IN THE HOME GARDEN

with Walter C. Hand

THEIR heroic efforts rewarded with Victory, thousands upon thousands of Canada's gallant sons will be returning to that one spot in all the world which has'ever been foremost in their thoughts since they went away to battle a ruthless enemy which threatened that beloved haven—Home—and all it means to free men.

Already they are dreaming of the luscious vegetables which will be awaiting them on their return—delicacies which they have been deprived of for so long.

With the folk at home, therefore, Victory gardening should be the one of this year's work. The appeal made by the dominion department of agriculture that every vegetable garden planted last year should be planted again, cannot be denied, for months which have been absent from the family table for so long will again be there to enjoy tempting produce from the home lot.

And while the growing of vegetable should be the first concern of the home gardener in 1945, the old home should at the same time be looking at its gayest "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home."

Every home, therefore, should have its gay floral display, for flowers have a welcoming force perhaps unexcelled by anything else in the world. Come what may, every home should add to the welcome to our victorious troops through the medium of colorful displays of flowers.

Victory Garden Floral Borders

Victory garden borders, in front of the vegetable rows, and along the garden paths, can be planted attractively with dwarf plants which "stay-put" and can be relied upon not to interfere with work among the vegetables.

Sweet Alyssum is deservedly popular for its snowy carpet of fragrant blossoms. The dark purple Alyssum Violet Queen is equally attractive, and white and violet plants can be alternated with good effect.

Dwarf Ageratums and Lobelias make bushy plants covered with blue-lavender flowers which combine with all other colors and enhance their beauty. The English Daisies (bellis perennis) are double flowers of white, red and pink borne on bushy eight-inch plants.

The dainty blue, rose and white blooms of the Swan River Daisy are material for a beautiful border. The dwarf Candytuffts are rivals of the Alyssum for snowy whiteness as well as giving beautiful shades of lilac and carmine.

A tiny Marigold, Tagetes signata pumila, bearing myriads of brilliant orange flowers above fern-like sweet-scented foliage, is a handsome border plant making a solid miniature flowering hedge.

Try These Dwarf Subjects

Other good dwarfs are:

Antirrhinum (Snapdragon) "Magic Carpet"—Eight inches tall. All Snapdragon colors mixed.

California Poppy (Eschscholtzia)—Dwarf erect varieties: soft apricot; double rose; deep scarlet; frilled mixed.

Calliopsis (Tickseed) — Dwarf mixed in shades of maroon, garnet and yellow.

Cosmos Sensation—Grows five feet tall and bears flowers of dark red, white and pink measuring three inches across. Its fernlike foliage is decorative.

Petunias — Martha Washington, Betsy Ross, Cream Star, Rose Gem.

Portulaca (Moss Rose)—All warm colors.

Verbena (Dwarf varieties)—All verbena colors.

Viscaria (Catchfly) Thumb or dwarf sorts—Rose, white, blue.

Zinnia linearis—Golden orange.

Ornamental Plants

Great interest in ornamental plants is being shown by Victory gardeners this year. Many are planning borders and backgrounds of flowers to set off their attractive rows of garden vegetables.

Where screens and background planting is desired quickly and cheaply the Castor Bean and annual plants which can produce both.

Largest of all is the Castor Bean. From one small bean can be grown a beautiful plant six feet tall and as much in diameter. The foliage is large and of a bronze or maroon tone.

The fire-leaved Fire Plant, Kochia tricophylla, makes a miniature tree of bright yellow green leaves which in late summer turn to crimson. It is even more handsome in its green than in its red form and can be pruned to make a low hedge. The Coleus, the old-fashioned plant our grandmothers delighted to grow in the house, can be grown outdoors in a variety of brilliant coloring.

For Sunny Locations

In hot, sunny locations, Amaranthus tricolor, often called Joseph's Coat after the Biblical story of the coat of many colors, will attain its finest coloring. The inner foliage is of "blackest" bronze, tipped with green, the outer bright scarlet and gold.

Heavy-leaved plants should be relieved by those of finer character in the border. Some of the ornamental grasses are useful for this purpose and are often seen associated with Cannas, Castor Beans, or the Elephant-Ear Caladium.

The ornamental grasses, both annual and perennial, give excellent decorative effects. The pennisetums, Pampas grass (erianthus) and eulalia with green and white leaves are all attractive.

