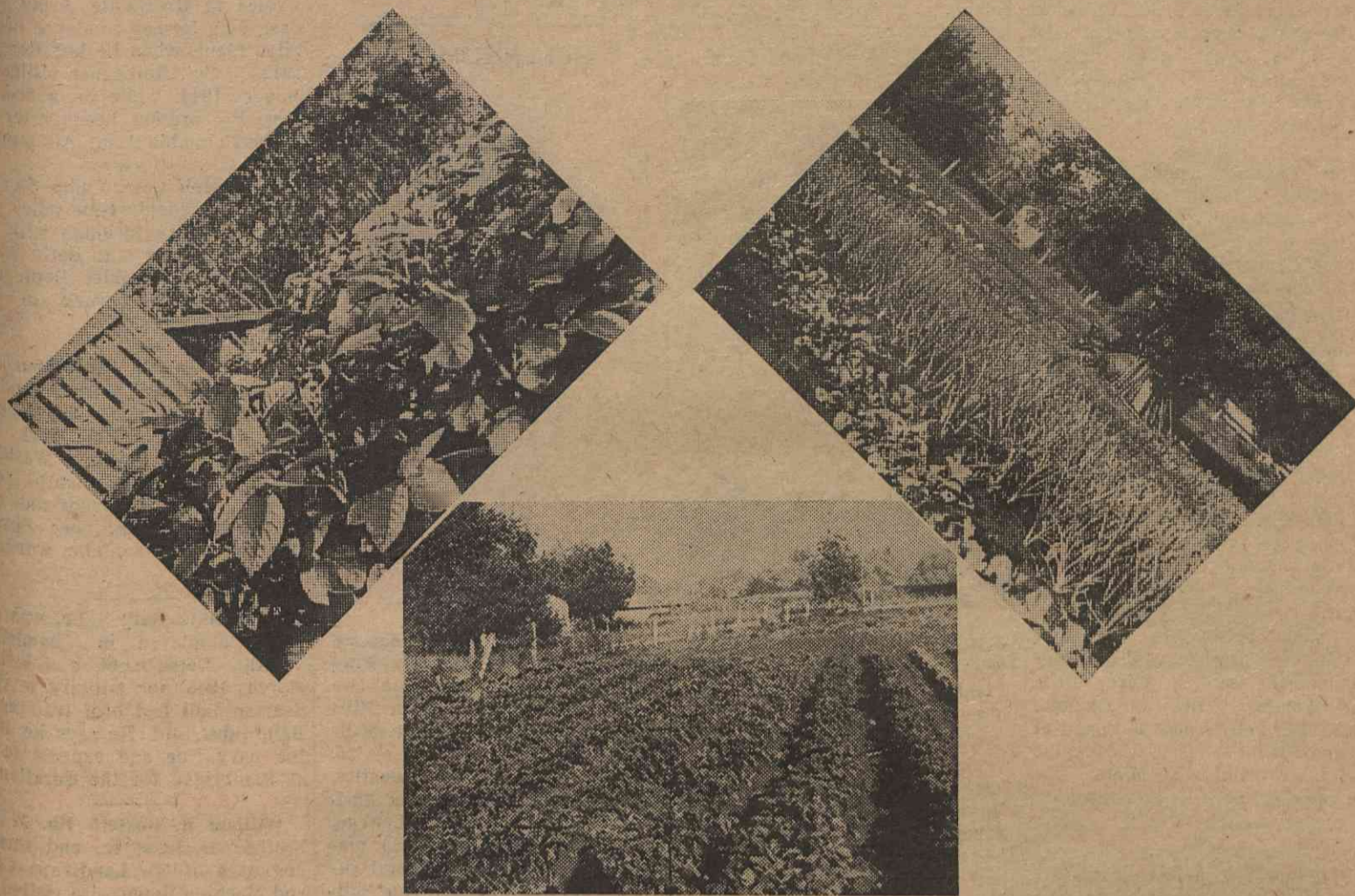


Early Planting And Hard Work Make Fine Victory Gardens



The pictures above were taken of Mrs. Raymond F. Bennett's Victory garden and show several of the different flourishing vegetables. This garden was planted early in the season and is one of the most advanced in Transylvania county. The picture in the center is of several rows of potatoes already in bloom; a close-up of these potatoes is shown at the upper left while on the upper right are pictured some very fine onions and they are plenty large enough to eat, too. There are also many other fine vegetables in this garden.

