded, but enough information is released to show that the FBI is nipping in the bud many plans of enemy agents. The recently revealed story, telling of cleverly concocted signs in the rural section of the east to guide enemy planes in reaching large war production plants, is considered an apparent indication that the Germans have been planning bombings on our eastern coast. Since several of the signs were made by plowing arrows in farm fields, it seemed logical that they were part of a plan of the Germans to launch airplane attacks this summer or early fall.

The activities of the FBI, it is believed here, may have forestalled attacks which might otherwise have been made before this time. The new tax program will undoubtedly be postponed, at least in part, until after the election. The senate finance committee, after considering the house-approved bill for many weeks, has now put the finishing touches on a measure which is still far short of the amount set as a minimum by Secretary Morgenthau. It is believed, if the treasury continues to insist on more taxes, congress will pass the present measure in the near future and then consider a sales tax after the election is over. The President and the treasury have both disapproved of a general sales tax, but many congressmen see it as the easiest way out.

Another warning has been issued by Harold L. Ickes, war petroleum co-ordinator, that the people in the East should shift, wherever possible, from burning fuel oil in their homes to burning coal. He said that a survey showed less than half of 1 per cent have thus far converted their heating equipment to coal-burning although approximately half of present oil burners could easily be converted to burning coal. "Apparently," said Mr. Ickes, "East coast residents have not been aware of the seriousness of the fuel and heating oil shortage in the Atlantic coast area. I can not too strongly urge all oil-burner owners who can do so to convert their facilities to the use of coal now and buy their coal supply at once. This is the best way for home owners to be certain that they will be warm next winter."

## GOES NORTH

W. A. Snider left the first of the week for Portland to look into the enlistment situation.

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