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Country Editors Set Skids Under Farm Labor Ogre

ST. PAUL, April 29—(AP)—Minnesota skids to the Goodhue plan, is prepared to face the farm labor program.

Last January, while farm leaders anxiously watched defence industries and the armed forces recruit an increasing number of the men farmers counted on to help during peak seasons, a country editor decided to do something about it.

Remembering a similar experience during the First Great War, L. E. Cook, editor of the Goodhue County Tribune, and his associates decided to act before an actual shortage occurred. They called a meeting of Goodhue village people and proposed a registration service for prospective farm hands. Townfolk would operate the service on a volunteer basis, serving as a liaison between the farmers and the workers.

The proposal met an instant enthusiastic response and all of Goodhue's operators, agreeing not only to help with the registration but to offer their services on farms if necessary.

During the First Great War, Editor Cook had conducted a similar venture on his own hook. This time he decided to call upon the state office of the U. S. employment service for assistance. The service began a movement which has spread to 85 communities in Minnesota and many others in nearby states.

Government Aid

"Beginning with the development in Goodhue last January," said Leonard J. Ryan, of St. Paul, director of the United States employment service in Minnesota, "the U. S. employment service is in the midst of developing a placement agency that will cover the entire agricultural area of the state to the farmer who wants help during the spring, summer or fall, will get service if the contacts his local U. S. employment office."

"Already 85 communities have organized on a volunteer farm placement basis along the lines of the Goodhue plan," Ryan said. "The local office in charge of a representative citizen who under federal direction will serve as registrar and placement agent. The essence of the plan is making efficient use of what help is available."

Ryan emphasized that there is no farm labor shortage in Minnesota now. As a result of planning now, however, the state will be prepared if and when an emergency arises. No in Minnesota will go to waste for want of help to harvest it.

Schools Give Courses

Development of the Goodhue plan has had repercussions in many directions. Since the farmers probably will not be able to place their children in high schools throughout the state are setting up special courses in the rudiments of agriculture, harnessing and care of horses, how to milk a cow, and how to operate tractors and other farm machinery. Implement dealers are co-operating in these courses.

The University of Minnesota school of agriculture is performing a similar service for prospective farm workers in St. Paul and Minneapolis area.

The U. S. employment service, through its 37 full-time, 88 part-time agents, will be placed about 33,000 agricultural workers last year. As a result of the operation of the Goodhue plan Ryan estimates that the number of active volunteer offices will grow to at least 300.

SPRINGFIELD W. I.

The monthly meeting of the Springfield W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. F. W. Haslam on April 18. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Ernest Haslam presided and opened the meeting with the Creed.

Eight members and two visitors answered Roll Call by naming a Vitamin source and use in the body.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Quilt Committee reported three more quilts had been completed. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. F. W. Haslam be given two quilts and two quilt tops. The Red Cross Committee reported that 6 pr. pyjamas, 6 pr of plain socks, 4 pr. gloves, 2 pr. sea-man socks, 3 boys sweaters had been passed in. Mrs. Everett Haslam was appointed to visit the school for the month of May.

The next meeting will be held in the school, and will be entertained by the "Green Hornets." Generous collection will be taken.

Roll call to be answered with the Garden Hint. Quiltmaster Home Economics A Delicious Lunch was then served by the hostess. Meeting closed with National Anthem.

RESTRICTIONS TAKE MANY CARS OFF ROAD

LONDON.—(CP)—Motor trade experts estimate wartime restrictions on gasoline have taken practically 75 per cent of Britain's peacetime private cars off the road. Before the war they numbered some 2,000,000.

Summing Up

"Under these conditions the need for roundup, background and situational stories—the summing up of scattered spot breaks—becomes immediate, and is one of our chief concerns."

"Canadian news of a major character tends more and more to be man-made. There were big single breaks in the past half-year—crash of an airliner near St. Thomas, Oct. 30 with 29 dead, the mine explosion at Nordegg, Alta., Oct. 31, when 29 were killed, a series of train wrecks in Quebec, Ontario and the West, British year these did not carry the news interest that would have set them apart in the days before Port Darwin and Kulyshew were familiar datelines on the country's front pages."

TRAINING ON THE BOUNTY

LONDON.—(CP)—The Bounty is on active service again, lying beside an English quay as a training ship for Sea Cadets. It isn't the famous ship which sailed under Captain Bligh, but a romantic career as a tobacco brig.

Sugar Allowed For Preserving

Home made jams and preserves will still be on Canadian shelves this year. Housewives will be allowed sugar for their jam and jelly making and for the canning and bottling of fruit, S. R. Noble, Sugar Administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has ruled.

