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—We're all in this war—

Canning School Scheduled Here Monday, May 10

A Canning School is to be held at the Community House on May 10, sponsored by the Victory Garden Committee and the Nutrition Committee of the Office of Civilian Defense. All Birmingham women interested in food preservation are invited to attend and learn how to can and see actual demonstrations of the various processes.

Mrs. J. V. Birch, of the Victory Garden Committee, and Mrs. Milton Mailender and Mrs. Larson Northrup, of the Nutrition Committee, are working on the project. They report that they have assurance from Lansing that Birmingham will have the finest demonstrators sent out from the extension service of the Department of Home Economics, Michigan State College.

The school will take the place of the regular meeting of the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association and will be in the afternoon, probably from 1:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

There will be demonstrations of fruit and vegetable canning by pressure cooker, water bath, open kettle, and open method.

Another day of demonstration is planned for the fall to teach storing and dehydrating.

Once Did Michigan scientists are to engage in growing hardier nuts for Northern climates. We once knew a hardy nut which insisted upon going without overhills all winter.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

Thought For Today One thing is certain. Whoever has had to for an aliphic next war is going to lose it.—Gen. von Blomberg, ex-War Minister of Germany, in 1937, as quoted in the Living Age.

Still Time to Secure Space

Celebrate Victory Garden Week by completing your garden plans. If you haven't arranged for garden space, visit the Victory Garden Center, 131 Pierce, where Mrs. William McCallum and her committee will be glad to help with the garden plan. The plan for garden space and plowmen will be taken until April 3, when all registrations close. The Eclectic of the time it will be done in each neighborhood.

Elmer W. Haack and Mrs. Fern Thelmer, in the Assessor's office.

GARDEN FOR VICTORY

Now's A Good Time To Make Your Plans

Friendly Centers Are Established To Aid Novices

Birmingham novice gardeners are being helped by the establishment of friendly centers in each neighborhood. These centers have been set up by the Victory Garden Committee. Mrs. F. H. McKenney has been busy picking these gardens in local neighborhoods. At least one will be within walking distance for every one. People who have been selected to have the centers are not only good gardeners, but are willing to pass on advice and suggestions to anyone who comes to see their gardens and to give help. A spirit of friendliness and good, old-fashioned neighborly helpfulness will prevail. Those who have been selected do not claim to know all about gardening but they are real gardeners, and will be glad to share their experiences. They will also have a supply of all the latest pamphlets on gardening, but are willing to control, rotation of crops, etc. This literature will be given to all who register for it. The centers will also take registrations for the Victory Garden contest and will dispense the Victory Garden window stickers.

This year when people are staying in their homes more time and working on the all important job of food production there is a growing interest in gardening. The Birmingham Hills Horticultural Society, which is composed of professional gardeners, is very eager to help in the present emergency. It has offered the service of its members if any of the neighborhood groups wish to have a "backyard get-together" for discussion and demonstration.

Following are the names and addresses of the gardeners who will conduct the neighborhood centers:

1. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Daenaeus, 412 Berwyn. (The Daenaeus are real gardeners. Their sunroom is really filled with plants of growing plants.)

2. Mr. and Mrs. Thorn Smith, 412 Wilshire. (Mr. Smith gardens both practically and theoretically. He has had much experience and is glad to give advice.)

3. Mr. and Mrs. Howard N. Chapel, 812 Ridgeland. (Mr. Chapel is of the State Forestry Commission. He has a large garden in which he studies and cultivates extensively by hand. He recommends a preference to plowing if possible.)

4. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coulter, 290 1/2 Park. (The Coulters garden on their own lot last year and were so successful that they are enlarging their plot to include the entire lot. They have asparagus, strawberries, raspberries, and currants.)

5. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lewis, 272 Hawthorne. (Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have raised their own vegetables for many years. They are interested in their home plot they plan to cultivate a large tract on Charing Cross. Mr. Lewis has had a very interesting herb garden for the last three years.)

6. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Anderson, 351 Yarnouth. (Mrs. Anderson and her father will have charge of the vegetable garden last year on a half lot. This year they are prepared to give advice on controlling insects that are common to newly turned turf.)

7. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Brown, 965 Floyd. (Mr. Brown is a landscape gardener but has time for advice only on his own garden. Mrs. Brown is a real home gardener and a very enthusiastic one. Her garden is an acornum plot with many herbs.)

8. Col. and Mrs. J. Vinton Birch, 420 Harman. (Col. Birch's vegetable garden was a real show place in the Pacific Northwest. Recently his interest has been entirely in vegetable gardening. He is very scientific in his methods of soil and in the preservation of food.)

9. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moody, 235 Chestnut. (Mr. Moody has had a great deal of experience in gardening. She has a very lovely flower garden and is interested in the national space for her vegetable garden this year.)

10. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Chisum, 1942 East Maple. (Mr. and Mrs. Chisum go in for gardening in a big way. This year they have a new place in the sunshine where they will have just a plain vegetable garden with no fancy frills. They also have a farm.)

11. Lawrence A. Hulbert, 680 West Brown. (Mr. Hulbert had a beautiful vegetable garden in the first World War. In more recent years he has had a beautiful flower garden but he is now turning to gardening. He plans to locate his vegetable garden in the center of the flower garden.)

Consumer News

Facts About Vegetables and Wartime Buying

Garden Week

This is National Victory Garden Week. Both the opportunity and the responsibility of adding to the country's food supply is clearly understood by the 1943 crop of home gardeners. Gov. Kelly, in a Michigan and expressed confidence that the people would not fail in this critical hour of need. If you have been wondering how large to make your garden, you would do well to follow Gov. Kelly's advice: plant all you can reasonably take care of, all you can provide for home canning, all you can dry for future use and store safely away.

A single plot of 25 by 50 feet is the size favored by many amateur gardeners. It is large enough to supply half the vegetables, excluding potatoes, for a family of five for a whole year, and a Michigan acre of garden folds will require only one half hour of daily work from April 15 to September 15 to maintain it. Many people who have tried their first garden last year have profited by experience and vowed to put in more time daily this year to make the work and the weeds pile up.

Dollar an Hour

Besides the interesting fact that each hour in the garden figures as a dollar an hour, the fact that a housewife can also figure the point value of what she raises. Of course a Victory Garden will produce, if she had to buy rationed food to replace what her garden will yield, a dollar's worth of her own produce. A family of four at the present time has only 2,800 points available for the purchase of food.

Below is a chart of the expected yield of a plot 25 by 50 feet and the point value as the list at the present time has only 2,800 points available for the purchase of food. Of course most of the vegetables will be used fresh but this is the number of points it would cost in processed foods.

Tomatoes, 80 lbs.	1,040 points
Cucumbers, 25 lbs.	1,750 points
Peas, 20 lbs.	260 points
Sweet corn, 75 lbs.	825 points
Carrots, 100 lbs.	1,100 points
Beets, 50 lbs.	1,100 points
Turnips, 50 lbs.	550 points
Squash, 20 lbs.	220 points
Beans, 35 lbs.	385 points
Total	5,555 points

The garden will produce 150 lbs. of cabbage, 7 lbs. of lettuce, 17 lbs. of cucumbers, 12 lbs. of onions, and 4 lbs. of radishes.

Will Help You

Not everyone will be able to have a Victory Garden. If you have a sunny window or terrace in an apartment house could provide a space for growing vegetables like leaf lettuce, cress or radishes, it is in the sections that will have the greatest benefit. The gardening will be done. If you have found a place for your garden, register at the Victory Garden Center by calling 40-1111. They will be glad to help you find a plot.

Plenty of Canning Supplies

Plenty of metal closures and rubber jar rings will be available for home use. The man who will be doing an increased amount of canning this year. The War Production Board has removed all quota restrictions on the manufacture of certain types of metal lids used to seal the jars. Prohibition of the use of zinc is continuing.

Blue Stamp Calendar.

Blue Stamps, D. E. and F. in War Ration Book Two, totaling 18 stamps, will be available from 25 through April 30. Stamps A, B, and C will be valid only through March 31.

