

Transplanting Of Seedlings To the Victory Garden

In transplanting seedlings, follow these suggestions:

1. Water the soil in boxes, hotbeds, or coldframes several hours before transplanting, so the soil will adhere to the roots of each plant.
2. Take plants up carefully so as not to disturb the roots as little as possible.
3. See that the bed into which plants are to be thoroughly prepared. In making the holes or transplanting box a level table-spoonful of complete balanced fertilizer thoroughly with the soil on the bottom of each hole and

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Turkey's "Neutrality" Beneficial to Us

● PRESIDENT ISMET INONU of Turkey is officially described as having pretty strongly emphasized his country's neutrality, in recent conversations at Cairo with Prime Minister Winston Churchill, shortly following the Churchill's Casablanca conference with President Roosevelt.

It is healthily suspected, however, that the Ankara chief executive did this more for the sake of the record than because of any unalterable determination not to permit the United Nations to entice his government off the fence if they grant it the concession for which he appears to have been maneuvering. That the Turks prefer this republic and Great Britain to Germany there has been no question from the first.

President Inonu has said so, in fact. Indeed, his form of neutrality is of value to the Allies rather than to the Axis. Its obvious effect will be to demoralize Nazi and Fascist activities in the eastern Mediterranean, where they imperatively need plenty of freedom of movement in connection with their interests in North Africa. The British and Americans, arriving from the westward, encounter no such difficulty. Turkish neutrality, consequently, hardly embarrasses them at all, whereas it is very serious for the Axis. Of course the latter might undertake to disregard it, but Inonu already has intimated that THAT would make him fight.

It is quite likely that Allied help in such an event is one of the assurances that he is bargaining for. His men are among the world's best scrappers but they do need equipment and all sorts of supplies and can not get them except from the United Nations. Moreover, although, as previously remarked, the Turks like Americans and the British, Turk relations with Russia have been characterized by considerable friction in the past. Their president may be asking for help from Washington and London to keep a restraining hand each up on Moscow on the post-war period. Far be it from those Turks to be afraid of anyone. Still, it stands to reason that Russia is too big for them to handle alone.

Finally, it is among the possibilities that there are peacetime economic promises that they are dickering for, and perhaps some territorial acquisitions that they would like to have guaranteed to them, perhaps at German and Italian expense.

Just as an influence, independently of actual warfare, the Ankara regime may prove extremely useful to the United Nations while the conflict still rages. It is very close to the Balkan people, being such near neighbors and friendly. It is not a bad bet that the Ankara folk can line up these overrun Balkan areas quite formidably against the European faction of the Axis, especially if it is somewhat weakening now. In short, Turkey is a prospective ally not to be sneezed at.

Turkey was greatly misunderstood by the Occident in the past. Its soldiers were recognized as first class, but they were accused of indulging in massacres and miscellaneous violence. The sultans doubtless did practice some of this and gave the whole population a bad name.

But when the last sultan, Abdul Hamid, was overthrown, I paid a visit to Constantinople, then the capital, since moved to Ankara. (Constantinople's name, incidentally, has been changed to Istanbul.) Abdul was out. No new government had fully succeeded him. Anarchy reigned. Yet there was no disorder. You were safer in the Ottoman metropolis than you are now of nights on the main streets of the average American metropolis.

"Why is this thus?" I asked First Secretary Louis Einstein of the United States embassy.

"The real answer," said Louis, long a Constantinopolitan resident, "is that this country has actually an abnormally kindly, gentle, peaceable population."

That afternoon I stopped to get a shine on the Rue Cabristan, opposite the embassy. The kid set up his box just outside the curb. As he polished, approximately a battalion of Turkish cavalry turned the corner, and bore down on me. I tried to get out of the way, but the kid hung on. The officer in charge gave an order. The entire cohort converged and went around me. The boy politely saluted.

From his standpoint it was just a case of a "Frank" (any Occidental in Turkey classes as a "Frank") getting his shoes shined and he wanted to be courteous about it.

I would like to see that happen anywhere else on earth.

cover with one inch of soil, before setting the plants in the hole.

4. Set plants slightly deeper than before. Be sure the hole is

large enough to accommodate the roots without cramping.

5. Press the soil firmly about the roots, especially at the bottom. To keep the subsoil moist, water the plant thoroughly before filling the hole with dirt.

If plants wilt when the sun is bright, it may be necessary to shade them for a few days. Pinch off some of the lower leaves to reduce wilting.

Balance Victory Garden Crops With Your Food Needs

Too much may be as serious an error in your Victory garden as too little. Indeed, too much of one crop is likely to be accompanied by a scarcity of another. To avoid waste—especially waste of your time and labor on which there are so many demands—your garden should be planned to produce the food your family needs in well-balanced profusion, but without wasteful surpluses.