L.-CPL. FREDERICK L. HARPER has been grounded in Holland, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Mary Harper, of Pepuis, Man. This is the third time he has been wounded. Born and educated at Pepuis, he enlisted in the P.P.C.L.I. in April, 1943, and left for overseas in the fall of the same year. He has two brothers serving overseas, Spr. John Robert, and Cpl. David Harper.

Liberals For Reform, Says Miss Lockhart

"It is because the Liberal government has been liberalistic as well as idealistic, that young people who are now casting their first ballot, will cast it for a Liberal candidate," said Miss Helen Lockhart, in a radio talk over CKY Friday evening.

"The Liberal party has been the reform party of Canada. It has been the inheritor of the tradition of British Liberalism. It has been the pioneer in economic and social reform. It was a Liberal government that inaugurated the era of modern social reform," said the speaker.

She traced the history of the Liberal party from the days of the grandfather of the present prime minister, through the introduction of free trade, the fight for self-government through the establishment of Canadian autonomy, through its labor legislation to the present National Housing scheme and the successful waging of the war.

"The record of what the Liberal party has done in the past is the best guarantee of what it will continue to do in the future if given a clear and decisive mandate by the Canadian people. Let us carry on with a man and with a party to whom the democratic tradition is a part of their being, who believes that Canadians require neither the dictatorship of the right nor of the left."

BEN DEAN.

president of the Kiwanis International, will be the principal speaker at an inaugural meeting sponsored by the Kiwanis club of Winnipeg, Mr. Dean, who comes from Grand Rapids, Mich., will address members after a luncheon which will be held at the Royal Alexandra hotel, May 30.

Fort Garry Organizes Home-School Group

The organization meeting of the Fort Garry Home and School association, formed under the auspices of the Fort Garry Ratepayers' association, was held in the Parish hall of St. Paul's Anglican church Monday evening. Mr. Kendell Norton acting as chairman and Mrs. A. Savage as secretary. The following offices were elected: President, George Butcher; vice-presidents, Jas. H. Gayton and Gordon Laidlaw; secretary, J. W. Greenlaw; treasurer, Mrs. J. Welsh; executive, Mrs. W. Welsh, Mrs. J. L. Fox, Mrs. Vic Johnson, Mrs. Ralph Maybank, Mrs. T. L. DeWet, Miss E. Hansford, Dr. and Mrs. George B. McTavish, South Drive.

As a first activity, it was decided to arrange a silver tea to raise funds to assist in improving the school playgrounds equipment. This will be held in General Steele school, June 1, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Gordon McTavish, R.C.N.V.R., is spending his furlough with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. George B McTavish, South Drive.

The Fort Garry Ladies' auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., will meet in the municipal hall, Perchbiah highway, Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The W.A. of St. Paul's Anglican church will meet at the home of Mrs. W. Martin, 1033 Byng place, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clarke, Buxton road, who have spent a holiday at Minneapolis, will arrive home this week-end.

Flt. Lt. Lawrence Gunn Arrives From Overseas

FL. Lawrence Gunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gunn, 522 Beresford avenue, arrived in Winnipeg Friday morning after serving three years overseas as a navigator with the R.C.A.F. He was met by his family and his English wife, formerly of Leeds, who arrived earlier in the week from England.

6 Manitobans Out Of Prison Camps

Six Manitoba homes breathed easier this week with the arrival of news that men recently liberated from prisoner-of-war camps in Germany, were safe in the United Kingdom.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Cawson, of Mapleton, Manitoba, received the word Thursday that their son, Flt.-Lieut. Charles A. Cawson was liberated from Stalag Luft I and safe in England. He was reported missing March 18, 1944, and was imprisoned in a German camp. His parents received word from him in the mately 400 children, ranging from eaten June 12.

PO. Max Chisick cabled his wife, Thursday that he had been liberated and is in England. Reported missing November 1, 1942, he was reported a prisoner January 7.

Flt.-Lieut. Lloyd Geddes, prisoner in Stalag Luft III, since June 1, 1942, is now in England, according to word received by his sister, Mrs. R. A. Glendinning, of Selkirk, Man. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Geddes, reside at Grenfell, Sask. A brother, Flt.-Lieut. Ross, who has completed a tour of operations, is doing transport duty from England.