Mr. Noble warns, however, that this measure is a concession and any abuse will bring instant withdrawal of the special sugar allowance. He will admit of no improvement in the sugar situation since the beginning of the year, but the importance of thrift and conservation of surplus food supplies are seen as vitally necessary for victory, so the importance of home preserving and canning is recognized.

Jam and jelly makers will be allowed three-quarters of a pound of sugar for every pound of fruit, prepared and ready to go into the preserving pan. The allowance for canning and preserving is half a pound of sugar for every pound of fruit weight. This will give a "light syrup" of one part sugar to two parts of water.

It was not found practicable to allow a special ration for the sweetening of "cold pack" fruit, but the rationing of sugar is one of the rationed items in the rationing program. The Consumer Branch of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board stresses the fact that considerable rationing is being placed upon the housewives' willingness to keep strictly within the law in the use of sugar for preserving. The purchase of retailers is being kept under observation and over generosity in their supplies to customers will be regarded very seriously.

The Consumer Branch reminds housewives that sugar is one of the sinews of war and men's lives are endangered daily by bringing it to Canada. Preserve, can and bottle surplus supplies of fruit, but do not buy more than the allowance allowed and do not waste one spoonful of sugar.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest. A notice of a new feature may be inserted at 5 cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

W. M. S. MEETS—The W. M. S. of Montague United Church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lester MacLeod. The president, Mrs. Eithan Stewart presided and Mrs. George Gordon led the devotional service which was very impressive. The theme was "The Christ of the Risen Christ to Youth." After the responsive reading led by Mrs. Gordon and Scripture readings by a number of the members, she gave an inspiring talk on Youth and their ambitions and visions and asked the question of what part they would have in the adjustment and bringing about of a better world after the war is over. Mrs. H. Davison favored the meeting with the beautiful reading, "The Cottage of the Kindly Light," by Alfred Noyes. A circle of Prayer in which all took part ended this service. Mrs. Stewart then took charge of the meeting and minutes were read and approved. A roll call was answered by questions from Chronical. Plans were made for a social to be held at Mrs. George Gordon's next month to help out the funds. The "bazaar" had a very good report from the Easter Thank Offering. The meeting closed and refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by a committee of ladies and a pleasant half hour was enjoyed over the tea cups.

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL

Honor Roll for March and April Senior Department:

Grade IX—1. Mary Tait.
Grade IX—1. Margaret McInnis.
2. Louise Henry.
Grade VIII—1. James Tait, 2. Michelle Raymond, Edna Robertson and Evelyn Henry (equal).
Grade VII—1. Eileen McInnis, 2. Edith Kelly, 3. Norman Corish, Highest Average, James Tait, 98.3 per cent.

Primary Department—
Grade VI—1. Clara Wollum, 2. Francis McCarron, 3. Ella McInnis.
Grade V—1. Calvin Wood, 2. Blair Kell, 3. Gordon Cooper.
Grade IV—1. Gordon McInnis, 2. Mary Burns, 3. Phyllis McCarron.
Grade III (Sr.)—1. June Robertson, 2. Louise McCarron, 3. Ralph Smallwood.
Grade III (Jr.)—1. Bruce Stead.
Grade II—1. June Aiyward, 2. June Pappas.
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THUNDER FROM THE STANDS

By Vincent Richards

(Continued from page 8)

"Happy Christmas from the boss of 4-B," he said to Grace that evening, handing her the box.

"Oh, Len!" she said, her eyes widened. "Oh, Len! What is it?"

As naive as a child opening the box containing her first doll, Grace tore nervously at the strings. At last the cover was off, now the tissue paper hurriedly was thrust aside. She was overwhelmed, staring at the lovely contents—pleased, stirred.

She lifted the soft fur out of its wrappings. "Oh, Len, darling," she breathed, "it's beautiful! How did you ever—"

She draped the scarf around her shoulders. "It looks twice as lovely on you," he claimed.

"I think," her voice still quivered with emotion, "that I saw a card."

The silver scarf still draped around her shoulders, she took the card from the box—a plain white one on which was written simply, "Merry Christmas." But what made it differ from all other cards were the two yellow pastebords attached to it with a clip. "La Boheme," he said simply.

"Oh, Len!" she said, "I suppose I'll have to drag the soup and fish and the ivory collar out of the mothballs."

"I suppose you'd better," she replied, her eyes stary.

This was Tuesday, one of Len's late evenings. If Grace walked slowly, however, and window shopped on the way she'd not get to Faber's too early. They could have dinner out. It would be fun; the change would do them both good.

When she arrived outside Tailor's at seven-fifteen it was dark inside. Probably, though, they worked in the back somewhere, or upstairs. She waited. No one came out. Minutes went by. Still no one emerged. Quarter to eight. Where in heaven's name was Len? He'd never been this late before.