That means recording production with consumption. Imagine you are a market gardener with one customer with whose buying problem is to have on hand during the harvest season whatever may be demanded of familiar things which your customer likes to cook, together with a few additional items on which to exercise your salesmanship ability. Such, for example, as green leafy vegetables, to step up the family's intake of Vitamin A.

The overall harvest season from a garden in the cold weather states will last about four months. It should supply all the fresh vegetables needed by the family during July, August, and September, plus a considerable quantity in June and nearly all in October.

In the four months of harvest there are 120 days. How many vegetables will be served a day? No need to argue with your wife or husband about that. You know it will average three a day, cooked potatoes. A salad or a cooked vegetable at lunch, a salad and a cooked vegetable at dinner will be the rule. That gives us 360 vegetable dishes for the four months.

This provides only for fresh vegetables to be eaten during harvest. Additional quantities must be grown for canning. Your winter needs of each item can be figured quite accurately, and your sowing should be planned so that the extra vegetable for putting up will be ready when you are, and can be picked and prepared without delay at the height of their quality.

Having decided the number of dishes you will provide, what shall these dishes be? You have been eating with your family, quite a while, and reflection should suggest how often during the week they will welcome cooked greens, beets, carrots, or peas; how often they will enjoy a crisp bowl salad, and what other vegetables you should have on hand to vary the monotony and provide that something different of an enjoyable diet.

In 120 days there are 17 full weeks. For one family serving a week, you will have to provide seventy dishes. Two servings a week will call for 34 dishes. Now add the extra production which will be needed for each item for canning, and you have your garden production schedule.

Then take the table which accompanies this article and figure out how many feet of each crop your garden rows should grow. The table gives the number of feet required for one serving to a family of four. Multiply this by the servings required of each crop and you have a reasonably accurate program for production without waste. Don't try to be too exact. Gardening requires broad tolerances. The measurements given in the table are for average soil, and may be too liberal, or too small for your garden. But they are a guide to help you plan, and a careful plan will insure that serious waste of time and labor will be avoided, and provide a well-balanced selection of appetizing foods always on hand from which your household manager may choose.

BRITISH POUR INTO TUNISIA



STILL PURSUING THE AFRIKA KORPS is the British Eighth Army. Day after day more of the Tommies under General Bernard Montgomery cross the border from Tripolitania into Tunisia. These men belong to the Highland Division, Advancing forty-five miles in two days, the Eighth Army has moved up to the fortified Mareth Line at Medenine and Fom Tatahoume inside Tunisia. (International Radiophoto)

Fines Creek News

The senior play of the Fines Creek high school will be presented in the school auditorium on Friday, March the 5, at 1:30 p. m. The title is "Aunt Tilly Goes to Town." Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

The cast of characters is as follows: "Tillie Trask," Dorothy Rogers; "Lulu," Bobbie; Louise Kinshand, "Pamela Marsh," Dortha Green, "Lizzie Parsons," Blanche Green, "Ellen Norland," Francis Rogers, "Ronald Howland," David Teague.

"Luther Lattimer," Yarnel Swaniger, "Marvin Tucker," Reves Ferguson, "Curtie One Lung," Henry Green, "Mrs. Tilly Rucker," Edith

Ridibone, and "Dr. Hattie Ring," Betty Jane Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green have received a letter from their son, Elmer Green, who has been with the armed forces almost a year. He is now stationed overseas and writes that he is well.

Lee McGaha, who volunteered his services to the navy sometime ago and has been taking training in Norfolk, recently spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Mallie Woody. He has been converted during his stay in Norfolk and has joined the Baptist church in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Justice, of Fines Creek, announce the birth of a son at the Haywood County

Park Travel 63 Per Cent Less In Feb. '43 Than '42

An estimated total of 6,162 persons, in 2,221 vehicles, visited the Great Smoky Mountains National Park during the month of February, it has been learned from J. R. Eakin, superintendent.

This figure represent a decrease of 63 per cent under travel to the park during the month of February, 1942. Approximately 82 per cent of the visitors were from the states of North Carolina and Tennessee. The travel estimate is based on comparison of actual travel during certain periods of the month with actual travel counted during the corresponding periods of the previous year.

Hospital on Feb. 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sutton have recently gone to Wilmington, where the former is employed at the shipyards.

The Fines Creek PTA held the regular monthly meeting Wednesday night, with Mrs. Waldo Green, president of the Association, presiding.

NOTICE

Having acquired the majority of the estate of L. M. Richeson, deceased, I desire to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file the same with the undersigned at Waynesville, on or before the 23rd day of February, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar thereof. All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt payment thereof to the undersigned.

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(Mrs.) Ethel Evans Richeson, Executrix. No. 1280 Feb. 25, Mar. 1-11-18-25 April 1

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Heads 6th Army



IT WAS ANNOUNCED by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Australia that Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger (above) is to command the new Sixth Army of the U. S. The new army is composed only of those troops already in Australia and New Guinea. A field army normally varies between 200,000 and 400,000 men. (International)

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