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 (One Day Nearer Victory)

## If You Need Advice

If you are in need of any information about gardening, make a visit to the office of the county farm agent. You will find countless government bulletins on what, when and how to plant your gardens as well as expert advice from the agents.

Then after the summer heat, plus your efforts have brought your garden to fruition and you are ready to can the surplus, visit the office of county home demonstration agent, and she can give you all desired information from the preparation of the vegetables and fruits to the last stage of screwing on the tops.

## Our Armed Forces

There must be a three months' reserve supply of food for every member of the armed forces stationed in the United States. When that same fighter goes overseas, he must be provided with a nine months' food reserve, which is about 1,400 pounds, rather than a three months reserve. The large supply takes care of the possible loss in transporting the food and includes a small reserve against the sinkings of ships and other war losses.

Men are being sent out of this country now at a rapid rate, and the more men sent "overseas", the larger must be the food supply. It is said that the average man in service eats one and one-half times as much as he did in civilian life. Multiply one and one-half by 10 million fighters and this equals food for 15 million average people. In the case of say four million men sent overseas, who require three times the normal food reserve this amounts to food for 12 million.

These figures should convince us all that we must grow and conserve all foods, for we know that our fighting men need and must have food on which to fight.

## A Challenge

While food production must be increased in this county and throughout the nation, there will be fewer farmers to produce the food in 1944 than in 1943. Each month farmers and their sons are entering the armed forces or going to positions in defense plants that are being made vacant by others entering the service.

The increased production goal offers the greatest challenge that the American farmers have ever faced. They must redouble their efforts, for they must not only meet this year's needs, but the government tells them they must prepare for a long war. They must keep up this production for next year, and who can tell at this stage how many more years. Even after the war is over and peace has been declared starving people in war torn countries will look to America for food. We must remember that starvation is one of the methods that Germany has used.

There is hardly a farm in this county that has not been touched by the war. There are fewer hands to prepare the ground, plant and harvest, so this increased production comes as a challenge, just as the man in the front line fighting must meet the enemy.

Could it be that Ohio's Governor Bricker, in his talk at Chapel Hill Saturday, sort of forgot that he is serving his third term as governor when he lambasted President Roosevelt for staying in office so long?

## Victory Gardens

Last summer brought many women and men into the garden who had not set foot in one in many years. The Victory Garden program in the nation was an outstanding success. We know that locally we contributed our share.

It is reported by the National Victory Garden Committee that there were around four million acres of land planted in gardens. Somewhere between four and five billion jars of vegetables and fruits were canned.

This home food production and preservation has to its credit in 1943, according to the National Garden Committee, six definite contributions: helped to prevent serious shortages that might have resulted because of transportation and other difficulties; aided in making needed rationing program less severe; helped to meet the Government's food requirements by releasing food for our armed forces and allies; made for thrift and the saving of money; contributed to the health of our people by yielding vitamin and mineral-rich foods; brought about a significant development or closer and more friendly neighborhood and community relations.

## Lend-Lease

While our own men in service must be fed and the civilians in our country supplied with necessary food, England and Russia must be sent food. In England we are helping supply both the civilians and the armed forces. Practically all the food sent to Russia goes to the Russian army.

So it is with food we are fighting, when we send food to our Allies, to feed their armies and to keep their people fed so that their factories can be kept running to produce arms and fighting equipment.

England produced 45 per cent of her food requirements before the war and now under trying conditions her farmers have increased their production of food 50 per cent. We are told that today they are producing all the food possible and that all land that could produce food in England is under cultivation.

Last year we are told Australia and New Zealand furnished our American forces with almost as much beef as we shipped to all countries receiving lend-lease supplies from us, so it is easily seen that it works both ways. British and Russian ships help to transport our troops and our ships are repaired and serviced in Allied ports. Our Allies help build American camps and furnish a part of the uniforms and weapons used in "overseas" campaigns. They are said to be swapping labor and materials for the supplies which we send to them. Yet only 10 per cent of our food supplies goes to lend-lease for our Allies.

Authorities on the war claim that when the lend-lease act went into effect three years ago it marked in many ways the real turning point of the war. This statement was made by Marshal Stalin at the Teheran conference.

## Food Production

Total war requires total production. We are told that every farm in this country must do its part in meeting the demands for food not only for the past year, when our record gained such recognition, but also for the coming year and those ahead.

Even before Pearl Harbor the agricultural department of the United States organized the farmers to meet the goal for Food for Freedom. Practically all the 6 million farmers of this country have enlisted in a program of production to meet war needs and to prepare for building a lasting peace. Never before in the history of the world has a nation undertaken such a vast program of increased agricultural output.

More food is needed to supply our army, our navy and to give aid to our Allies and to build up reserves for the future. Large numbers of our people are working harder and under a greater strain than they have ever known. To do this they are needing more and better foods, so that they can give their best to producing for victory.

Conservative methods of farming based as they are on efficient utilization of soil and water, are contributing greatly to meeting the goals of production now and over the long haul. Farmers can obtain larger output during the next several years by following the principles of effective use of the land.

Conservation farming is the guarantee that production will be obtained and that it will continue. And conservation farming is the guarantee that in winning the war America will not lose the agricultural productive capacity that has helped give it supremacy among nations.

## HERE and THERE

By  
 HILDA WAY GWYN

It is funny how things work around and bring unexpected results. . . We notice where a St. Louis food inspector had this to say of lipstick last week. . . "Good ruddy smeary lipstick has been a great factor in bringing about better washing of cups and glasses in eating and drinking establishments" . . . which brought to mind that at one of our favorite drinking places we were recently served a coke in a glass with a perfect impression of some fair damsel's lips in the "ruddy smeary" lipstick . . . naturally we sent back the glass and the manager of the place came to apologize profusely . . . we feel quite sure that he must have given a lecture to the boy who served us the drink . . . and that no doubt in the future that boy will be a bit more careful to see that he really washed his glasses.

