

The Food Problem Is Discussed by County Leader

"The food supply for next year will be controlled by a number of factors, not the least of which is what people like us do about it right here at home," said Mrs. George W. Patch, talking Monday before the Birmingham League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Patch, who is in charge of consumer education for the Oakland County War Price and Rationing Board, said she hoped that her listeners would encourage discussion of the local food problems and of constructive ways to meet it.

Reasons for Shortage Obscure

"The severity of the point values set for rationed foods is an indication of the curtailed supply of these goods," said Mrs. Patch. "The reasons for this shortage are obscure."

"Our soldiers must be fed, and soldiers not only need more food than civilians, but they need food with high nutritive value and food which is easily shipped and stored."

"The policy of feeding the people of occupied countries has been adopted by the United States as compared with Hitler's 'starve and rule' method, and this will require more food."

"The factory workers in our own country are earning more and are buying more and better food than ever before."

"I believe that we all understand these reasons and concur in the belief that the supply which is available for civilians should be apportioned as equitably as possible."

Factors Controlling the Food Situation

"What does not seem to be clear to many of us is the variability of the factors which control the food situation," continued Mrs. Patch. "It is our responsibility to understand these factors and contribute to their understanding by others, so that statements and rumors about the food supply may be analyzed and weighed."

"The point values of canned goods, or instance, were based on the estimated supply of food available for civilian consumption during the next 18 months, from March 1, 1943, through September, 1944. These estimates may change from time to time (and the point values also be revised), as the controlling factors change."

"1. Chief among the controlling factors, of course, is the size of the crops during the next two seasons, which in turn depend not only on the weather but on the farm labor supply, she said.

"2. The success of the anti-submarine campaign will affect the amount of food which is sunk and must be replaced.

"3. The transportation problem in the United States may become an important factor in determining the kind of food we eat locally. With an army of eleven million men our transportation facilities may be needed more and more for military purposes, and relatively it may seem much less important that refrigerator cars be used to bring fresh fruits and vegetables from the South and West to us in Michigan."

"4. The stocks which people have on hand, as revealed by their declarations or War Ration Book will have some influence on the supply available for future use."

"5. How many coupons people use from their ration books will also affect the supply of rationed goods. The present point values were based on the assumption that not all the coupons would be used."

"6. What people grow and preserve for themselves will be an important factor."

Patriotic Importance of Garden

"By seeing to it that the facilities for producing and preserving food in each locality are fully utilized, two ends are served: first, the individual is assured a supply of the foods which he wants for his family; and second, more commercially raised and processed foods are available for those who are not in a position to do these things themselves," Mrs. Patch declared.

"I speak particularly of women in war plants. A real hardship will be wrought here if canned goods, or instance, are not available to them, or if they are unable to grow and can, or prepare fresh foods, for themselves."

"It is up to us who can, therefore, to not only raise food for ourselves, but to obtain in so far as possible from using our coupons and taking away from the supply of commercially raised and processed foods."

"I may add that the same statements apply to eggs, poultry, etc., as to gardens. Although here a word of caution may be in order."

Still Punchin'

Aircraft inspector Jack Delaney, formerly flight heavyweight champ Jack Delaney (1928), is hard at work swinging punches on the production front at the Brewster Aeronautical plant in New York City. He's 42 now.

Just as it is no contribution to the war effort to waste seeds and ever get planting a garden when it has no chance of succeeding either because of poor soil conditions or because of not carrying it through, just so it is inadvisable to start any other food producing project without a reasonable chance of success, as predetermined by expert advice.

Constructive Action is Our Patriotic Duty

"It is our patriotic duty to try to understand all these things and to bring them to the attention of other food producing projects which we encounter statements about the food supply, either in conversation or in print, let us analyze them and try to understand what they really mean. If our judgment tells us that the statement is sound let us act in a constructive manner to meet the situation."

"Public buying and hoarding based on stories of food shortage may exist. The constructive action is to contribute to the total food supply rather than take from it."

Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send us news of the boys' whereabouts and activities, service men, scattered far and near, in the hope of their friends. Keep the address of a newly-placed inducted man in interest.

