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Victory Garden Contest

One of the best projects carried out here in recent years was the victory garden contest sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Lions Club, and which closed last week with selection of winners and awarding of prizes.

Main benefits to be derived from the contest came from increased interest in the vital subject of food production. In addition to the increased interest among the 66 who entered the contest, the importance of food production was impressed by publicity and word of mouth among the many who did not enter but who are cultivating victory gardens this year.

The Lions Club made a good selection in placing L. L. Carpenter on the job as garden contest chairman. The number of entries and the interest shown in the contest reflects credit on his leadership of the project.

The judges had a most difficult task in selecting the winners from so many excellent gardens. It is not surprising that they grouped four tied for first and four tied for second. Picking the one best from so many would have been next to impossible with so many factors to consider.

Results of the contest show that the people of the Wilkesboros are carrying out their patriotic duty in food production, and there is ample evidence that the people throughout the county are producing food as never before in gardens and in fields.

It is interesting to note the great variety of vegetables being produced in victory gardens. The judges made a list of the things which they observed in gardens and the list as prepared by the judges contained the following: egg plant, salsify, broccoli, brussels sprouts, celery, carrots, cauliflower, swiss chard, onions (all kinds), beets, radishes, beans (all kinds), asparagus, rhubarb, horse radish, rutabaga, okra, cabbage, spinach, rape, mustard, lettuce, soybeans, squash, corn, strawberry, cantaloupe, watermelon, cucumbers, English peas, butter beans, crowder peas, field peas, dill, parsnips, celtus, tomatoes, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, Chinese cabbage, peppers (all types), sage, collards, ground cherries and kohlrabi.

The first prize was split between Hugh Hight Dotson, J. B. Henderson, Dan and Smith Hudson, and Mrs. Z. R. Higgins. Second prize went on a four-way split to Mrs. C. C. Kilby, J. A. Buchanan, O. K. Pope and C. A. Forester.

Judges were J. B. McCoy, John Boyles, Mack Moore and J. B. Snipes. The four first prize winners received \$7.50 each and the four second were awarded \$5.00 each, making a total of \$50 in prize money furnished by the Lions Club.

Wage Incentives

Proof that wage incentive plans act as an important spur to production has been offered in a study made recently by the Department of Labor. The analysis, covering three industries—machinery manufacturing, cotton textile manufacture, and primary fabrication of non-ferrous industries—revealed medium differences in earnings, represented by increased output, ranging from 12.1 to 18.2 per cent.

The findings which are of significance to other government agencies interested in wages and production, indicate that higher earnings of incentive workers result most directly from more intensive effort by the workers themselves.

New passenger autos rationed to buyers from March 2, 1942, to March 1, 1943, totaled 305,576 cars.

New Emergency Bureau

Latest in the long list of government agencies is the new Committee for Congested Production Areas, headed by Corrington C. Gill.

The agency, ushered in without fanfare, is given wide discretion and authority, particularly to assure "the most effective handling of governmental problems in congested production areas."

There has been no publicity concerning the new bureau, no statement concerning its program, activities, or objectives. And, as many Congressmen have pointed out, it can be expanded into one of the most formidable Federal emergency bodies. Its director can decide what are governmental problems and which are the congested industrial areas. It is said that in the "congested areas" the Committee will concentrate on problems such as transportation, food supply, schools, health, recreation, and fuel.

But what it will do about these problems as well as many others, and how it will affect the nation's manufacturers it not known by Congress.

As it would seem that this new agency, as well as many others now under Congressional investigation, needs airing, the Smith Committee in the House is planning to look into its purposes and objectives.

"The Initiative Is Ours"

During his recent baccalaureate address at the Valley Forge Military Academy, Major General Lusius D. Clay disclosed that American war production for the army during May exceeded \$1,600,000,000 and is increasing at the rate of \$100,000,000 a month.

Comparing present production with that of the first World War, General Clay said that machine-gun output tripled the 1918 peak and that small-arms output was 8 times higher. Seventy-five-mm. gun production was twelvefold greater than during World War I, and artillery ammunition seven times above the peak. He added that the increases were accomplished without sacrificing quality.

"We received constant reports from every battle theatre with respect to the quality of our weapons," General Clay declared, "and changes are made as rapidly as the need is indicated and as production will permit. The resourcefulness and flexibility of American production are such that these changes can be made more rapidly here than anywhere else in the world."

"We are ready for the offensive action necessary to win the ultimate decision—the initiative is ours," he said.

About 8 billion points on the red ration stamps, and approximately 6 billion points on the blue stamps are put into circulation monthly by consumers of ration foods.

Tests show a lower average fuel consumption in a ceramic heater than in an ordinary coal stove, and the ceramic heater retains heat longer than a metal one.

Borrowed Comment

THE TIN-SAVING HABIT

(The Skyland Post)

With many women the saving of tin cans has become a habit. They have a box or basket in the kitchen into which they toss all tin cans they open—and they would feel at though they had done a most unpatriotic act if they ever threw a can away.

But a lot of others evidently haven't bothered with the tin can salvage program. For the government reports that two out of every three tin cans which get into the consumer's hands are never turned in. Thus, whereas the nation is now salvaging 20,000 tons of tin cans a month, it could be salvaging 60,000 tons if everyone would co-operate.

