

THE NATION'S PRAYER

To the Editors of the Labor Press:
When we entered into the First World War, Dr. Stelzle wrote a prayer which was published widely in the daily press of the country. Today, twenty-five years later, I can think of no more appropriate Easter message for those whom you serve than to send you this still timely prayer in whose plea I know that all of us, no matter to what faith we owe allegiance, concur.—RUTH TAYLOR.

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By the REV. CHARLES STELZLE

Father of all men, Ruler of the universe, in Whom dwells wisdom, power, love and authority, in this hour when the world is in chaos, and when Thy plans for the redemption of mankind are being worked out in mysterious ways, we beseech Thee to give Thy children everywhere a larger faith in Thyself, a better understanding of Thy purpose and greater courage to fulfill the tasks which Thou has committed to them.

We pray, especially, for the men and women of these United States.

We pray for our President. Give him the wisdom which comes from above. Guide him in making the decisions which mean so much to our country and the world.

We pray for the soldiers and sailors at the front of battle and for those who are preparing for service, who have unselfishly given themselves for home and country. May they find in this sacrifice the blessing promised to those who, losin' gtheir lives, will find them again—larger, fuller, richer—in this world, as well as in the world to come.

We pray for those who are serving their country at home—the mothers and daughters, those who are at work in the factories, the men and women on the farms, those who are giving heart and brain in the creation of plans and the building up of the forces which will help win the war.

May these all find in their daily tasks opportunities for service as American patriots and defenders of our country.

We pray for peace—but only the peace which shall come through the victory of right over wrong, of democracy over autocracy, of the spirit of world-brotherhood over the spirit of national selfishness.

To this end bless our country in its fight against the rule of those who stand in their arrogant dominance over the people—until the day shall dawn when all men shall be comrades in a world made safe for the building up of democracy and righteousness, over which Thou shall be the Undisputed Ruler.

When Tonsils Shouldn't Come Out, Doctor Advises

Don't have your youngster's tonsils taken out when there is infantile paralysis around—he's two to four times as likely to catch it after a recent tonsillectomy, according to a warning issued by the medical department of a well-known life insurance company.

Records of many hundreds of cases of "polio" treated in hospitals in city centers show a much higher frequency of the "bulbar," or deadlier form of polio, and a much higher fatality rate, among patients who had had their tonsils removed, the report points out.

The open season for infantile paralysis outbreaks extends from June to November, with the peak number of cases usually reached in August. Having the children's tonsils out is risky if there are any cases of polio in the vicinity, the report suggests, and in such circumstances the operation should be postponed, unless the tonsils are so diseased or otherwise abnormal that the need for immediate removal is urgent.

In general, such comparative records as are available indicate a higher susceptibility to infantile paralysis among children without their tonsils, than among those with tonsils intact, the report states, which suggests that the tonsils have a definite protective function, and should only be removed if a menace to health.

Children two years old are the age group most frequently stricken by infantile paralysis, the report states. Susceptibility to "polio" infection drops off sharply above four years of age. However, some adults are stricken in every epidemic.

Modern methods of treatment, including hydrotherapy and massage, are getting complete cures in numerous cases, and a steady advance in understanding of this disease suggests that it may soon be brought under control.

Useful Parsley

Parsley is, perhaps, the most useful of all herbs, entering all forms of savory cooking either as seasoning or garnish. It is easily established and may be used as a fluted border to an herb garden. Parsley requires an early start. The seeds must be sown a bit deeper than most seeds and they must be covered with one-half inch of soil.

And now for a word to gardeners who have a fine bed of parsley growing in their garden. When using, pick only the leaves; never disturb the crown of the plant. Being a perennial it is quite hardy.

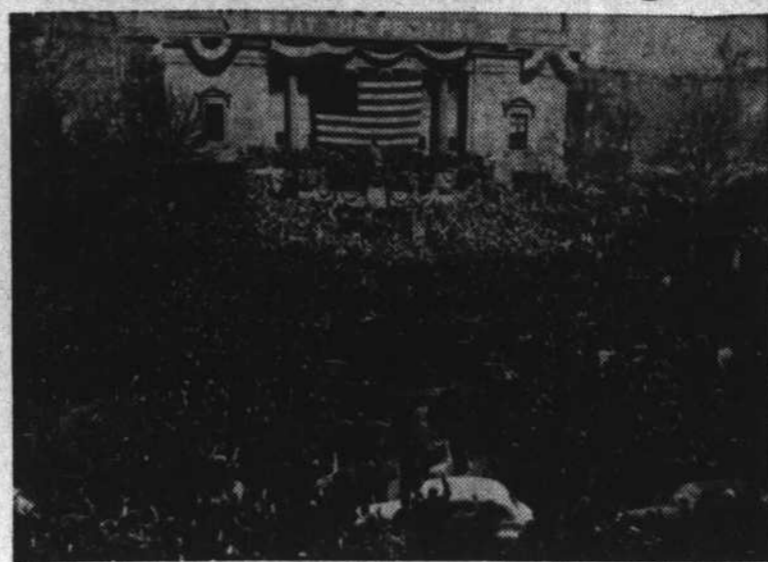
Thyme is an almost indispensable herb for culinary use. Being a hardy perennial it comes up year after year and requires practically no care.

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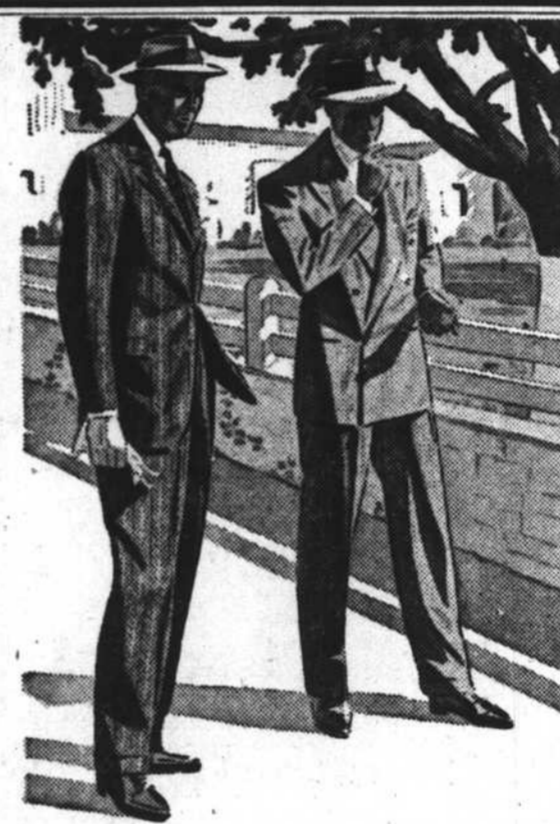
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