Not having been traveling much away from home since the war started and then not in the great congested centers where the crowds going home at night are weary and have no time for courtesy or manners, we have not kept up with the changing forms of what is currently so called good manners . . . they tell us that if you get a seat on a bus or train you can hold it against all odds of manners or conscience, with no consideration of sex or age . . . we were a bit surprised to learn that in a certain well known hotel in New York they have posted the following sign in the elevators. . . "Though some of us are very slim, a few of us are fat. . . Since space is small we ask you all, please don't remove your hat."

We call your attention to the answer in the Voice of the People on this page given by Oliver Shelton . . . for when asked what his main vegetable in his Victory Garden would be, he said, "1,500 lillies to feed my soul". . . Now don't get us wrong, we are very practical, and had a garden long before it was glorified by the title of Victory, though it was a victory patch to us for it kept down the cost of living . . . we loved Oliver's answer. . . With everything so hectic . . . we think it necessary to grow some flowers along with our beans and potatoes . . . for the flowers really do something for us. . . Take for instance Mrs. H. G. West, how much she has learned from her flowers . . . and Uncle Will Shelton would never be satisfied with life if he could not watch his dahlias and his glads give forth their beauty and color as the summer grows toward autumn . . . yes, even in war we need flowers . . . to feed our souls . . . Mr. Shelton is right.

Not so long ago we watched a postmaster as he "cashed" a bond for a woman. . . We feel certain that if she had only looked up from counting her money and seen the expression on the man's face, she would have pushed that money back and told him she had decided to let Uncle Sam have it awhile longer. . . If ever we have seen disgust written on the face of a human being it was on that of the postmaster. . . We thought of the story suggested by Walter Winchell about people who cash in their war bonds. . . A man who was scheduled for induction the next day decided before going to sleep to cash in his bond the next morning. That night he dreamed he was in a foxhole fighting Japs. . . One Jap charged at him with a bayonet. Sighting his own rifle, our hero was about to save himself by pulling the trigger, when his sergeant tapped him on the shoulder and said, "sorry but the man who paid for your rifle wants it back."

The following "advertisement" of Camp Croft is a clever presentation of life in a training center. . . SEND YOUR SON TO CAMP CROFT

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Now with Spring cleaning underway the matter of waste paper should be brought to the attention of housewives. . . We understand that locally the Boy Scouts who

have been responsible for collecting the paper have been busy at other things recently. . . Our phone has been ringing and the question asked, "Why don't the Scouts come and get our waste paper?" How about setting a Waste Paper Day sometime in April, when household cleaning will be at its height so that housewives will have waste paper salvaged from debris which they are going to discard. Do you know that 100 pounds of waste paper (high as a broom handle) will make 200 containers for blood plasma . . . 1,470 cartons for emergency life boat rations . . . 17 protective bands for 500-lb bombs . . . 650 cartons for U. S. Army "K" field rations . . . 1,105 cartons containing each fifteen 50-calibre incendiary bullets. . . Let's save our paper.

## Voice OF THE People

What will be your main vegetable in your Victory Garden in 1944?

Horace Duckett—"I guess it will be potatoes."

Norman Caldwell—"I believe that it will be beans."

O. H. Shelton—"Fifteen hundred lillies in rows across my garden to feed my soul."

Grover Davis—"Irish potatoes, for we eat more of them than any other vegetable."

Earl Ferguson—"Beans."

George G. Queen—"I believe we will grow more corn than any other vegetable."

Mrs. W. L. McCracken—"I think we will grow more Irish potatoes than any other vegetable."

J. P. Dicus—"I think that beans and potatoes will tie for first place in our garden."

Prof. J. P. Whitesides—"I expect it will be potatoes."

Mrs. Henry Francis—"I guess it would be beans."

## Letters To The Editor

### NEED OF RECREATIONAL CENTER CITED

Editor The Mountaineer: To those of us who are interested in young people and to the towns of Waynesville and Hazelwood as a whole the recent action of the civic and religious organizations of the towns in planning to form a Community Recreation Center comes as a distinct forward step.

One cannot but help and hope the two towns can submerge their differences and pray that the different organizations will be able to see an overall plan and not hold out for their own pet projects. In this connection a two-fold purpose might help the groups to stay united:

FIRST: The experience of most persons who have been extensively interested in recreation for young people would prove out that the first and most important thing is to have a supervisor, especially in the summer; a person who is given at least the minimum of equipment for softball, volley ball and other outdoor games, and a person who can look ahead and not be discouraged when after the first high in but in both places; therefore, after crowds drop off; one who can foresee that this phase is the beginning of the real foundation and that the interest built from then on is the lasting, beneficial one.

SECOND: Plan a long-range program, not for two or three years or for the duration. In so doing plan for the individual items in their order of importance or possibility of accomplishment at the present time and in a step-by-step progress. Plan a unit, a united program, which looks forward to parks and play space not just in Waynesville or just in Hazelwood but in both places; therefore, after this overall plan is made, select the most suitable site for recreation not as to whether it is closer here or there or whether it is midway, but a place that will be used and that can have a future development.

For instance, instead of one church group planning a tennis court next to its own church, and another civic organization planning a clubhouse on its own lot, pool these resources and ideas. Pick a central location, such as the lot back of the courthouse, and plan "Here will be the Community Center, in which all clubs will participate." "Here will be the tennis courts;" "Here will be a play space for young children;" and "Here

will be benches and a picnic spot." Speaking of the tennis court: It could be planned not just as a concrete tennis court, but two or three courts side by side with the concrete running from one to the . . . (Continued on page 8)

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