Men Classified On March 15

Robert Barrrell, 1-A; James E. Anderson, vol. 1-A; Gaylord W. Grubb, vol. 1-A; Gordon T. Burrows, Jr., vol. 1-A; Charles DeWitt, Jr., vol. 1-A; Maurice H. Smith, 2-B; David H. Curry, 2-B; Alva O. Willis, 2-B; Homer A. Ford, 2-A; Melvin R. Moore, 2-A; Lawrence D. Atherton, 4-A; William H. Deal, 2-C; Robert J. Hughes, 2-C; James J. Lawler, 1-C; Stewart N. Houghton, 1-C; Thomas B. Klingensmith, 1-C; Wadsworth D. Roy, Jr., vol. 1-C; Myron J. Yancey, 1-C; John R. Hulbert, 1-C; Bennett W. Root, 1-C; Earl H. Mason, vol. 1-C; Leslie H. Clarke, 1-C; George E. Meself, 1-C; David A. Taylor, 1-C; George F. Siskind, vol. 1-C; Andralde, 1-C; George E. Armstrong, vol. 1-C; Fred M. Shaver, 1-C; Donald C. Moorhead, 1-C; George P. Lichte, 1-C; David J. Shearman, 1-C; Thomas A. DePre, vol. 1-C; Donald C. Moorhead, 1-C; Robert P. Butler, Jr., vol. 1-C; Hugh J. Dode, 4-F; Robert Brown, 4-F; Dalton H. Lamb, 4-F; Norman K. Porter, 4-F; John R. Wilcox, 4-F; Harry J. Bailey, 4-F; Charles, 4-F.

ENLISTS IN NAVY

Donald W. Jones, Jr., of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Wise, of Brookside ridge, enlisted in the Navy at Chicago, Ill., to await his orders to start his training at Great Lakes. Don was a student at Michigan State College before enlisting.

FRIENDS MEET

Arthur W. Jones, Jr., in training with the Army Air Force Technical Training Command at St. Paul, Minn., wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones, of Oak Street, that his roommate was David H. Lewis, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. David H. Lewis, of West Long Lake road. The boys did not know each other until they met down in Florida.

Arthur's brother, Allen A. Jones, of Arthur, Florida, He is an Army Air Force cadet training at Miami.

PARADE IN UTAH

Capt. Clark E. Pardee, with the 401st Service Squadron, Army Air Base, Wendover, Utah, writes:

"I have begun to receive The Eccentric regularly and want to tell you how much I appreciate and enjoy it. I have received the last two issues quite promptly and it's like finding your mail box full of letters from your friends."

"This is an isolated desert post, used mainly for heavy bombing and gunnery and a good deal of flying goes on day and night. My squadron, which is very large, is composed principally of technicians and is responsible for all repairs, supplies and maintenance of the ships here. We operate 24 hours a day seven days a week and I might mention there is no time and a half for overtime."

"I have enjoyed reading about your wife. Don't say about gone and spring is just around the corner. The sun shines every day and when I hit the deck mornings, the sun is casting long black shadows on the ground. I've lived in a flat country for so many years that the mountains here are pretty club and very good food."

Surprise Package

Top, Corp. Wade V. Walter packs supplies for his buddies along the Burma-India border. Games, dart boards, volleyball equipment are included. Lower, the surprise package, dropped from 5 transport plane, parachutes down to an outpost. (Passed by Editor.)

P. T. A.

Pierce P. T. A.

All members and the executive committee of Pierce P. T. A. are invited to attend a general meeting of the P. T. A. Council on Monday, March 22, at 8 p. m. in the Baldwin High School. There will be an election of officers.

Quarton P. T. A.

A general meeting of the Quarton School Parent-Teachers Association will be held Wednesday, March 24, at 2:30 in the school auditorium. First there will be a short talk on salvage, then a musical program under the direction of Mrs. Verma Gustavus. The business meeting will follow with election of officers. The nominating committee is Mrs. Harold R. Chapel, chairman, and Mrs. E. R. Jackson and Mrs. H. B. Stubbs.

Barson P. T. A.

The Junior High P. T. A. will meet Thursday, March 18, at 8 p. m. and will elect officers for the ensuing year. The program will consist of a sound movie entitled "Meat and Romance." This film is put out by the Conservation Department and contains timely and valuable help on nutrition and the selecting and preparing of available meats.

Holy Name P. T. A.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Holy Name School will hold their March meeting in the School Hall Tuesday, March 23, at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Giles Bartol, of the parish of Our Lady of Refuge at Orchard Lake, will be the speaker of the afternoon. His subject, which should interest every woman in the parish regardless of whether she has children in the school or not, will be "The Role of Catholic Women in National Defense."

A large attendance is desired at the meeting as election of officers will be held.

Cranbrook Concert Well Received

The Cranbrook school Orchestra and Glee Club, joined by the Kingswood School Glee Club, enjoyed an enthusiastic reception on Monday, March 14, in the Cranbrook School Auditorium, attended by many of the boys and girls, their families and friends.

The program was opened by the Cranbrook School orchestra, under the direction of F. Phyllis Curtis, with "Symphonie Militaire," by Haydn. This was followed by several selections by the Cranbrook School Glee Club under the direction of Vernon B. Kellett and the Kingswood School Glee Club, directed by Mrs. E. R. Chapman.

The combined organizations under the direction of F. Phyllis Curtis, then presented "The Ballad for Americans" by John Latouche and Earl Robinson, in which Don Gray displayed unusual dramatic and vocal talents in the leading role.

