

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, June 4—Ventilation of opinion within officialdom continues to show uncertainty as to President Roosevelt's real purpose in making the latest "fireside chat". That one of its primary motives was to awaken the people at home from a slumbering inertia about defense is generally conceded. If its dramatic effect were intended to bolster the national moral and bring about a full realization of the gravity of world conditions then the speech was a success. It is the implications and the things left unsaid which plague the politicians and diplomats alike. The variety of interpretations converge on only two points—the establishment in the minds of all citizens the urgency of defense production and possible naval combat. It is congenitally argued here that an overt act by a foreign power will determine the time and place of this country's direct involvement in war. No prophet is rash enough to answer the recurrent question "When?"

Lawmakers returning from speech-making tours over the holidays report people at home

are likewise unsettled in their opinions about the course of our international relations. The President's discourse has provoked flocks of rumors about the Capitol and in sections remote from this whispering gallery. The proclamation of an "unlimited emergency" stirred laymen more than experts. The Lend-lease Act and other recent laws, coupled with powers of the Presidency unrepealed from the last war, actually clothed the Chief Executive with broad authority to use at his discretion. In fact, there are many statutory provisions available to do about anything "when war is imminent." The proclamation has the effect of making these laws operative without further legislation. So far no hints as to how Mr. Roosevelt will utilize these extraordinary powers have been channeled from the White House.

A private survey of Congressional sentiment a few days prior to the broadcast revealed that 72 per cent of the legislators interviewed did not favor "the government's present methods of handling defense labor controversies". Probably this aspect of Congressional thinking had something to do with the President's declaration that national defense production must not be interrupted or obstructed by industrial disputes. Despite Capitol Hill criticism the White House had handled the defense strikes with kid gloves. Apparently the Administration followed the pattern of the British. Though nearly two years of active war has sorely tested their rate of production, reports show that the British are still seeking the required intensification of production along a number of paths. Their first head-on collision was with powerful labor groups and only recently the government was compelled to temporarily suspend "trade union privileges". It is doubtful that Mr. Roosevelt will take this step to speed production unless public opinion seems to demand such action.

The defense situation has effectively submerged a merry battle between the Administration and the powerful organizations of farmers. The National Grange has never been sold on Mr. Roosevelt's farm policies but has gone along peacefully in the hopes of change. The American Farm Bureau Federation under the leadership of Ed O'Neil played ball until the break developed a few months ago. Other agrarian groups have broken from the New Deal moorings as their patience played out with government experiments to place agri-

culture on a sound footing. The final cleavage was revealed in March when an official order was issued by the Secretary of Agriculture warning all officers and employees to refrain from taking part in meetings or other activities calculated to help general farm organizations.

APPENDECTOMY
Paul Wilkosky of Bayone, N. J., entered Doshier Memorial Hospital for an operation for removal of his appendix Friday.

MEDICAL PATIENT
Chauncey Reeves of Supply entered Doshier Memorial Hospital Tuesday as a medical patient.

TONSILAR OPERATION
Miss Theo Outlaw of Southport underwent an operation for removal of her tonsils Tuesday at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

FLOWER SHOW IS ACCLAIMED ONE OF BEST STAGED
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Class III. Still-Life boxes:
A. Large boxes:
1st, Mrs. James Harper; 2nd, Mrs. Frank Niernsee.
B. Small boxes:
1st, Mrs. James Harper; 2nd, Mrs. H. W. Hood.
Class IV. Backgrounds:
1st, Mrs. H. H. Thomas; 2nd, Mrs. C. Ed. Taylor.
Class V. Potted plants flowering:
Pink Begonia, Mrs. J. B. Finch.
Red Begonia, Mrs. Nellie Doshier.
Geranium, Miss Lottie Mae Newton.
Lily, Mrs. C. G. Ruark.

B. Non-flowering:
1st, Mrs. J. B. Finch; 2nd Mrs. L. C. Fergus.
Class VI. Table arrangement with dishes.
1st Mrs. James Harper, dinner. Men's department—A-humorous, 1st Bob Godfrey; 2nd Churchill Bragaw.
B. Artistic, 1st and 2nd, Waters Thompson.
Junior Department:
Artistic arrangement:
1st, Robin Hood; 2nd Glenn Northrup, Jr.
Bird houses:
1st, Bobby Jones.
Sweepstakes prizes were decided by total of points received based on number of blue and red ribbons won.
1st—Mrs. James Harper.
2nd—Mrs. John Boyd Finch, Mrs. H. W. Hood.
3rd—Mrs. H. H. Thomas, Mrs. Lottie Hewett.

