

# Wartime Hints

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## Transylvania and Brevard HOMEMAKERS

By AUNT SAWYER



### Solve This Mystery

A queer freak of nature is clearly visible on a main business street in Brevard, which distinguishes itself in two ways. First, it lacks a satisfactory solution as to the mystery of its source, and, secondly, it seems to prove conclusively the solution of the tomato blight problem. No doubt, you've noticed many times this summer the prolific tomato plant that has been growing larger and larger at the rear of Parsons' jewelry store on Broad street, cropping apparently right out of concrete and brick with no sign of even a fraction of an inch of good earth in sight. Now, if you can solve the mystery as to how this plant started growing in the first place and how it continues to grow, blossom and produce tomatoes, crowded in an invisible crack between the concrete sidewalk and the brick wall of the Whitmire building, then we'd like to award a prize to the person who solves the mystery conclusively. Secondly, so many local tomato growers have complained this summer of a blight or water soaked condition affecting their tomatoes, but it will be noted that this tomato plant growing right out of concrete and brick suffers no blight or unhealthy condition of any sort. Moral—hereafter grow your tomatoes in concrete and brick for best results.

### Quiz Lesson

1. Was Cyrus W. Field known as a great athlete, the man who laid the first Atlantic cable or a celebrated playwright? 2. Who first discovered Britain to be an island and how? 3. For what three things is Brooklyn, N. Y. most noted? 4. Is a boomerang an Aus-

tralian implement of war, a symbol of ill fate, or a child's plaything? 5. Was Charlotte Bronte a noted actress, an English novelist or a celebrated French fashion designer? 6. What great river in the U. S. is 350 miles long and so wide for 13 miles of its course that it is called a bay, and has a rock wall over 300 feet high that extends nearly 20 miles of its course, at the upper end of which the river is called by another name? 7. Is the Golden Fleece the name of a Spanish seagoing vessel of ancient times, a fairy godfather, or an order of knighthood? 8. What woman in Biblical times was known as the most wicked of all women, and whose son commanded that she be thrown from the window of her palace where the dogs devoured her?

### How To Be Ultra Smart

Now, if you want to be not only smart but ultra smart in these war times, it's smart to wear hand-me-downs and re-make your suits and other clothing out of husband's or son's or brother's civilian clothes after they've discarded them for military clothes. The young woman who is smart enough to whip up a smart suit out of hubby's old tweed coat that has hung unworn in the closet since he entered service, might make herself the envy of all her friends. Then further to complete the costume, she might make a smart blouse out of one of his old shirts, and might also turn out a smart suit for Junior from a pair of daddy's discarded flannel slacks. The trick of making a woman's suit from a man's is sweeping the country just now. It began in England, where the women were forced to it when

## In Foreign Service



**PFC. RALPH WILLIAM CHAPPELL** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chappell. He entered service in January, 1942 and took training at Fort Bragg, Camp Lee, Va., and at Mobile, Ala. He has been in foreign service over a year.

## FARM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Question:** What good crop can I plant to increase my feed supply?  
**Answer:** The Agronomists at State College say that alfalfa, which can be grown on fertile, medium-heavy, well-drained lands in all sections of North Carolina, will produce more tons of high quality hay per acre than any other legume crop. They advise a few acres on every farm. They also suggest that you put in an acreage of vetch or one of the clovers and don't forget an early sowing of barley, oats and rye for grazing. See your county agent for full instructions on growing alfalfa, because it is a crop that must be carefully sown by getting the land in the right condition, liming the land, and inoculating the seed.

**Question:** What is the best variety of barley for me to plant? I want to grow a "winter corn crop."  
**Answer:** Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of Agronomy Extension at State College, advises that you plant Sunrise, Davidson, Randolph or Iredell for grain. If you are especially interested in grazing some, he suggests one of the last three mentioned. Sunrise is not recommended for grazing. Some years dry weather almost ruins your corn crop and under average conditions, barley has a better chance of making a good yield. In spite of the very hard winter, some growers have reported yields of fifty to sixty bushels of barley per acre this year.

clothing rationing began, and it's finding enthusiastic response in wartime America.

### Your Child's Mental Health

Some more good rules to follow regarding your child's mental health, as set forth by a noted child specialist and psychologist: Encourage him from early childhood in creative and constructive play. See that he gradually learns to get along with other children, settling his own quarrels insofar as possible. Show great regard for him as an individual, never laughing at his questions or remarks, but answering them seriously and kindly. Help him to feel that he is loved and wanted in the family group.

### Quiz Answers

1. Laid the first Atlantic cable. 2. Agricola, a Roman general, who sent his fleets around Britain, proving it to be an island. 3. The fourth largest city in the U. S., the city of churches, has the largest suspension bridge in the world. 4. Australian implement of war. 5. English novelist. 6. Hudson river. 7. An order of knighthood. 8. Jezebel.

### Woody Wants In Navy

Mrs. Mary O. Paxton—"Woody, tell me why you gave Sonny Happ that nice new ball I got for you?"  
Woody—"Well, mother, he promised to let me be Secretary of the Navy when he gets to be President of the United States. That's why!"

### ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE

State of North Carolina, County of Transylvania.

