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Soil Conservation

When war claims so much attention and creates so many uncertainties, the average one of us is subject to forget or at least overlook many of the basic principles that are so vitally important in sustaining life in peace time and in maintaining strength during emergencies.

While fully aware of the war and its demands for immediate action, fifty Martin County farmers met in the agricultural building recently and heartily endorsed a long range program that is designed to give the farmer and this section a more abundant life and at very little or no cost. The program is centered around soil conservation and allied phases of farm work. It is separate and distinct from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration program, and is dependent upon voluntary cooperation.

The establishment of a soil conservation district is recommended for this county. Farmers attending the recent hearing were greatly impressed with its possibilities, and this paper strongly urges every farmer to learn all he can about the new program and give it his undivided support. Every farmer who could not get to the meeting held on March 13th is cordially urged to contact one of those farmers who did attend and discuss the subject with him.

If we are to have a country worth fighting for in future years, we must keep it strong. If we are to give our children a common heritage, we must build up the greatest resource in the world—the soil. The proposed program offers to do just that, and we earnestly hope that Martin farmers will study the possibilities and act accordingly.

Too Busy

The fall of Singapore is history and forgotten by many who keep just one jump ahead of the enemy hoping that the Almighty will intervene without causing the surrender of pleasure as usual. The belated report by the wife of the British general while foreign to war itself throws some light on the fall of that all-important base. The report is worthy of thought and consideration by those who are still in the path of the enemy, and it is said that "it can happen here."

The British general's wife said: "Singapore was lost because the military could get no help from the society people of the city. They were too busy with bridge, cocktail parties and night clubs."

There's no need to go to the extreme and throw away the cards and close down the amusement halls, but it is high time to turn from the recreation and amusement program long en-

ough to worship the Almighty on Sunday and to do or help do the pressing things that need doing so badly just now.

Refuses To Cooperate

News and Observer.

Two or three years ago when Roosevelt was securing industrial peace through competitive bargaining and modern labor legislation, the symbol of the old days when labor was regarded as a commodity, workers were called "hands" and employers had a God Almighty complex, the symbol of industrial overlordship was Tom Girdler. But neither he nor Eugene Grace could prevent just legislation and continue to pose as philanthropists who generously gave work to men working in the plants over which they presided, sometimes drawing unconscionable sums euphonyously called "bonuses."

In 1942 the symbol of disunity when unity is the requirement in this emergency, the symbol of refusal to cooperate, is George McNear, president of a 200-mile railroad. When he refused to submit differences to arbitration, President Roosevelt sent him this telegram:

In these times of war, I must insist that the national agreement that there shall be no strikes or lockouts for the duration of the war, and that the procedures for the settlements of labor disputes as set forth in the executive order creating the National War Labor Board must be complied with by all American employers and labor groups.

If it had been necessary for the President to send a like telegram to a labor leader, the apt and reactionary press and columnist labor-baiters would have demanded action at once or else. Seeing it is a railroad president who thinks he was "born booted and spurred" to ride on the backs of others, there has not come a peep from those vocal I-Am-Sir-Oracles.

In this day if employers or employees refuse arbitration they are, no matter what their motive, stalling national efficiency and essential preparedness. There should be no strike and no lockout in this emergency. If differences exist—and it is too much to hope for understanding in all cases—they should be submitted to arbitration with no stoppage and no thought of either side dominating.

But Can You Raise Carrots?

Christian Science Monitor.

Americans are a patriotic, enthusiastic people. But according to present indications, unless wisdom tempers their enthusiasm, the spring crop of would-be vegetable gardeners is likely to cause a waste of available seed and fertilizers that may prove a serious threat to production. Growing vegetables requires experience. The threat against home grass plots in the interests of potatoes and cabbages is a source of some apprehension to those who know what it means to raise food, even on an amateur scale.

Misdirected efforts of well-intentioned but inexperienced persons may do more damage than the deliberate sabotage by foes within, in the opinion of J. H. Boyd, specialist in vegetable gardening at Ohio State University. Those who know about such things say the secrets of soil preparation, garden planning, and plant cultivation are learned by most amateurs only by "trial and error." General planting of vegetable gardens by persons not qualified to tend them is therefore likely to decrease rather than increase the Nation's food supplies. There are now available enough garden seeds, fertilizers, and spray materials to meet the needs of competent gardeners. With any sort of rush for these supplies, a shortage might develop, depriving experienced vegetable growers of necessary materials.

Helping one's country is "everybody's job" as the posters say; but rushing into a field that calls for experience is sheer waste of personnel and supplies. It were better than present gardeners increase their normal output, and that those without gardening experience serve in some other way.

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