PO. Robert Gelfand, missing June 15, 1944, was reported a prisoner of war in Germany last March, is now in England, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gelfand, 546 Aikens street. PO. Gelfand has been overseas since August, 1943.

Flt.-Lieut. Jack Scott, of 659 Garfield street is in England, and in excellent health, according to a cable reaching his wife Thursday morning. He enlisted in December, 1941, and has been a prisoner at Stalag III since last January.

J. K. B. Turner, Norwood received word that his son Caninin J. A. Turner has been liberated from Stalag VII B., and is in England. He went overseas with the Q.O.C.H. in June, 1940 and was taken prisoner at Dieppe.

Jap War Biggest Issue, Says Maybank

The Jap war is the most important question before the government, Ralph Maybank, Liberal candidate in Winnipeg South Centre, said at a meeting in the St. James business college, Thursday evening. "It has well been said in a Free Press editorial that we are not out of the war yet. Our first consideration must be to defeat the Japs. One thing the people of Winnipeg will never forget is that Hong Kong must be avenged."

Second to the Jap war came employment and social legislation, Mr. Maybank continued. "We have reduced bank interest which should encourage investment in industry, resulting in employment. The home improvement plan will aid people to improve their homes, and we have a model housing set for new homes and slum clearance."

Further tax reductions would give Canadians more spending money, and thus stimulate employment, he added.

A. D. Maynard and Harry W. Davey were joint chairmen.

English Urges Strong Canadian Initiative

For the achievement of full employment at fair wages, strengthening of the Canadian tradition of initiative, and individual enterprise and opportunity, was advocated by W. J. English, Progressive Conservative candidate for North Winnipeg, in his address Thursday over CKRC.

Recognition must be given, he continued, to the workers-on-their-own, who lack the benefit of organization to protect their interests, and a way found to protect their interests.

Canada offers opportunities for advancement and security unequalled by any other nation, Mr. English pointed out. Since the destruction of war will result in colossal demands for goods, and the materials we have in abundance, and we must utilize these opportunities to provide gainful employment for every person willing to work," he said.

Group Captain McNab Back In Canada Again

Back in Canada again, for the second time since the start of the war, Group Captain Ernie McNab of Saskatoon, and "sometimes claimed by Regina," arrived at the station, Friday morning. Group Captain McNab took the No. 1 fighter squadron of the R.C.A.F. into action in September, 1940.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and achieved a name as the man who shot the first plane down over Britain.

Firecracker Death

Coventry, May 18. (BUP)—Edward Thomas Brooks, 51, chief air raid defence messenger who survived the terrific bombing of Coventry, died from the effects of a wound received when a firecracker exploded near him during a V-E day celebration, a coroner's jury decided today.

The writers' group of the Poetry Society of Winnipeg held its annual dinner at Moore's restaurant. When reports were read and the following officers re-elected: Convener, Mrs. M. Virtue; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Waller. A presentation was made to Mrs. Irene Chapman Benson in appreciation of her work in an advisory capacity.

BRIDGE

AMONG LOCAL PLAYERS

C. L. MORLEY was elected president of the Free Press Bridge club at the annual meeting recently. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, J. M. Mutchenson; secretary, Ernie White; treasurer, J. A. Quinn; statistician and tournament director, Ed Carstens.

Dr. William Hilton and J. A. Quinn won the club championship for the season with a average of 56.07.

Fort Rouge, 12-table Mitchell, N.-S.: Mrs. C. A. Hall-A, J. Robertson 161, 21.6, 183.6; Mrs. E. Milligan-Mrs. Eiranson, 161, 9.2, 170.2; Mrs. A. E. Newbound-A, R. Pilkington, 149, 10.5, 159.5. E.-W.: Miss J. Pollock-Mrs. T. Donaldson, 153.5, 15.5, 169.3; Miss M. Willmott-Miss C. McArthur, 154.3, 10.5, 165; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rogers, 143.5, 7.3, 151.4.

Winnipeg, 4½-table Mitchell, N.-S.: Mrs. H. A. Stokes-Mrs. C. E. McPherson, 40, 5.25, 45.25; Mrs. A. J. Richards-R. H. Bissett, 41.5, 1.87, 43.37. E.-W.: Miss Gladys Thomson-W. J. Hogan, 38.5, 3, 42.5; Mrs. Harold Milnes-Jack Klein, 38.5, 3, 39.5.