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Alvin Rockwood, deceased, late of Transylvania County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate of the said deceased to exhibit them verified to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of July, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

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## New Employment Regulation Is Announced By Manager Buchanan

### Employers Must Consult Service If Worker Does Not Have Statement

Although the provisions of the regulations issued by the War Manpower Commission from Washington August 14 are not effective generally in North Carolina until they are adopted by the Regional Management-Labor Committee, one provision becomes effective at once and is now in full force and effect, Carl Buchanan, manager of the Hendersonville office of the U. S. Employment Service of the WMC announces. This provision is:

No employer shall hire or solicit any worker last employed in a critical occupation or for work in a critical occupation except upon referral by the United States Employment Service, or in accordance with arrangements with the United States Employment Service.

This provision extends earlier provisions and means that workers engaged in critical occupations may not be hired or solicited by employers, even though they are themselves engaged in critical activities, without first clearing with the U. S. Employment Service—that is, without a Statement of Availability from the Employment Service.

The alternative of direct referral by the U. S. Employment Service, Mr. Buchanan points out, is that the referral must be in accordance with arrangements with the U. S. Employment Service. This is interpreted to mean that essential employers may negotiate the transfer of workers in critical occupations from one to the other under a plan previously approved by the U. S. Employment Service and subject to approval later of individual transfers by the Employment Service.

These negotiated transfers may be of a permanent nature, or may be temporary, in which case "Limited Statements of Availability," for a specified period, may be used, Manager Buchanan states.

In case of any question, Manager Buchanan advises employers to contact the Hendersonville Employment office or see Mr. Buchanan in Brevard.

"If the employer fails to issue a Statement of Availability, a worker may request the U. S. Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission to issue such a Statement to him. Until such time as the Statement of Availability is issued, to the worker by the U. S. Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission, the worker shall remain on the job."

Under this provision, Manager Buchanan advises that employees may be refused Statements of Availability on the grounds that they quit their work before applying for Statements of Availability.

### Silage Furnishes Economical Feed

Silage furnishes one of the best and most economical home-grown roughages for cattle and takes the place of green grass during the critical winter feeding period, says John A. Avery, Extension dairyman at N. C. State College.

Silage is economical because a large quantity of the feed can be grown on a limited acreage with a comparatively small amount of labor and because only a small loss is sustained during the harvesting and feeding operations.

If all of the silage is not fed during the winter months, it can be used during the dry periods in summer as a valuable supplement to grazing. Avery says that silage is a very necessary feed for dairy cows since it is a succulent and palatable feed, and it also finds a place in the feeding program of producers of beef cattle.

The proper time to cut corn or sorghum for silage, according to the specialist, is when it contains the maximum amount of feed nutrients and at the same time enough moisture to make it pack well in the silo. Under the exceptionally dry conditions prevailing this summer, growers have been forced to add water in putting in their silage.

Casa Blanca, architectural masterpiece in Puerto Rico, was built for the family of Ponce de Leon.

## Permanent Pastures Should Be Sown Now

Mixed pastures, which will provide grazing from about May 1 until frost, should be planted during September and the first half of October on fertile lands in a high state of cultivation, E. C. Blair, Extension agronomist at N. C. State College, advises.

These pastures will give good grazing on soils of medium fertility, if they are fertilized annually and not over-grazed during hot, dry weather.

They respond to good seed bed preparation. Blair points out that the ideal seed bed for pastures is one that is thoroughly pulverized to a depth of three inches, and left undisturbed below that depth. For this reason, plowing should be avoided unless it is done at least six to eight weeks before the sowing of the seed.

Lands that have been in row crops can be prepared by discing and harrowing, but land that has been idle may have to be plowed shallow before sowing.

### DIXIE WOOD IN WAR

The National Forests in eleven Southern States sold almost two million dollars worth of timber and forest products during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1943, according to the U. S. Forest Service. Virtually all these products were used in producing war materials.

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## Timely Hints For Farm Homemakers

BY RUTH CURRENT

It's a good idea to preserve some of your grapes for winter use. You can make them into flavorful grape juice, tart grape jelly, spicy grape butter, or ricin grape jam. If you want directions for making any of these good things with grapes, write Mrs. Mary Lee McAllister, State College, Raleigh.

Grape juice and grape jelly are easy to make, but the canning experts say that there's sometimes a problem with the crystals that form in grape products. These crystals are perfectly harmless, but the gritty texture often mars the perfection of your homemade grape juice or jelly.

You can "beat these crystals at their own game" if you strain the grape juice and then let it stand overnight in a cool place. The next day carefully dip out the juice and strain it a second time. In making the juice into jelly, use this same trick.

Since there is a sugar shortage you may wish to can the juice and make fresh jelly when it is needed and when sugar is more plentiful.

Cottage cheese is an important kind of cheese. It can be made at home. You can work cottage cheese into delicious salads and salad dressings, into desserts, and even into cooked dishes. The high protein value means that you can use cottage cheese as the main dish of a meal.

If you want to add extra flavor to your cottage cheese, you'll have to add it in the form of onion juice, chopped chives, olives or parsley, celery or cucumbers, pimientos or green peppers.

As a sandwich filling, try cottage cheese with peanut butter, with bits of cooked bacon or ham, or chopped fried fruits. We can send you our cottage cheese recipes if you would like to have them.

Remains of several of its original Spanish forts are still visible in Puerto Rico.



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