THE GARDEN

By John S. Gardner, College of Agriculture

Second Gardens I

June is the month in which is made the transition from the early garden to the second garden. This year, second gardens may become extremely important. Shortages are developing in the stores, not only of luxuries but of staples, the vegetables necessary to sustain life. This situation can change after this summer's harvest, but nobody knows that it will. Therefore, it is common sense to fill every jar, and store potatoes, carrots, beets and cabbage.

At the outset it should be said that the second garden requires as much plant food as the first, and remunerating and refertilizing should be done as when the garden was first started.

The crop that needs first attention is tomatoes, and fortunate indeed is the gardener who has 6 week-old plants to set, for he will have tomatoes for canning by late August, through September, and if he will save them from frost, fruits to ripen indoors to use until Thanksgiving or after. Plant growers who cater to the canning trade can still furnish plants, possibly a trifle over-grown, but quite usable if laid in shallow trenches, with only the tips protruding. Seed started now, but of short-season sorts (Break O' Day, Pritchard, Bonny Best and Earliana) could begin yielding fruit in September. Half the canning budget should be tomatoes.

Beans come next. Dry beans have been off the market. But any gardener can assure himself of his winter supply if he will do his planting now. There is, of course, the Mexican bean beetle to stop, but both rotenone and cryolite do that, applied on the undersides of the bean leaves, and at the first sign of the beetles' coming.

White Navy and Pinto are the usual varieties, but any other will do. A 200-foot row in a garden should produce easily 15 pounds of dry beans. Spaced at 4 inches, a pound of seed plants 200 feet.

Soil Conservation Notes

Six new cooperators have joined the Nicholas county soil conservation district during the past week. Farm plans were completed with Edgar Buckler and D. L. Baker of the East Union area, Henry Hunt, Mrs. Bertha Throckmorton, Willie Fryman and Harrison Fryman of Pleasant Valley.

Diversion ditches were constructed for Mrs. Anna C. Mann, Arthur Pumphrey, Billy Conway, G. T. Sellers, Mrs. Mary Knight Asbury and Glenn Booth.

The regular monthly meeting of the Nicholas county board of supervisors was held Saturday, June 1, at the soil conservation office.

News in the World of Religion

W. W. Reid

It can now be told: The Methodist Old People's Home in Vadso, Norway—located near Hammerfest, the most northerly city in the world—was destroyed when the Germans finally evacuated the region. Swedish Methodists, however, hearing of the disaster and the plight of the aged inmates, secured some prefabricated buildings, shipped them by boat to Hammerfest, and had them placed on concrete foundations. Thirty-four old people were thus saved and are now housed in the new buildings.

Under the auspices of the International Missionary Council, American and European churches having missions and missionaries in the Cameroons, the Belgian Congo, Angola, and French Equatorial Africa will hold a conference, planning for future work in Leopoldville, P. C., from July 13 to 24. This will be the first of several regional interdenominational conferences through which it is hoped to greatly intensify the work of Protestant missions throughout Africa.

One of many contributions to science and to human welfare made by religious objectors in military service who are housed in Civilian Public Service camps is reported from Coleville, California. During spare time, a group of CPS men built their own observatory and climatological station, a Stonebraker brushed lense at cost, funds being supplied by families and friends. Under the leadership of a trained astronomer who is also a CO, Albert Shatzel, the Coleville Observatory is providing its observations on the courses of variable stars, Sun spots, earth tremors, and weather conditions to the U. S. Weather Bureau, Mt. Wilson and Harvard Observatories, and to astronomical publications.

Appealing to the churches of the United States for generous gifts of food and clothing for the direct and indirect victims of war the world over, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America said: "It is human greed and human ignorance which keep the larder bare for hundreds of millions. The fellowship of starvation can but prepare the way for anarchy and desolation more terrible than war itself. When countless homes are blasted and destroyed, the bitter news runs corrosively at the protective walls of brotherhood. In the spiritual vacuum left by war fresh wars of hate boil up to engulf new victims. This home becomes as deep a need as bread. The rebuilding of life and home in Europe and Asia and Africa will not alone be material gifts of food and clothe and for the physical reconstruction of church institutions. It awaits as well such re-ignorance of the life of the spirit as will cause the churches to bring to bear upon the problems and issues of our time the penetrating insights of the Christian gospel."