ELECTION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors of BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the BIENNIAL SPRING AND TOWNSHIP ELECTION will be held at the Bloomfield Township office building, 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township, County of Oakland and State of Michigan on MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1943 for the purpose of electing the following officers:

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Planting Seeds Indoors

Many seed packets read, "plant in hotbeds or under glass in March or April" and the new gardener lacking such elaborate equipment, plants at a similar time in the house. Sometimes one is successful and become "leggy" before they germinate. They "damp off" (as said affair when the new seedling gets moldy at the ground line and quietly pass away) or the small plants do not have enough light and become "leggy" before they can be safely set out doors.

Some advice is given in the number of seeds to plant. The number to be set out, in this climate that means not until May 24 with fairly good soil and not until June 5 for tender plants like peppers. So don't waste your seeds by starting too soon. And when you do start, have the proper light.

Use Pot or Flat

To sow plants indoors prepare a large flower pot or a shallow flat with drainage space in the bottom. This can be broken up pots or rough gravel, next fill the flat with good soil—not too sticky (add sharp sand to overcome this difficulty) or in the case of the pot, use a mixture of sand and peat moss. See that this layer is firmly packed or you will have a cavity. Next in importance, see that the soil comes to at least a half inch of the edge of the pot or flat so good circulation of air is important to avoid damping off. On this firm bed sow your seeds. Do not crowd them. Put a pot to plant out an acre. Well spaced and not too many is a better plan. Now sift some soil over the seeds, using an old sieve or a piece of screen. Cover to a depth of one inch. The thickness of the soil should be the thickness of the seeds. If the seeds are light grains of sand, such as yucca, hardly cover it at all. Now set some paper or flat in water so that the water will seep up over the surface. Always water from the bottom. If you have a window, place the pot or flat in front of it. If you have a little steam leaving far over one way you can be sure you haven't enough light. You can correct the difficulty some by turning the pot from day to day, but it is best to try to find a sunny window.

Once the seedlings have their second set of leaves (which will be their first set of true leaves) they must be replanted into well drained soil.

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individual pots or flats. Never let them dry out—never let them stand in water. If you are not prepared to take this much trouble, don't start plants indoors. You will be able to buy sturdy plants of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and like hardy kinds when setting out time arrives. Sit down instead and plan your garden and order your seeds for the varieties to be planted out-of-doors.

When to Work the Garden

Not a good idea of walk about your garden when the soil is sticky. It must be "friable." That means that when you pick it up in your hand, it will not keep the shape into which you squeeze it, but will fall apart easily if you touch it. Old-time gardeners never insist that you can harm the condition of your soil for the season if you do it when the soil is sticky. You will scatter over it the wood ashes from last winter and the manure or compost you have at hand. Then when you are ready to work it, the fertilizer will be ready to turn in.

Grow Your Own Food.

This FREE 40-Page VEGETABLE PLANTING GUIDE Tells How to Grow Vegetables for Victory!

Lohrman's 1943 Vegetable Victory Garden Guide gives you the benefit of this firm's 20 years experience in helping gardeners to grow successful crops. This 40-page book tells how to plan your garden, prepare soil, plant seeds, fertilize and cultivate growing. Shows garden layout for families of 3, 4 and 10 persons. Gives vitamin content of garden-fresh vegetables and other data for planning in this way, with complete cultural directions. Describes 111 best vegetable varieties—quick-growing fruit trees, berry bushes and grape vines. Book mailed free on receipt of coupon only.

MAIL COUPON TODAY FOR YOUR FREE COPY!

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Gardening Books Come to Fore At Baldwin Library

By LINDO MOORE

Even if you don't garden, you will find one or two new titles in this direction before the week is out. It is still so early in the year that you are not yet thinking about gardening. Next year we can wait for the first balmy spring days. This is not the year to go all sorts of gardeners. The visions, spend a few hours going through hay-wire in the nearest garden. Old-time gardeners who have been the first of June.

This year, gardeners may mean food for the family. Those long rows of nourishing vegetables, a-crawl with vitamins (for Victory) and the most nutritious (for morale) that you hope to have, need planning, say the wise ones.

And if you are a beginner, they are done early, they say, but don't intelligently, to the obvious end of accumulating waste in the markets of seed, time and the gardeners' muscles.

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New Type Front Comes to Front

Most of us are happy if our walls merely hold up the ceiling. They hang pictures on them, they support the roof, and they deplore their tendency to collect "dust" and "cobwebs" and are intelligently "wee-wee" on them.

