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### Wild Plums Would Do Well Here

That some of the wild plum trees of Klamath and Lake counties may be transplanted to counties of the northern part of Oregon is a possibility suggested by O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist at Oregon State college. McWhorter believes the wild variety will do well in regions where the climate is too severe for common varieties.

To one who has enjoyed a fruit that appears to be localized in the two great counties on the southern border of the state, the prospect that some day wild plums may be gathered along the upper reaches of Morrow county streams has a strong appeal. Such a transition would scarcely be economical at present, what with sugar rationing in effect, but ere the transplanting or seeding could take place and the wild trees start bearing there should be unrationed sugar once more and the good cooks of Morrow county can try their skill at turning out wild plum jelly, jam, preserves and other by-products of this rare fruit.

The southern Oregon red wild plum is listed as *Prunus subcordata* in official books on plums, but up to the present time it has existed almost entirely in the wild state with very limited attempts at growing it under cultivation, college authorities state. An unusual feature of the plum is that it is freestone rather than clingstone as are practically all other native wild plums. They have foliage closely resembling the European type plums, from which most of the domestic varieties come, while the fruit is somewhat oval in shape like apricots.

The college is studying the possibility of propagating the plums on a commercial basis. This may have some merits but if they can be made to grow and bear fruit in this area that will be quite enough for the natives. Once they become acquainted with the flavor of Klamath wild plum (or Lake wild plum) they will seek it as avidly as they do the famous Blue mountain huckleberry, and that's saying quite a mouthful.

Hot biscuits with wild plum jam! Yum, yum!

### One Campaign at a Time

Prospective donors to the Oregon War Chest should not confuse this campaign with other drives for funds. Careful study of the list of beneficiaries coming under the state and national war chests will disclose that 17 agencies are included in the national war fund and several state relief agencies dependent upon public subscription are provided for under Oregon War Chest, Inc.

It has been reported that solicitors other than those duly appointed to serve in the current war chest campaign have been circulating over the county. If such is the case and our people have given to these causes it simply means that there is a duplication of effort and that the state and national war chest drives will suffer. It is not the purpose of this newspaper to tell the people what and where to give, neither is it the object of the local war chest organization to dictate the donation of funds, but both the newspaper and the organization would be remiss in their duty if they knew of unauthorized solicitation and did not call attention to it.

Permit the suggestion that you ask for a solicitor's credentials. If they purport to represent any of the agencies listed under the war chest and

are presented by a stranger, it might be wise to refuse to subscribe, for there will be a solicitor from the county unit of Oregon War Chest, Inc. around to call on you and such representative should be given your earnest consideration.

Subscriptions for the fund are not coming in at a rate to give assurance that Morrow county will meet its quota. There will have to be a speeding up in the next two weeks if we go over the top. A sum equal to one dollar for every man, woman and child will have to be raised and that should not be a too difficult task this season.

### Shouldn't Be Delayed Too Long

If it is true that in time of peace we should prepare for war, it is equally patent that in time of war we should prepare for peace.

A good deal of editorial space is being taken in the newspapers and not a little discussion over the radio relative to post-war planning. Some of the earlier planning enthusiasts incurred the displeasure of military-minded persons and were chided for looking so far into the future when the outcome of the struggle was far from settled, and for a time there was little said about peacetime activities. The turn of events in recent weeks has inspired a renewal of the campaign for post-war planning and this time there seems to be little opposition from the military, or perhaps they think there is no harm in letting the starry-eyed boys dream.

Post-war planning is no idle dream. It is essential to our future security and should be encouraged. No one can set the date when war will cease but unless plans are laid for meeting the changes that will follow cessation of hostilities we will be confronted with conditions that will make the unlamented "dark '30's" a mere side-show by comparison.

It must not be taken that recent Allied successes indicate an early end of the European conflict. The results are highly encouraging and without doubt are leading up to the ultimate conclusion but many more battles must be fought, greater sacrifice of life encountered, ere our boys march through the streets of Berlin. That they will do that very thing is regarded as a certainty by all true Americans, for such is their faith in Allied arms and leadership. Nevertheless, the road to Berlin, much shorter than a few months ago, will be a hard one. Hitler will throw everything he has into the defense of his inner fortress and his strength is great enough to inflict a terrible toll of Allied men and materials.

It must be remembered that the battle of Europe is but one phase of the world conflict. There is the score to settle with Tojo and that may prolong the war far beyond the re-conquest of Europe. Many observers believe that will be a far bigger job than eliminating Hitler and his Nazi regime from the picture. Be that as it may, the total score is upwards of 60,000,000 of our population engaged in promoting the war, and taking care of that number of people after the war, particularly through the readjustment period, certainly calls for some concrete thinking right now.

It is up to every city, town and village to prepare for a portion of this turnback from a war basis to a peacetime basis. We should start now to plan for civic improvements, public and private building enterprises and other projects that will provide employment for our returning service men and war industry workers until they can be absorbed in the natural and regular channels of industry.

Columbus discovered the America-to-be, but Hitler is discovering the real America, and we dare say he doesn't like what he's discovering.

Oh, well, who wants to drive a car nowadays anyway.

With restaurants curtailing service, gas rationing reduced to three gallons per coupon, fuel rationing in effect and eggs hitting stratospheric levels it begins to look like there is a war on, or sump'n.

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From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

Dan Miles allows he's swimming right in style these days.

Dan's always made a point of finishing up whatever food was put before him. "Don't make sense to waste food just to be stylish," he says.

Now out comes an etiquette authority who says it's wartime fashion to take only what you're going to eat—and finish it up clean—because "Food Fights for Freedom."

As Doc Mitchell says, "Most folks eat too much anyway. Man and boy, I've watched this town

for years, and 75% of us dig our own graves with our teeth."

From where I sit, this new style in eating may lead to moderation, and moderation has never hurt anybody.

In fact, you find moderation and tolerance go hand in hand... whether it's what you eat or what you think.... Or whether one man prefers a moderate glass of beer when you yourself would rather have a soda.

Joe Marsh