REJECTED BOYS GET OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FIT
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paration for private employment in National Defense industries.
A wage scale of \$35 per month has been approved and the personnel of the first group is now being selected. Each youth will receive \$12 cash each, with \$23 being paid the center for board and living quarters.

Board, room, medical and dental services, and the opportunity to learn a skilled trade will be provided all youths enrolled in the center.

Work experience will be provided in woodwork, sheet metal, machine shop, auto mechanics, and radio repair.

Warn Registrants They Must Comply With Rules
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count on an indefinite continuance of this policy of leniency."

In an effort to correct this situation and to avoid the possibility of prosecution for delinquency, registrants were reminded by General Metts that they must complete and return their questionnaires within the time stated on the first page, they must report to examining physicians at the time and place stated in the notice and they must report for delivery to the induction station when notified to do so. General Metts warned that a failure to respond to any of these legal notices will subject the registrant to possible prosecution in the Federal Court.
It also is important that registrants, when they move from the place given on their registration form as their home address, notify the local Selective Service Board officials when and how they may be reached.

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE
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cause there is no justification for an increase.

DEFENSE HOUSING
President Roosevelt approved construction of 9,000 additional dwelling units for civilian industrial worker families and Army and Navy enlisted personnel in 32 localities, and use of 274 trailers, renting for from \$6 to \$8 per week, as temporary housing in defense areas. Defense Housing Coordinator Palmer reported total allocations for family dwelling units to be 87,260 as of May 24. During the week ended May 24, 1,600 homes were finished making the total completed 12,261, Mr. Palmer reported.

Labor Secretary Perkins reported more dwelling units were provided in non-farm areas during the first quarter of 1941 than during any corresponding period since 1929.

New Registration For Service Set For July 1st
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it was understood, in order that men registering then would have time to find out before fall whether or not they might expect to be called for duty. This would permit them to plan ahead for their fall and winter work or educational schedules.
The manner of integrating these new men with the first group of draftees in each local area has been under consideration for sandwiching them among the original registrants by lotter, the other for adding them to the end of the lists. Officials said Monday the latter method probably would be used.
It would work this way: Each man will get a registration number when he signs up. Each of the 6,500 areas thus will have a No. 1, No. 2, etc. One set of corresponding numbers then will be drawn in the national lottery. If "50" was the first number drawn, that would be Order No. 1 and men holding the number 50 would be the first of the new registrants to serve if there was no reason to defer their training.

Best Seller Used to Identify Trees



These Boy Scouts using the revised "Handbook for Boys," with a new cover by Norman Rockwell, are among the 9,600,000 Scouts and Leaders in America who, since 1910, have found the volume a friend and helpful partner. In 31 years, 6,900,000 copies have been used. The revised edition also contains a color supplement on the Flag Code, Scout Uniforms and Insignia, space for a Scout's personal record of progress, and the Scout Oath and Law. Used by Scouts and non-Scouts alike, the Handbook contains valuable material on first aid, camping, cooking, pioneering, health, safety as well as many phases of nature study.

ALL HICKORY IS TOUGH TO BREAK
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handles, will buy only those without the red wood. The Forest Production Laboratory has found in over a half million tests that weight for weight, sound hickory has the same strength, toughness and resistance to shock, regardless of whether it is red, white, or a mixture of red and white wood, as the white sapwood turns to reddish heartwood as the tree grows older.
To the farmer who is buying only one handle for a tool, a fairly reliable guide to its strength would be the proportion of solid-looking summerwood or

ESTIMATE 300 WILL REGISTER IN COUNTY
It was reliably estimated here Tuesday that approximately 300 men in Columbus county will have reached the draft age during the period from October 16th, 1940, to July 1st, 1941, thus making this number eligible for the new registration which has been set by the President on July 1st.

This figure was arrived at on the basis of the fact that the new registration is expected to be approximately 6 per cent of the previous one. In Columbus county last October, approximately 5,700 men were registered—some 2,900 in Zone 1 and 2,800 in Zone 2.

Landis Formy Duval, clerk to the local Draft Board No. 1, said this morning he thought it unlikely that the registration of the men would be carried out in each voting precinct or township as before, but rather, would be

less porous part of each growth ring appearing on the end of the piece. The summerwood is quite easy to tell from the springwood portion of the annual ring, which is full of pores or small holes. Summerwood has much greater strength than the springwood, because it contains more wood substance per unit volume.
Providing the handle or stick is free from knots or other defects at important points and is straight grained, the number of growth rings per inch on the end afford another means of grading hickory. Few growth rings per inch indicate a stronger and tougher stick than one with many rings. A further guide in choosing a good handle, whether it contains red wood or not, is that the best hickory shows an oily or glossy side-grain surface when smoothly finished. When dropped on end on a concrete or other hard surface, a good piece of hickory will have a clear, ringing tone, while a piece of poor quality will produce a dull sound.