Walls can make rooms seem less or more cheerful and they feel higher or lower and they can't paint brush remodeling, they can't be plastered, they can't be covered with plastic surface that you can't see through. In just one coat, almost anyone can perform this magic. Known as Kem-Tone, the miracle finish is tinted with water, dries in an hour, has no pungent odor, and washes with soap and water.

You can apply it right over wallpaper, or over a coat of paint to the wall. This takes away the cluttered look caused by too much pattern.

Today's cost of Electricity is only

ONE-AND-A-HALF CENTS

of the average family budget dollar

OF ALL THE ITEMS in the family budget, probably none gives so much for so little as the money you spend for electricity. Only a CENT-AND-A-HALF of the average budget dollar goes to pay your electric bill... yet look at the things electricity does:

It lights your house, washes and irons clothes, cooks meals, vacuum-cleans rugs, washes dishes, makes toast and coffee, grills sandwiches, bakes waffles, keeps accurate time, runs a food mixer, operates the radio. Here is how the cost of electricity compares with other items in the average family budget:

AVERAGE FAMILY DOLLAR	
Food	35.2c
Rent	17.5c
Clothing	10.9c
Personal Care, Recreation, Household Expenses	10.8c
Gifts, Contributions, Miscellaneous	6.3c
Transportation	6.1c
Household Furnishings	4.4c
Fuel, Ice	3.8c
Medical Care	3.5c
Electricity (at Detroit Edison residence rates)	1.5c
TOTAL	\$1.00

(All figures except electricity U. S. Department of Labor statistics)

Small as it is, the 1 1/2 cents for electricity does a BIG job, especially at a time when nearly all other living costs are rising. Electricity is one item that has NOT gone up. The average unit cost of residential electricity is at an all-time low. The Detroit Edison Company.

MEET THE MAN WHO HELPED MAKE MICHIGAN HIGHWAYS GREAT

LLOYD B. REID, present State Highway Commissioner, has come up through the ranks of a highway department that has built for Michigan the best road system in the Nation.

As an on-the-job highway engineer and as a key administrative official, Reid has worked on every phase of the ten-year program that has given Michigan motorists 5,000 miles of new roads—made the State second to none in quantity and quality of farm-to-market roads and regional and industrial highways—and at State road to taxpayers than in any previous period.

Reid Knows the Job

Your best assurance of well-maintained streets and highways now and well-laid plans for the ones to be built when the peace is won is to continue Reid as State Highway Commissioner.

VOTE FOR GOOD ROADS MONDAY, APRIL 5

Continue **REID** STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Local 4-H Clubs To Meet at Adams

Sixteen clubs and their leaders of 4-H Clubs will meet at the Adams School on Wednesday, March 31. Exhibits of clothing, handicraft, and other preparation will be presented followed by a new movie at the Bloomfield Theatre.

The meeting will be conducted by club members in six activities relating to home conservation and salvage programs. Special recognition will be given to the club carrying out the greatest number of activities.

The exhibits will be set up from 9 to 11 a. m., judging will start at 11:15, and the movie will begin at 4:45.

Start Plans for Junior Gardens

Active preparations are being made for junior gardening this season. Representatives from the Birmingham Garden Club, Brookside, Shorwood, Vaughan, Bloomfield Village, and Wing Lake schools are working together to launch a campaign this week which will encourage every child in the district to care for a garden of some size, no matter how small.

The Institute of Science, Cranbrook, is contributing its resources to the enterprise. A simplified garden guide has been issued for children and plants are already starting in seedling boxes at Barnum and Adams schools so that children may have materials with which to work.

Questionnaires were distributed this week in some schools to determine how many children have available land, how many expect to have a garden, and how many of these gardens. Exact figures of these questionnaires will be available later.

Active garden study clubs have been organized and the techniques of vegetable gardening, including planning are being discussed. Plans are already under way for a fall planting of vegetables, flowers, and canned produce from the gardens. Encouragement will be given to children who produce results from the largest percentage of participating members.

The Difference

Father: Mother—And where is our gas this time?—It's gone.

Father: Well, if he knows as much about canoes as he thinks he does, he's out canoeing. But if he doesn't know any more about them than I think he does—he's swimming.

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