Resolutely she went up to the big door and rattled the handle of the brass knob; knocked as hard as she dared against the window pane. After about five minutes a wizened old man opened the door.

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WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT A GARDEN?

Canadian Garden Service - 1942

By Gordon Lindsay Smith

Transplanting

The three most important factors in successful transplanting are moisture, shade and the exclusion of air from the roots. Whether the thing to be transplanted is a young shrub from the next row or a fifteen foot maple, experts stress the points mentioned. If at all possible, they say, transplanting should be done on a dry day or evening, and just before a rain or a watering. In any case the transplanted plant or shrub should be soaked around the roots and the soil also firmly pressed down to exclude air.

Moving a plant is something like operating on a human being, and the larger the specimen the more necessary the attention. With shrubbery and trees, often main roots are cut, and the shock is severe. Some pick-up in the way of quickly available commercial fertilizer will help at this time, merely a pinch or two, around the like tomato plants or asters, and perhaps up to a couple of handfuls for shrubs and trees.

Good Seed

The advantage of good seed cannot be overemphasized. Other factors may be beyond control, but the gardener has absolute check over this foundation. Weather, soil and location may be ideal but without good seed, specially selected to suit Canadian conditions, the garden is going to be a failure.

13 YEARS TO BUILD

The Suez Canal, opened in 1869, was 13 years in construction.

More about War Gardens

Much will depend upon the location and size of the vegetable garden as to the crops grown in it. If the plot is very tiny, then garden authorities advise concentrating on those vegetables which give the biggest yield per row. This means small, compact things like carrots, beets, lettuce, radish, possibly a few staked tomatoes. With the first four items, seven eight feet of row, if given a little attention in the way of thinning, cultivation, and perhaps watering and fertilizer, should produce three or four good meals for the far-sized family. And as the rows can be spaced a mere foot apart, a plot a dozen feet each way will grow a lot of crop.

The staked tomatoes will take up more room. They should be 18 inches apart in the row, but one thing will grow a big basket of tomatoes, and if all side-shoots are nipped off and the plant tied loosely to a six-foot stake it will ripen the fruit surprisingly early.

It doesn't pay to grow bulky things like potatoes in the tiny garden, and a winter's supply of carrots, onions, beets, etc., should not be attempted. Corn and peas take up a lot of room but because they are never so tasty as when taken right out of the garden at the back door, sometimes even city gardeners try to squeeze them in.

Garden corn should be grown in hills about 15 to 18 inches apart. To supply the small family at least a dozen hills of corn are necessary, and from 40 to 60 feet of row of peas.

The real role of the small urban or town vegetable garden should be to supply the owner with fresh salad material—lettuce, radishes, dill, etc.—and as many meals as possible of really fresh vegetable.

War—25 Years Ago Today

APRIL 29 1917—Gen. Philippe Pétain appointed French chief of staff. British advanced toward Oppy, storming German trench system over a wide area and taking 976 prisoners. Allies in Macedonia repulsed Bulgarian attacks on the Doiran-Vardar front.

DEBRIS TOY FOR ORPHANS

LONDON.—(CP)—Every London child orphaned by raids will be given a toy made from bomb debris by members of the National Fire Service.

A cricket's ears are located on its front legs.

Canadian News

Running Story of Big Change

TORONTO, April 29—(CP)—"The biggest Canadian news today is not a sudden break but one continuing story of drastic change in a people's way of living," Charles Bruce, general news editor, told the annual meeting of the Canadian Press in a review of Canadian news. "The story is one stanza in a vast epic of which Kharkov and Hellfire Pass and Somewhere in England are others. It is a developing story. Price control is announced Oct. 18. But it does not stop there. Wages are pegged, but public interest in how this regimentation is made to work goes on and on."

"It is a story mainly of legislation, in which forecasts and immediate 'clarification' of single aspects are often dangerous, since the makers of it are sitting forth in a virtually unknown field with trial and error for a compass."

Measure Results

"The Canadian Press is telling its story of a changing way of life by reporting factually the initial steps—gas rationing, sugar rationing, price and wage control, and the reaction of a vocal people as expressed through their leaders. We seek also to measure the result: cessation of output of things that have been considered necessities; the demand for second-hand bicycles, the search for rubber substitutes; the level of living costs."

"The final effect of this change will never be precisely known. That part of the story is written in trucks and tanks and bomber fleets and will be merged inexorably with many another in the final chapter of the peace."

"In practice, the effect is that no newsmen can ever cover this typewriter and consider any part of the story washed up. The initial moves in swinging the country into the groove of a rigid war economy originate at Ottawa, developments occur as a brigadier is fined for sugar-larding at Kingston, as Saint John proposes to finance civilian defence by poll tax, Fort William appeals to Toronto for second-hand street cars, and Victoria talks of seven-day operation in the shipyards."

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