During the first three months of 1946, the Methodist church, through its Committee on Overseas Relief, gave cash gifts and supplies of a total value of $511,509. It is reported by the chairman, Bishop Herbert Welch. The use of these gifts included the feeding of 15,000 children in Finland; sending 145 cans of flour to Greece; printing of 95,000 Bibles and 250,000 New Testaments in eight European languages; shipping of 3,765 bales of clothing to China; 1,000 pairs of shoes to children in England, 12 tons of powdered milk to China, and three tons of shoes and blankets to Poland.

Six prominent Koreans, leaders in cultural and social affairs in their native land, are now in the United States, guests of the American government, chosen by the U. S. Military Government in Korea to study American schools and related institutions so as to outline a program for Korea's schools. It is of note that all six have been students at one time or another in Christian schools in their own land or in America. Lee Yung Chun is a graduate of a Northern Presbyterian Mission school in Pyongyang, and of the University of Pittsburgh and Columbia University; Hoon Lieuin Kim studied at Asbury College, DePaul University, and Northwestern University; Miss Whang Kyung Keh has degrees from Doshisha Women's College (Japan) and from the University of Michigan, and has taught at Ewha (Christian) College. Byron B. S. Koo was educated at Pyongyang Christian School, and Emory University (M. D. degree), and was dean of Severance Union Christian Medical College, Seoul; Ki Ho Lah studied at Mount Herman (Mass.) School and Columbia University; and Chang Wook Moon was graduated from Choiers Christian College, Simpson College (Iowa), and Columbia University, and taught in the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul.

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(Laura O. Dotson, Cor.)

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Herndon of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dotson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heavy Selby and family Sunday.

Arthur F. Ogden of Pittsburg, came Saturday for a visit with his sisters, the writer and Mrs. W. E. Miller. On Tuesday of last week we went to Wilmore to see another sister, Mrs. Myrtle Arnold and to Nicholasville to visit Max Ogden and family. On our return trip we found Mrs. Arnold in Ephraim McDowell Memorial hospital, at Danville. On Thursday we, with Mrs. Rankin Hurst of Flemingsburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. John McQueen and family, and visited the Ogden Homestead where Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Guthrie now reside and went on to Bills Licks where we spent a very enjoyable time at the museum and in the park. Mr. Ogden left for his home Saturday.

Lloyd Earlywine has built a new home on the Earlywine farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson who bought the B. M. Hamm farm has built a new home for his daughter's family.

Clarence A. Jackson who is the last of the boys in service from this community to return home, is cropping on the Smith farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ritchie are on the sick list.

In our last items we congratulated Hoel Bithell a year too soon. Our mistake.

SCRUB GRASS

(James P. Minton, Cor.)

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McCord and baby of Indiana, returned home after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Bowen.

Mrs. G. C. Everett was in Mt. Sterling to welcome her new granddaughter born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Oldham. It is the third child and first daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bowles and son Bobby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James P. Minton.

Mrs. Will Stone is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tapp spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hamilton.

Mrs. Lutie Cronan and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Bowen.

Frank, Ernest and Lynn Bowles of Dayton, Ohio, spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Watkins and children, Ed Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawford, Raymond Crawford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Crawford and son Don to celebrate Don's fifth birthday.

MILLTOWN

(Mrs. Sterling Jackson, Cor.)

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Jackson were guests of Mrs. Jimmie Swange and brother Saturday.

Calvin Gordon and brother, Robert Deaton, were in Maysville a few days last week visiting their brother, Victor Deaton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ishmael were in Maysville Thursday to see his mother, Mrs. Jenny Hatfield who is in the hospital there in a serious condition.

Mrs. Warder Cooper was a guest Thursday night of her uncle, Austin Ishmael and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Flora, daughter and mother, Mrs. Kate Flora were guests Wednesday of Mrs. Mag Mitchell and son.

Miss Geneva McGlothlin and Mrs. Lucille McCarty were Wednesday guests of Mrs. Sterling Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mitchell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Mitchell and children were in Carlisle and Dayton Sunday for decoration.