Back The Attack---Don't Neglect Your Victory Garden

Number Of Ecusta Gardens Look Good, Mean Hard Work

An official of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture once described Transylvania county as being an ideal area for the growing of vegetables.

Last year Ecusta gardeners proved that this was true and around the plant and at the homes of Ecusta workers in this and adjoining counties, adequate proof is being demonstrated again this season.

One of the earliest and finest looking gardens here is Mrs. Raymond Bennett's victory garden, which is pictured above. This garden shows just what can be done and it shows a marked degree of patriotism on the part of its owner.

Because of the great role that food has in winning the war, our government has urged every family to have a garden again this year, regardless of the fact that they may not need one from a financial standpoint. Food is scarce and vast quantities are needed for our armed forces, as well as for our allies. This need will be increased as we move into occupied Europe and liberate those countries.

The garden firm of McClure, Haehnel and Straus has a fine garden in the making. For an individual, Bob Thompson probably has the largest garden at the plant.

Another significant garden is the one that is being raised by the Machine Booklet department, of which Mrs. Bruce Reynolds is forelady. All of the girls in the de-

partment are having a hand in this promising looking garden.

Another early gardener is Fred Wild, who is a cook in the Cafeteria. Fred's garden covers about an acre of land.

Most of the Ecusta victory gardens, however, were started later this season than the one pictured above, and naturally they do not compare favorably at this moment. There is no reason, however, that they will not be fine gardens provided the proper attention is given to them.

Good food and plenty of it is the prime requisite for existence. As already pointed out, it is a potent weapon in our present war for survival. Every item of food grown and consumed by us at home frees a like amount for distribution to our armed forces. The vegetable crop grown by each gardener for the use of his family, not only adds to our nation's stockpile, but also saves critically needed transportation which some commercial grower would use in supplying him.

Our first year of critical food shortage was 1943. In response to the pleas of our war agencies, victory gardeners grew food crops in undreamed of amounts, and canned four and a half million jars of food for winter use. The need is no less this year and a 10 per cent increase has been requested. With a nation at war, and with the experience of 1943 to guide the millions of inexperienced gardeners, there is no doubt that the quota will be met.

The result, however, depends upon individual effort. Ecusta gardeners have made a good start. The final result, however, depends

Received His Wings



2nd LT. WILLIAM ALBERT has received his silver navigator wings at recent graduation exercises at Hondo army air field, Hondo, Texas. He is the son of S. A. Albert, of Pisgah Forest and worked at Ecusta.

Wounded Soldiers

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Heffner singing several of the current popular songs. Mr. Straus sent several hundred cigarettes which were passed out to the soldiers.

upon the "follow through," considering the fact that we are at war, the nation has thus far lived well.

A real and desperate shortage of food will be with us for the duration and what each of us eats will, in a large measure, depend upon our own efforts.

BENNETT IS ATTENDING CONVENTION THIS WEEK

Raymond F. Bennett, general superintendent of the Ecusta Paper corporation is attending the annual convention of the American Pulp and Paper Mill Superintendents association that is being held in Chicago this week. He is fourth vice president of the association and is expected to be elected third vice.

LIKES JOHN'S COLUMN

Somewhere in Italy
April 11, 1944

Dear Bob (Matthews):

Well, here I am still in Italy. In fact, just about the same place as I was the last time I wrote. There has been a lot of fighting in a small space here. I was in on one of the crossings of the Volturno River and have also seen some of the Cassino business. Anyone who has seen the Germans fight around here doesn't think they're licked by any means.

Received a promotion the last of March.

Received an issue of the Echo today—the first in two or three months. What has happened to the Physical Lab's reporter? Tell John Goolsby that I'm a regular fan of his column and that I rate it right next to Ernie Pyle's!

Give my regards to everyone.

Sincerely,
TOM RAMSEY, (Major)

CHEMICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Professor: What is the outstanding contribution that chemistry has given to the world?

Student: Blondes.