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Victory Garden Time

Importance of cultivating vegetable gardens this year to the fullest possible extent cannot be over emphasized.

And this applies to town people as well as farmers.

Under the best possible conditions for food production, this country cannot produce too much food in 1943.

Government leaders are hoping for another record year in food production but there is little on which to base such hopes.

The past year saw a new record in amount of food produced in the United States.

But we must remember that it was the best year in history as far as climatic conditions were concerned.

And we must bear in mind that millions who produced food in 1942 will be in the armed services and in war industries this year.

The farmer is called on for a bigger production with far less labor and with less farm machinery.

Our advice is grow your own food as nearly as possible.

Point rationing which allows as little as three cans of food per month is ample evidence of the severity of the food situation in America today.

How can we hope for improvement this year?

If your garden is not plowed, have that done as soon as possible. Secure your seed now. Use your own as far as possible. Seed which you cannot buy get from a neighbor who has a surplus.

This should be a long gardening season. Plots planted to early vegetables can be used again in the late summer and fall. Every part of the garden should produce two crops of some kind of food if possible this year.

Let us repeat that the importance of producing food at home cannot be over-emphasized now.

Wilkes And the War

We are pleased to note that the activities on the home front in Wilkes are gaining recognition.

In the Winston-Salem Journal Sunday Editor Sanford Martin commented editorially on the subject, "Wilkes and the War."

Commenting on the part Wilkes is carrying out in the war effort, Editor Martin said:

"Wilkes, along with other counties of Northwestern North Carolina is doing its full share in the war program. The county has sent hundreds of young men into the military services, other hundreds have entered the war production plants, shipyards and obtained employment on war construction jobs.

"The people of that county have purchased thousands of dollars' worth of War Savings Bonds and Stamps, contributed liberally to the USO, the Red Cross and other war emergency funds."

And we appreciate the following comment relative to our "Food For Freedom" edition to be published in the near future.

"The Journal-Patriot announces the early publication of a large special edition designed to encourage in a practical way the farm food production and victory gardening program in Wilkes county."

Editor Martin's editorial was concluded with the following comment:

"What Wilkes is doing is being duplicated in the other counties of North Carolina. In town and county, on farms and in factories, offices and elsewhere home front War Efforts are going all-out for victory over the Axis. There are no

strikes in our war effort plants, and North Carolinians are avoiding petty political quarrels to the malcontents in Congress."

Americans Like the Truth

Labor today is the most powerful single group in the nation. It can make or break the war effort. Labor leaders, by demanding their pound of flesh during the emergency, can bring disastrous inflation which would wipe out a half century of labor gains, together with the savings and standards of living of every man, woman and child in the country.

It is any wonder that Captain Eddie Rickenbacker has asked labor to make sacrifices along with the rest of us, forego extravagant overtime demands, help to protect the working rights of men returning from war, cease disruptive jurisdictional, strife and make-work tactics; are these things too much to ask labor at a time when the country is fighting for its very life? They most certainly are not.

The public agrees heart and soul with every word that Rickenbacker has uttered. Those who attempt to discredit him as a labor hater, will hurt labor, because the words he has spoken were born when he was very near to death. Men near death think and speak the truth. And Americans like to hear the truth, no matter how unpleasant.

With the coming of spring, promises Goebbels, Germany's fortunes in Russia will improve. On the other hand, the Russians may never give Hitler an opportunity to say: I came, I thaw, I conquered.—Norfolk Virginia Pilot.

In Russia the nazis are falling back "to previously prepared positions." Most of them some six feet under ground.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

A Cleveland investigator concludes that "fat people substitute food for life." Only last night we saw a chubby brother having an affair with an outside steak.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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THE BLESSEDNESS OF HOPE

O' the blessedness of hope! Especially the hope we have in God, and of what He has in store for us. While there may be many vain hopes that people try to hold to along the pathway of life, but when we realize that we are living for God, loving and serving Him, then we base our hope upon Him, realizing that He will never fail His people. Praise His holy name.

The Psalmist asks himself the question, "Why art thou cast down, I my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?" Then he exclaims, "Hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God." (Psalm 43:5).

There are many conditions and many things that would cast our soul down as we journey through life. Discouragements come, disappointments come, failures on our part, and on the part of others come; tests and severe trials come, along with strong temptations from the devil to forsake God and His cause, and to go in the way of sin and wickedness. However, as we pray, grasp the promises of God, hold to His mighty hand, humble ourself and keep close to the cross and down at the feet of Jesus, we can say to our soul, "Hope in God for I shall yet praise Him who is the health of my countenance, and my God." Again we can say with the Psalmist, "But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more." (Psalm 71:14).