First Barracuda Of Year Taken Sunday On Sea
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time for the departure of Gulf Stream parties. A northeaster was blowing and it was rough all the way. Only about an hour was spent in fishing and it is reported that they had two or three fish on their lines every minute of the time they were on the grounds.
With rough weather, resulting from the dry spell, this was the first trip to the gulf by any party in three weeks. Schools of

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JOE LEIGHTON PLAYS AT BEACH
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ly captivated the imagination of dance fans of this section. Ball, and news that the boys coming back so soon will warmly received.
The management has promised that only top-notch orchestras will be engaged for the dances this summer if the people will back them up, and tentative plans have been effected to bring in a series of orchestras whose names are familiar to music lovers.

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Also: Selected Short Subjects

Wednesday and Thursday—
"THE LONG VOYAGE HOME"
with John Wayne, Ian Hunter
Also: Fox Movie-tone News

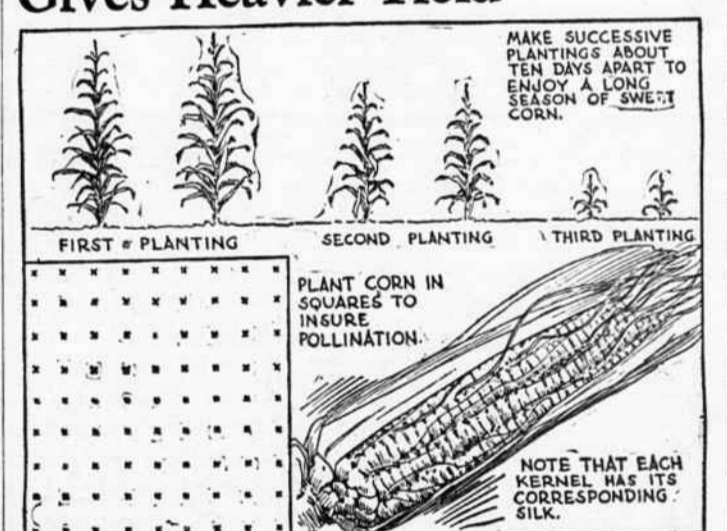
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New Hybrid Sweet Corn Gives Heavier Yield



Hybrid sweet corn is being extensively planted, following the lead of hybrid field corn, which has increased the yield of farms. Home gardeners may depend upon an increased yield, if they sow hybrid sweet corn, and some varieties have been produced which are among the earliest, and at least rival in delicious flavor the old favorite, Golden Bantam.
There is one point about the hybrid strains, however, which should be considered. All plants of a given strain tend to mature within a very brief period. This is fine for the market grower, but home gardeners may prefer a longer period of harvest from a single planting. The hybrids have another merit, resistance to Stewart's disease, and in regions where this trouble is prevalent, they should be used.
But whether hybrid or open pollinated varieties are planted, every garden which has the space should grow sweet corn because only the home gardener can enjoy this first rank all-American delicacy at its supreme best.
Sweet corn is best only when eaten immediately after harvesting, because the quality and flavor deteriorate rapidly after the ears are pulled from the plants. The higher the temperature, the greater the deterioration and the loss in flavor will usually be at least forty per cent in corn which is obtained in the market.
A patch of six rows, each 15 feet long, need not occupy more than 15 square feet. In normal seasons, planted to the pedigreed strains, it should yield 120 to 180 ears, in both white and yellow-kernelled sorts, there are early, late and mid-season varieties. The earliest will have ears ready for table in seventy days, while the larger, later varieties require ninety to one hundred days. The ears are ready for pulling when the silk has turned black.
Nothing is gained by planting corn before both soil and weather have become thoroughly warm—warm weather, rich soil, and moderate moisture are best for corn. The seed is quite likely to rot in cold soil. The seedling plants are very delicate, and cold weather checks their development, so that often later plantings do better than early ones.
Seed may be planted either in rows or hills. It is better to enrich poor soil in hills, dropping five or six seeds per hill, spaced 3 feet apart each way. If planted in rows, they should be spaced 2 1/2 to 4 feet apart, depending upon the height of the variety, dropping the seeds at the rate of five or six to the foot, and covering them about 2 inches deep. When the plants reach a height of about 4 or 5 inches, it is best to thin them to 8 or 12 inches apart, and to keep them well hoed until the ears are set. It is considered better to plant corn in blocks of several short rows, side by side, rather than in one long row. The pollen does not fertilize the ears well when planted in single rows.
A balanced plant food should be applied at the rate of 4 pounds to 100 square feet.
Sweet corn is reasonably drought resistant so long as it is cultivated frequently.

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