

## Help Your Neighbor - - Save His Garden

People in the Upper Nehalem Valley are beginning in earnest to plant victory gardens to help relieve the anticipated shortage of food in the nation. A great increase in the number of gardens is being urged by the United States department of agriculture to prevent that shortage as much as possible and it is likely that people of this area will cooperate with that request by planting more and larger gardens this year than last.

Probably everyone realizes the need of more food production and the reason for the requested increase but there are some who do not realize that they may be hindering that endeavor as a whole as well as aggravating their neighbors, especially in towns where people live within a short distance of each other. It has been mentioned, and truthfully, that chickens and dogs contribute greatly to the destruction of gardens if not confined where they can do no damage.

In this community, a number of people have fowl and many families have dogs. Both are frequently allowed the freedom of crossing onto a neighbor's property and no notice is taken by the owners of the damage that this may cause. Freshly ploughed ground is enticing to both dogs and chickens as a place to dig, but that ground may contain vegetable seeds or young growing plants. The damage which can result from neglect in keeping animals at home is obvious.

Help your neighbor's victory garden war effort by saving his garden from destruction!

## A Week Worth Mentioning

Many weeks have been set aside for many purposes. Some are worth mentioning some are not. Sunday, May 7, marks the beginning of the week designated as National Music Week and that does deserve mention as being worthy of more than passing notice.

Local schools and churches have given the week consideration in previous years and will do so again this year with the keynote being "Use Music to Foster Unity for the War and the Peace to Follow".

Increasing importance is being given music as a necessity in everyday life, that increase being noted here as elsewhere during recent years. Many once thought music to be merely for those individuals who possessed a special talent for it and little further consideration was given.

Music week committees in industrial areas are in many cases devoting themselves to the promotion of music in war plants and factories. That activity is encouraged by the findings of a study made a few months ago under the auspices of the war production board, which gave every indication that self-expression in music, as well as listening, provides release from strain and from the tedium of long hours of work.

The importance of music to everyday living is gaining more and more recognition, and well it should.

## Not Too Soon to Begin

Registered voters received copies of the Voter's Pamphlet a few days ago. The pamphlet contains information about and statements by many candidates whose names will appear on the May 19 primary ballot.

It is not too soon to study the statements made and the records of achievement of the several candidates who seek nomination when voters go to the polls. Lack of consideration by voters of the things they must decide and failure to cast ballots at election time leaves the decision of important questions and the selection of officials to those who do cast ballots. It has happened that those decisions have been made by the minority of people at election time because the majority of people failed to take interest sufficiently to express their opinions.

Now is the time to study the several decisions that must be made May 19, then be sure to go to the polls that day.

## Events in Oregon

### STATE HOSPITAL NEEDS CHANGE

SALEM — The dire conditions at the Oregon "state hospital" are finally getting considerable attention. Many candidates for the legislature, especially in Multnomah county, are studying the problem with deep concern and preparing to do something about it.

The greatest obstacle to the proper solving of the problem will be the pressure that will be put upon them just to build a lot of big new buildings and let

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it go at that. That would not solve it at all. That would merely be whitewashing it. A thousand acres of new buildings would not make the institution adequate under the present management, but would probably make it worse.

### GRANGERS PASS RESOLUTIONS

FOREST GROVE — A resolution submitted by Columbia county Pomona grange recommended the handling of gas and fuel rationing be transferred to the farm transportation committee from the OPA was accepted. The request was made on the grounds that those of the FTC knew the needs of farmers and farms as they are headed or represented various farm organizations.

The dog control act came in for revision, grangers asking that the act be changed to include chickens, ducks rabbits, etc., as domestic fowl under the general term of poultry.

Deportation of all alien Japs and the revocation of citizenship and the deportation of all naturalized Japanese who have proved themselves disloyal to the United States was asked in the last resolution.

BEAVERTON TRIES FOR UNION HIGH DISTRICT  
HILLSBORO — Voters of the Beaverton high school district favored formation of the proposed union high school dist. in that area by an 89 to 6 vote Monday night. They also approved to furnish the present

## THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS

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AN ARMY DIVISION REQUIRES ALMOST AS MANY TYPEWRITERS AS A THRIVING BUSINESS CORPORATION

## OUT OF THE WOODS BY Jim Stevens

### Forest Fires Begin at Home . . .

"Some facts and figures on the how and the who of forest fire causes have come out which should bring blushes of shame to the cheeks of forest folks," stated Thoughtful Bill Haggerty, the veteran fire warden. "I mean, the folks who live on forest lands, or on farms or in towns amidst the timber country. We the people of the woods can no longer hide behind the skirts of the city slickers—the tourists, hunters, fishermen, vacationists, and the like—on who most causes forest fires and who most needs to be hauled up before the court of public opinion and charged with ruination of the land."