What blessedness there is in hope based upon God and His holy Word! How uplifting, strengthening and sustaining! O how it prepares us for battle against wrong! How it equips us for the onslaughts of the enemy! How it keeps us in the midst of gloom, severe temptations and fiery trials, and keeps us going on in the footprints of our precious Savior! Hope saves us from despairing gloom. It sustains us when demons seek to defeat and devour us. Hope reaches up and takes hold on God when everything seems to be going against us.

Perhaps it is not until all hope gives way and is gone that people commit suicide and sink into despair. However, if they would say to their despairing souls, "Hope in God," and lay hold on Him and His promises by simple faith, they would come out as conquerors instead of going down in utter despair. Life's better way is that of HOPE."

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NEEDLE, et al.

ON DIRT FARMING

The "Food For Freedom" edition the publishers are planning for the near future is right down our alley.

In fact, we are a dirt farmer (don't be surprised if the type setter adds a "Y" on a word in this sentence).

We were not raised on a farm, not even jerked up. We jerked ourself up.

We know something about farming.

We have been chased by mad bulls, kicked by ornery horses, hit in the solar plexus by plow handles, dived on rocks in shallow swimming holes, been stung by stinging worms and "saddlers", chased away from hornets' nests, got molasses candy in our hair, had frostbitten feet and treated them with steaming pine needles, lugged newborn calves a half mile from the farthest corner of the pasture to the barn on the very worst days (always), got mad at horses and used them for punching-bags, had stone bruises, poison ivy and been thrown off horses' backs into soft beds of blackberry briars and thorn bushes.

So, as any fool can plainly see, we qualify as dirt (no "Y") farmer.

Never will forget our first horseback ride. Induced by an older brother to climb aboard the bareback mare, we rode her to the creek for water. On the way back the mare, encouraged by a lash from a rein in the hands of said brother on another horse, took off. . . . When the mare took off, we couldn't get off, and held on for dear life, and every yard the mare traveled life seemed dearer still.

On went the mare to the barn, under the shed and into the stable. By that time we were almost a part of her. (No, not the part you think)

Once in the stable the mare stopped, naturally. We slid off and led the mare outside, back in, outside again, and inside again.

The reason for this going back and forth was to get a realization of just how small we were.

The mare's back lacked only about three inches of reaching the top of the door as she walked in and out.

Sometimes or other, we got in

that stable while on the mare's back. . . . Didn't wash out our brain (if any) in the process.

THE BEST MARKSMEN
And talk about marksmanship! A hornet has any of the sharpshooters and experts we have ever seen attained a mile.

Standing once at what we thought was a safe distance, we started with a slingshot and small pebbles to bombard a hornet's nest before the infantry advance to wipe it out.

Not having the correct range, the first pebble, instead of striking the hornet's nest, hit the limb on which it was suspended, and that, we learned quickly, is no way to soften up the enemy for direct attack if the enemy is a nest of hornets.

Without warning a hornet slipped out of the nest, covered the 75 yards in nothing flat, and struck us between the eyes.

What we have always wondered is how a hornet can go that fast backwards, having heard that a hornet's stinger is located in the extremity of the stern. If one can travel that fast backwards, deliver us from getting in the way of one flying front end first. It wouldn't need a stinger. It would go through whatever it hit.

Having lost the first round of the attack, we changed our strategy, waited until the protective cover of darkness enveloped the scene, and with incendiaries destroyed the nest, hornets and all. A YARN ENTITLED "IT'S NOT THE FALL, BUT THE SUD-DEN STOP, THAT HURTS"

And while we are on the subject of farming, let us tell you about an incident at a molasses boiling once upon a time.

Molasses boilings used to be wonderful social events in the farming communities.

On this occasion a group of us teen egers of both sexes were doing amateur acrobatics on a soft pile of ground cane.

Somersaults in various modes were the stunts under way and we tried a backward flip in double time.

But there was little light and we didn't know we were on the brink of a gully about so many feet deep.

It seemed we traveled at least a hundred yards straight down before the sudden stop when our head struck the not too soft bottom of the gully.

That hurt. Our head was pushed so far down between our shoulders that some of those who saw us for the next two weeks said only our hair

We don't know, we were so afraid it was true that we didn't look into a looking glass.

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Food is at the top as a defense material, and farm production will be strained to meet Government quotas. Let's help save it where we can and let's help produce it where we have the land and the determination!

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