"After the performance Sunday, Mr. Curtis said:

"With limited time for rehearsal the Cranbrook boys and the Kingswood girls all put real effort and vigor into this performance. Perhaps the spirit of competition between the two schools stimulated greater effort and enjoyment for all. We look forward to a continuation of this cooperation between the two schools in our musical programs."

Next Sunday, March 21, the program will be repeated in the Kingswood School Auditorium at 4 p. m. and the public is invited.

Marine Regulations Changed

Women Reservists in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are now permitted to marry men in their own branches of the service. All weddings, however, must await completion of Women Reservists' indoctrination and training courses.

To Prevent Odors

An excellent way to keep odors of boiling cabbage, turnips or cauliflower from seeping through the house is to place a piece of newspaper over the vegetables while they are cooking.

KEEP ECONOMY in the FAMILY CIRCLE

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BROWN IN WEST

KEARNS, Utah—John E. Brown of 511 South Woodward, Birmingham, is now stationed at this Army Air Forces Basic Training Center, as announced by Col. Converse H. Lewis, Commander.

Private Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund J. Brown of the same address.

Men at this post are trained under the rigorous program of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. They learn how to march, use of small arms and machine guns, chemical warfare and other kindred subjects while undergoing their basic training. Upon completion of the training the men are sent to one of the 32 types of schools in the Air Force Technical Training Command for further training.

CALL UP

Joseph C. Parkyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy J. Parkyn, of Smith street, was ordered to report to Chicago last Sunday for the Army Air Force. He enlisted last September and has been employed at Greyhound bus lines. He will go on to San Antonio, Tex., to begin his training.

Plan New Play

Castings for the Englebert spring play, to be held April 16 and 17, has been completed, and rehearsals are now under way. After an earlier announcement, the play originally selected was dropped, and "Remember the Day" was chosen to be presented. This play, requiring seven set changes, is one of the most difficult Englebert plays since "Family Portrait," and it engaged a cast of over 20 Kingswood and Cranbrook students.

Five committees composed of students selected from Kingswood and Cranbrook are now working with the Rev. Robert L. Dewitt in the planning of early church services at Christ Church Cranbrook. Formed with the aim of encouraging student cooperation and participation, the group thus far has been instrumental in planning the order of worship for three services and has coordinated the charity collections of the two schools.

Ain't It So

Parking Space: An unoccupied space about seven feet wide and fourteen feet long next to the curb on the other side of the street.—St. Louis Times.

Cranbrook News

By ROBERT WILSON

Musical organizations of Kingswood and Cranbrook schools presented a program Sunday afternoon in the Cranbrook Auditorium. The concert orchestra, under the direction of F. Phyllis Curtis, opened with "Symphonie Militaire" by Haydn. The Cranbrook Glee Club led by V. B. Kellett sang four numbers, with Don Gray featured as soloist. Kingswood School Glee Club under Mrs. E. R. Chapman followed with several selections, including solos by Maxine Tost and Gail Jolley. Mr. Curtis then directed all three groups in the stirring finale, "Ballad For Americans."

Obituary

Guy S. Greene

Guy S. Greene, president of the Hannan Real Estate Exchange, Inc., for 25 years, died Monday at Charles Godwin Jennings Hospital. His home was in Grossette Point.

He was born 58 years ago in Ypsilanti, graduated from the University of Michigan and spent three years in South America. He was president and vice president of many real estate associations and boards and belonged to the Detroit Club, Detroit Athletic Club, Bloomfield Hills Country Club, Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, and the Players and Searls clubs. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and three children, Guy S. Greene, Jr., Nancy Greene, and Mrs. Sally Cummings.

Squirrels Come in And Look Around

LINDINGTON—Black, grey and fox squirrels which have enjoyed not only continual freedom from hunting in Lindington state park but also liberal feedings on the windfalls of park superintendent Harold Gorman's residence, went a bit too far when the Givins were away the other day.

Because of a smoky furnace, they had left some windows open. On their return they found the squirrels had invaded every room of the house, and had searched the kitchen particularly well for food.

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Opening Paragraph to Spring

WHEN the first of the balmy afternoons inspires you to be in accord with the new season; when you are busily lending a new freshness to your attire; and taking a look at the available space in the yard to plant a "Victory Garden" (being patriotic and doing something you've been itching to do for years)—in short, when Spring comes, think also of your HOME.

As is true in life itself, it is the little things which are so important in your home—a moment's reflection will convince you of it. A new vase, a new leather wastebasket for the living room, a beautiful new lamp to replace the one you have been looking at long enough. New things, big little important things; they work magic in a room.

There's a sparkling new freshness about the things we have for your home this Spring—and it will be a pleasure to have you come in early. Remember that in gifts for the home, just as in new fashions in clothes, half the joy is in having them early!

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