The veteran fire warden thumbed through a stack of papers, file folders and publications on his home-hewn desk and came up with a copy of *American Forests*, the monthly publication of the American Forestry Association. It was the March number. Thoughtful Bill turned to an article by John Clark Hunt, "Fire Prevention Where It Counts: Facing the Facts About Man-Caused Fires and What Can Be Done About Them."

"Here are facts and figures all summed up in a bunch fit to knock your eye out," Haggerty averred. "Read 'em and weep. When you get over the shock, see if you don't agree with me on the moral which may be put as, 'To stop forest fires, begin at home.'"

**300 Per Cent More Fires . . .**  
Here's a pregnant paragraph from the Hunt article that gives a snapshot of his complete argument and his evidence:  
"Throughout 1942 widespread concern over forest protection was reflected month after month in the press (and by radio too). High ranking military men joined forest officials in urging the people of the country to prevent fires. Yet in August one national forest reported a 300 per cent increase in fires with

high school building. If a majority of votes cast and a majority of all districts voting are in favor of the consolidation, the boundary board will declare the district formed. If no remonstrances are filed, the board may declare the district formed after the hearing.

Districts included in the proposal are, Beaverton, Union, MacKay, Kinton, Barnes, Hazedale, Cedar Mill, Bethany, McKinley, Bonny Slope, Cooper Mt., Raleigh, Sylvan, Aloha-Huber, Hiteon, and possibly Garden Home.

### HEALTH EXAMS PLANNED FOR FOOD HANDLERS

SEASIDE — Health examinations for food handlers and other workers coming in close contact with the public will be made in Seaside under the direction of the U. S. public health service, it has been announced. The work is being conducted under the direction of doctors of the public health service, acting as county officers.

As a result of the campaign both the public and the employee will be benefited. Chance for the spread of disease will be mitigated and those examined will have the advantage of tests which will give them an understanding of their own health and perhaps save them from serious disability resulting from an unsuspected disease.

this pointed observation: 'Local residents are culpable in the main for the rise.' Thus 1942, our first year at war, provided conclusive evidence that local people and not 'outsiders' are responsible for most of our man-caused forest fires."

The conclusion was of course supported by many more items of evidence like the report on the 300 per cent increase in the one national forest. One fact was 5 million more acres burned in 1942 than in 1941. Another was the figure of 27,000 incendiary fires in 1942—that many fires deliberately set in the knowledge that the act was sabotage of the war effort! And back of that the fact travel by city people—tourists, hunters, fishermen, vacationists—had been reduced in the Pacific Northwest by 80 per cent.

There were 208,000 forest fires nationally in 1942, and only 7,000 were caused by lightning. An area bigger than the state of New York was burned over.

### The No. 1 Job . . .

"The blame goes even deeper and further than the home folks who set the fires," concluded Thoughtful Bill, as we talked over the grim subject.

"It's with us who are in forestry as professional men—the college-trained engineers and other specialists—and protection men in the field. Like myself who have been schooled only by experience. Each of us looks too little beyond his own personal work and responsibility."

"As a result, we've never yet all teamed up to solve the problem that absolutely must come first before any other forestry program can get anywhere. That's the fire problem. Foresters have long agreed that it is 85 per cent of the problem of reforestation here in the Douglas fir, and three-fourths of the fires are caused by people who live in the woods."

If you'd like to read all of the Hunt article, a post card request to "Out of the Woods," care of this newspaper, will bring you a reprint.

## KNOW YOUR BIBLE

No Bible, no faith. Much Bible, much faith. Know your Bible. Have you the faith to believe that Christ died for your sins? Have you the faith to take forgiveness for all sin on the ground that Christ paid the debt?

What is your faith when the going is rough? Do you look utterly to Christ as life from above? Know your Bible. Much Bible, much faith.

Can you say with the Apostle: It is no longer I that live, but Christ that liveth in me? Do you possess Christ as the treasure of your heart? Much Bible and so the faith posess Him.