Misses Virginia and Betty Mitchell spent from Tuesday until Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Paul Purcell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ishmael, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bussell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Trevi Ishmael and son were in Maysville Sunday to see their mother, Mrs. James Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Jackson were Sunday guests of Misses Alma and Elsie Ishmael and Robert Ishmael. Mrs. Warder Cooper returned home with them for a visit.

Miss Hildreth Bussell was a Sunday guest of Misses Elsie and Alma Ishmael.

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Tidbits Of Kentucky Folklore

By Dr. Gordon Wilson

Barriers Again

Many months back I discussed barriers and boundaries in several articles, some of which had to do with my own being fenced in as a child by the rail fences, as had people who lived in sight of my house were perfect strangers to me. In spite of the great progress made in the years since I left Fidelity, much of what I said remains true for many places in the world today. Particularly is this true where great rivers are concerned.

Recently spoke before two county teachers' meetings in southern Indiana. Both counties have for their southern boundary the Ohio River; one of the county seat towns where I spoke is right on a bluff overlooking the river and the Kentucky shore. But until just before the war came on, there was no bridge across the Ohio for miles and miles up and down the river; twenty years ago there was only one bridge, for that matter, across the Ohio from its mouth to Louisville. These two Indiana counties in many ways are as separated from Kentucky, or were until recently, as they would be if they were located a hundred miles away. One just did not cross the Ohio River until lately unless he had particular business. Similarly, our Kentuckians stayed on their side of the river. Since early pioneer times the two states have sat looking at each other across a half mile or more of water and have developed in their separate ways.

Ordinarily we think of barriers in terms of ignorance or shiftlessness. Now the two counties I visited and the two Kentucky counties opposite are among the best-fixed farming counties in America. No primitiveness is responsible for their not knowing each other better. The Ohio River made it necessary to limit traveling on that side. Being in different states, the people went to their own county seat or their nearest big town, though they might have been in sight of a large Kentucky or Indiana city. Slightly different laws and terms became fixed in the minds of the people: Indiana-teachers hold licenses, Kentucky teachers certificates; we have magisterial districts, they have subdivisions both of us have ruled by judges and county school superintendents and jailers, but a treasurer and an auditor as offices seem strange to most of us. But since Indiana, like Kentucky, grew up as a colony of Virginia, the county seat itself, especially in southern Indiana, is an important institution, with the courthouse as its symbol. Like us, the Hoosiers, except those who live in big cities, are likely to say that they are from Spencer or Warrick or Perry county rather than from Harrison Township. Because their education has come much more directly from the Middle West than has ours, their pronunciations are likely to be a little more articulate and also their rate of speaking a little faster, though in many ways we are startlingly alike.

Now here is a great problem to engage the attention of younger people for the next three or four decades: just what effect will our present Indiana-Kentucky bridges, and those that may latter be built; have on the speech and customs of people on both sides of the Ohio? Local speech differences are certainly disappearing rapidly everywhere, because of travel and the radio. Unless some pedant exerts more influence than pedants have ever yet used to prevent our talking like, there will surely be few recognizable differences between a good Hoosier on his side of the Ohio and an equally good Kentuckian on his.

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WAKE UP KENTUCKY

By Ewing Galloway

If all the rest of its work for the general betterment of the state were overlooked, the Committee for Kentucky's part in getting the rural school tax law revived upward from 75 cents on the $100 worth of assessed property to $1.50 would justify a dozen times the organization's existence. A salute to the 1946 Kentucky legislature!

The Committee, in its recommendations in Dr. Maurice P. Seay's, sensational booklet on Kentucky's educational system, set a nine-months term as a goal for all the rural schools in the state.

A 9 months term in all of the remote rural counties is a little too much to expect for the 1946-47 school year, but progress to date indicates that more than half the counties will achieve what all friends of better schools for country children have been hoping for these many years.

Just before sitting down to a typewriter to do this weekly column I called up Carl Vincent, Henderson county superintendent, and asked him what had been done by the school board.

"The term for rural grade schools has been increased from 7 to 9 months," Vincent replied, "Grade schools will have the same term the rural high schools have. The board lifted the tax rate from 75 cents to $1.25."

Hopkins is another county down our way that has increased the term of rural grade schools to nine months.

In the near future I'll get a complete check-up on the state from State Superintendent J. Fred Williams.

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