St. Vital, 7-table Howell: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hack, 95.5, 5.5, 101; W. A. McConnell-L. R. Mitchell, 95.5, 5.5, 101; Mr. and Mrs. A. Dyer, 88, 10.9, 88.9.

U.S. Combat Casualties Near 1,000,000 Mark

Washington, May 18. (AP)—American combat casualties since the United States entered the war have climbed to within 14,000 of the 1,000,000 mark, the army and navy reported yesterday.

Under-Secretary of War Patterson placed the army's losses at 878,639 on the basis of reports through May 7 and covering fighting to about the middle of April. The navy added 107,273 to make the aggregate 986,214, an increase of 13,580 over last week's report.

A breakdown on army casualties in all theatres:

Killed, 179,854; wounded, 544,249; missing, 66,684; prisoners, 89,152.

The navy: Killed, 41,986; wounded, 50,421; missing, 10,620; prisoners, 4,248.

London Casualties

London, May 18. (CP) — Home Secretary Herbert Morrison said yesterday London suffered 80,387 civilian casualties during the war. Of these 39,860 were killed and 50,497 were injured seriously enough to require hospital detention.

Some of her impressions of Canada, including amusing phrases, fast-moving trains and bright sunshine formed the topic of an address, which Mrs. April McIlhagga, president of the British War Brides association, gave to the Kiwanis club, St. Boniface, Thursday, at their luncheon meeting in the Nicolett hotel.

Attitude To Germans Unrelenting

Peace Is Belligerent Is Britain's Thinking

By J. A. M. COOK
Free Press War Correspondent

London, May 18. (By Special Cable) — A steady belligerent looking peace with tommy guns and howitzers is infiltrating into British thinking. It's a steady business of adjusting wartime energies to peacetime targets which somehow, don't seem changed much from wartime ones.

You could hardly say that peace has broken out in a rush, because some ways it is almost as if we were still at war. It is a hard-to-define peace with an unrelenting attitude about the guilty Germans.

Of course there is some personal feeling of the absence of immediate danger to life and limb, and newspapers are playing up the dangers and risks of jaywalking and carefree cycling.

Nazi Leader Treatment

There seems a wide determination to fight on through peace and great annoyance caused by radio broadcasts which give audiences to defeated Nazi leaders, as well as pictures of Goering, dining very well.

This is the most widely discussed topic in all Britain. Opinion seems to be that enemy leaders should be held incommunicado and be given no voice on the air or in the press until they are given trial as war criminals. "No other accused criminal would be given similar opportunity," says one veteran correspondent. I must say there are no more bloodthirsty people in all the land than some correspondents.

At a meeting the other day of empire correspondents, all, except the Indians, seemed quite ready to serve on firing squads to settle Goering and Doenitz.

"Werewolves" have become tearwolves" is a phrase attributed to Brendan Bracken. The British feel that Germans are deliberately setting out to beg for world sympathy.

Play For Sympathy

Some correspondents say Germans should be kept off the air and their statements and pictures rigidly censored with a view to avoiding any play for sympathy.

Our approach to all-out peace bristles with guns. Our guard is up and it looks as if we'd fight through it to the last against Nazism.

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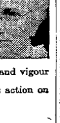

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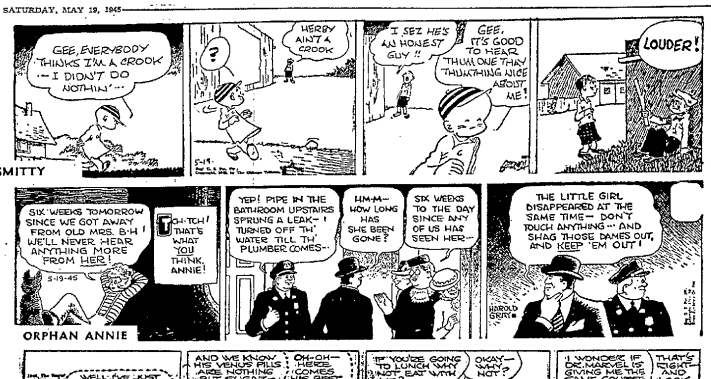

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