Gunnors mate, James W. Dowling, U.S.S. West Virginia says that six years ago he received Christ as his Savior from sin. He adds that Christ is to him unspeakable joy and peace beyond description.

Christ stands at the door and knocks. Bid him enter and make him the Lord of your life. You need faith? Much Bible; much faith. Know your Bible.

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## At the Churches

### First Christian Church

—The Livingstones, Ministers  
9:45—Bible school. M. L. Herrin, superintendent. Classes for all.  
11:00—Junior church.  
11:00—Morning communion and preaching. Subject of sermon: "Putting Life Together."  
7:30—Evening communion and address by guest speaker, Mrs. Hattie Menzies.

### Evangelical Church

—Rev. Allen H. Backer, Minister  
9:45 — Sunday school.  
11:00 — Morning worship service.  
6:30—Junior Endeavor and Evangelical Youth Fellowship meeting.  
7:30 P. M. — Evangelistic service.  
7:30 p.m. Thursday — Bible study and prayer meeting.

### Assembly of God Church

Rev. Clayton E. Beish—Minister  
9:45—Sunday school with classes for all ages.  
11:00—Morning worship.  
11:00—Children's church.  
6:30—Young people's Christ Ambassadors service.  
7:30—Evangelistic service.  
7:30 Wednesday evening—Mid-week service.  
7:30 Friday evening—People's meeting.

### Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints

Sunday school convenes at 10 a.m. at the I.O.O.F. hall under the direction of G. W. Bell, branch president and Van Bailey, superintendent.

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Rev. Anthony V. Gerace  
Rev. J. H. Goodrich  
Mass: 9:30 a.m. except first Sunday in month—Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Confessions from 7:45 a.m. on.

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

Services on Saturday:  
10:00 a.m.—Sabbath school.  
11:00 a.m.—Gospel service.  
8:00 p.m. Wednesday—Devotional service.  
Sermon by district leader—third Saturday of each month  
A cordial invitation is extended to visitors.

## The Forum

### THE OTHER HALF OF THE ENVELOPE

—By, Erling R. Jacobson, chaplain, U.S.N.

Others, too, have been similarly influenced in these overseas experiences and have become genuinely mission-minded, men who previously been lukewarm on the subject of missions. There was the naval lieutenant, for instance, who said to me, "I am going to start using the other half of my weekly church envelope now."

There was the chaplain who invited the resident missionary, a bishop of the church of England, to bring the message one Sunday morning. The bishop told his story and made no appeal for funds; he merely asked for the prayers of the men. The chaplain, however, announced that on the following Sunday he would place a box at the door to receive an offering for missions. It was received. This congregation, not a large one — perhaps a hundred or more service men — \$187.00 that day. There were twenty dollar bills in that box.

These men, you see, had observed the results of missionary work. In our midweek prayer and discussion group I asked whether this duty overseas had awakened foreign mission interest in the men. Everyone present agreed that it had. Two of the men went even further: they had begun seriously to consider offering themselves as missionaries when the war is over.

The "reservoir of friendliness" to borrow a "One World" phrase, created by the missionary has been an important factor in the success of the military operations in the South Pacific. The natives are invaluable allies. They have rescued countless fliers forced down at sea. They have fed, sheltered and befriended scores of survivors off sunken ships. Their knowledge of the jungle trails and their uncanny ability to traverse those trails silently and with unbelievable speed make them excellent guides and deadly effective in accounting for the stray Jap patrol or sniper. Yes, they are on our side, unqualifiedly so, and they are especially fond of Americans. This amazing and heart-warming comradeship of the natives will receive its due recognition in the account of the ultimate victory.

So foreign missionary activity got the United Nations some effective allies; therefore, it has been a good thing—is that what I am saying? No of course not.

It is what the gospel of Jesus has done for these Melanesian natives who up until a comparatively recent date were a warlike, savage and primitive people. Cannibalism and headhunting were common practices among them. Their tattooed and disfigured faces and bodies and the spears and war clubs that many of them still carry are vestiges of the savagery and the darkness from which they have so recently been delivered. I have had occasion to conduct a number of services for them, and I have talked with many of them.

"What has Christ brought to you?" I have asked them. I have received several answers to that question. None was quite as eloquent as that single word which came from the lips of a grizzled, somewhat fierce-visaged, old jungle veteran seated on the ground in the rear of the native building in which we were holding our meeting. "Light!" was his answer.

(This article to be continued next week.) Submitted by G. F. Brown.

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