The need for tin cans is now greater than ever. Our nation used to import 90 percent of its tin supply from Sumatra, Malaya, Ceylon and other South Pacific areas. Now it is depending upon salvage—plus a small portion of its needs which it manages to get from Bolivia and the Belgian Congo.

A large part of the tin which we get now is being used to make new tin cans for packing food to our army and navy. No substitute for tin has been found which will withstand the changes of weather and severe conditions which exist where our troops are stationed. So it is up to all of us to see to it that the tin which comes into our kitchens goes to war and not to a junk pile.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
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FOOD PRESERVATION

We are deeply impressed with the importance of food preservation. So much are we interested in canning, drying, etc., that we slipped into the Food Preservation Workshop held at the Liberty Theatre recently and was an eave dropper on what Miss Addie Malone and Mrs. Annie H. Greene had to say about canning.

We heard them tell and show how to can beans, peas, tomatoes, corn and other vegetables.

But what we were interested in is canning some things that grow in our victory garden.

Not one word did we hear and not one demonstration did we see about how to can bean beetles, which is our most plentiful crop.

Now, we have heard street rumormongers about how bean beetles should be canned in a pressure cooker, which we do not have, and we cannot think of anything being so bad as a can of spoiled bean beetles, and if we can ours, we don't want them to spoil. Just think of the waste!

Next day we slipped in the women's meeting again, hoping to learn how to preserve and conserve at least something that is being produced in our victory garden—maybe something on potato bugs.

But it looks like our crops of big, juicy, potato bugs to going to waste, because we do not know any way of canning them. And we have been told by the best agricultural authorities that the potato bugs will die and waste away when the potato plants are devoured.

Only thing we have left to do is to write our congressman and see if he can't do something about it.

SHOULD KNOW—

This was told on a local colored boy when he went to Fort Bragg in the draft. The officer in charge asked: "What is your name and address?" The colored boy's reply was: "Land sakes alive, you had oughta know. You sent for me."

IN WRONG PLACE—

And it was told on Jim Allen and Buster Grayson at Camp Croft that by mistake during the process of their army induction examination that they got into the room where inductees were being given literacy tests. There the examining officer had such things as wooden blocks with letters on them, like little kids use in play. The examiner would make simple words with the letter blocks and ask what they were. This was reported to have gone on some time before either the examining officer or the two young men realized they were in the wrong room.

KEEP FIRE AWAY—

An elderly woman living back in the mountains fell ill and called a physician. He prescribed some medicine in the form of capsules, but found it very difficult to induce his patient to take them. She finally agreed.

A few days later her son, finding her sitting up and feeling much better, suggested that she celebrate her improvement with a smoke from her old pipe. He filled her pipe and, taking a live coal from the hearth, carried both to his mother.

Old Woman (crying in terror)—Take that away, son, take that away! Don't you know better'n to come near me with that fire while I've got them cartridges in me!

STILL WANNA FIGHT—

We haven't much space to waste this time on the slinking, snooty impostor who writes "Subnormal Suppositions" in Thursday Issues. But after he said what he did Thursday, we again wanna fight. Won't some

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of you good readers help me get him out in the open.

But maybe you had better wait until we get caught in the open.

A man was stranded on a desert island; he was afraid of cannibals, and he moved very cautiously. As he was climbing up a small hill he heard voices:

"Who in the hell tramped my see?"

The man lifted his eyes to heaven and said, "Thank God, there are Christians on this island."

NEEDED TWO—

"Did you notice Laura is getting a double chin?"

"Yes, I guess it was too much work for one."

LAUNCHED HER—

A lady visitor at one of the busy Kaiser shipyards on the Pacific Coast recently stooped over to tie a knot in her shoe. The next thing she knew, a bottle of champagne was broken across her stern and she was launched!

GOT ACQUAINTED FIRST—

It takes a long time to get acquainted but only a minute to fall in love, and the tragedy of many is that they fell in love before they got acquainted.

Pleasant Hill Citizen Is Dead

(Elkin Tribune)

Closure Elwood McCann, 41, of the Pleasant Hill community, west of Elkin, died at the local hospital Wednesday morning at 6:45 following an illness of two weeks. He was a native of Wilkes county and a son of Wesley and Martha Cockerham McCann of Benham.

For several years Mr. McCann had been an employee of Chatham Manufacturing Company here. He was a member of the Jonesville Pentecostal Holiness church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hallie Tucker McCann, one daughter, Ethel, and one son, Robert McCann, all of this city. His parents, two brothers, Ira and Robert McCann of Benham, and one sister, Mrs. Luther Walters, of State Road.

Funeral rites were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Jonesville Pentecostal Holiness church, in charge of Rev. J. W. Kelley, of Leaksville, a former pastor, assisted by Rev. F. P. Robline and Rev. J. L. Powers. Interment was in the Charity Methodist church cemetery in Wilkes county.

Coccidiosis has exacted a heavy death toll among chickens in Beaufort county, says Assistant County Agent W. G. Andrews. Good, sanitary practices prevent many poultry troubles.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

F. L. Moore of Person county has a purebred bull and is milking 10 cows. He has increased his pasture to 30 acres and plans a silo. reports Assistant County Agent C. C. Jackson.

A woman clerk at war headquarters has developed a method of preparing workers' production suggestions which saves 3,775 man-hours per year and 204,000 sheets of paper.

ALONG THE HOME FRONT



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