

Latbrup Townsite News

Mrs. Edwin R. Blake, of Rockham boulevard, returned last week from Boston where she visited relatives. Patricia spent a few days visiting friends in Chicago.

Major I. Guest, Major C. J. Scavarda, of Greenwood, Miss., and his wife were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stevenson, of Rockham boulevard.

Mrs. James Cornell, of Quentin drive, entertained three tables Tuesday in the benefit telephone bridge given by the Birmingham and Bloomfield League of Catholic Women. Mrs. L. H. France, of Lathrup boulevard, and Mrs. Lawrence Schick, also of that street, had high scores running over 4,000 points.

Knitters met at the home of Mrs. George Burnham, of Glenwood boulevard, on Wednesday. Squares for another Afghan are

held the latter part of next week. Harold A. Nestor, of Orlando, Fla., nephew of Mrs. Guy S. Poppiatt, of Saratoga boulevard, will spend the summer as the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Guy S. Poppiatt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Finnegan, of San Diego boulevard, were hosts to 12 supper guests Sunday evening.



No. 1 Garden Gal

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Well, it's 30 minutes later and I'm back. From there on was just stops to eat since there was no diner and no place to eat. We then farmland and sleep and more farmland. We went through most of the mountains at night, but Friday we saw a few of us crossed the Mojave Desert. Later in the afternoon we came down into California and rode through town after town leaving out the window yelling and waving at the people. It was a strange sensation. For about 50 miles before we reached these suburbs of Los Angeles the train did a couple of m.p.h. with the sand so thick blowing inside one couldn't see across the car. We waited around Los Angeles for a while and boarded a Flyer-Streamliner and got into San Diego about 11:30 p.m. They then took us by bus to the base, the driver getting lost in the dim-light and getting tied up in a blind street.

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Life in the Marine Corps Described by Boot Trainee

(Editor's note—Pvt. John M. Tillotson, 18, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Tillotson, Hickory Grove road, has written his family an unusually complete series of letters describing his life in the Marine Corps, including the intimate details that make such an account interesting. Herewith is presented the opening part of his experience.)

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test. However, don't be carried away. The comparison is poor and comparing my intelligence with such a platoon is no comparison. I was only a boot trainee and that from these tests and from further personal interview you will see you will go for further. I was in placed in Communication School, and Sea Duty or Sea School, and I was in the "Well, I must close, sweetheart. Say 'Hello' to Billy and Joe for me. Dad and Mother Devotedly, John."

GARDENS

(Continued from Page One) Despite the very recent plowing and the fine and rain-packed ground, a fine crop of beans, corn, beets, egg plant, cabbage, and broccoli is being raised here.

Sea Edgewood Group Mrs. Charles Krone, with Mr. Rust has organized 15 families on Cedar drive and Edgewood, showed the garden so far from the garden on Edgewood. This project has just begun, and despite the difficulty securing a ploughman, the garden is being started by the Navy Center, was congratulated by Mr. Krone. The Division of Victory Gardens, and which is now well under way.

Col. and Mrs. J. Vinton Birch have shown, said Mr. Krone, it is possible to have a fine garden without the great space some feel is necessary. The garden is justly proud of the way in which they have managed to make their garden, and the arrangement of poles for the beans has added to the appearance. Birch pointed out the value of a chart or layout in planning a garden.

While more than satisfied with Birmingham's gardening enthusiasm, Mr. Krone had several useful suggestions for the gardeners, both those who have already begun and those who would like to start now. Much of the difficulty in gardening has been caused by late plowing. Get your plowing done in the fall for early planting. Hand cultivators will aid greatly in breaking up the packed ground. If the earth is adequately covered after seeding, the rain will not be able to pack the ground.

Information on the planting and cultivating of Victory Gardens should be obtained from the Victory Center, rather than from the Victory Garden headquarters at the Defense Service Center. Mrs. McCallum announced she said that instructions on winter storage and preservation will be available after July 15.

Says Epsom Salts Will Deter Rabbits Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody, sworn enemy of Birmingham's excess rabbit population, declared that the use of Epsom salts, a new remedy, discourages the animals from eating garden produce when the solution is sprayed on the plants, he reported.

Moody suggested, further, that auxiliary police be empowered to shoot rabbits on sight. No action was taken on this.

Commissioner Roy A. Palmer announced that the problem was eased when the city was cleaned up.

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COLGROVE (Continued from Page One) 16, 1942, they were given their commissions. Then came a party of the ways. After Mugs married the former Betty Lee, of Birmingham, in Washington, May 15, he was ordered back to Tennessee to take a course for instructors. He finished that and now he is in that school, instructing the instructors. Meanwhile, Funk was ordered to San Diego, Calif., where he began the operation of a large plant in the patrol bomber class. He is now serving somewhere at sea. Both were graduated from Baldwin High School, where they were prominent in athletics. Funk, who is now 22, in track, and Mugs, who is 21, in football. He was captain of the team when a senior. Their parents live at 452 Puritan.

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