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**"And The Star Spangled Banner Forever Shall Wave,
O'er The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave."**

HOW ABOUT YOUR WAR GARDEN?

Grow a garden!
If you haven't the land or the time for a big garden, grow a little one.

"Many mickles make a muckle," the Scotch say. A thousand little gardens are not only equal to, but are a great deal better than a hundred big ones.

Much that is grown in a big garden is wasted. There will be too much of this and it will rot, or an oversupply of that will go to seed.

All that is grown in a little garden is used. The radishes are numbered and the cucumbers are counted—and eaten. And a little garden can be used intensively.

The time for talking about growing a garden has passed. Planting time is here. Plant the things the family like, and things of the sort that all which cannot be eaten can be canned.

Keep this in mind: An idle plat of land this year will be a reflection on its owner. If the owner cannot use it for a garden himself, let him rent, or lend, it to some one who will.

Make every square yard of earth do its duty toward winning the war.

LEND, OR GERMANY WILL TAKE

Governor Frank O. Lowden has issued the following official appeal to the people for the Third Liberty Loan:

"Can anyone now doubt that if we do not loan our money to the Government the German Empire will take it from us?"

"It is no longer a question of what we ought to lend, but what we can lend.

"We are the richest nation on the globe, but our title to every dollar of our wealth is challenged by our enemies.

"Better, far better, that we should pour it out to the last dollar in defense of our liberties than that it should remain to become the spoil of German conquest.

"At this moment, maybe, many of our boys are offering their all in the greatest battle of history. Shall we not loan our money to the cause for which they give their lives?"

The Downers Grove Committee's Appeal is that you subscribe now and at home. Every dollar invested in Chicago by local people means so much less for us.

BUY YOUR COAL NOW SAYS FUEL ADMINISTRATION

Unless Mines are Kept Running This Summer by Orders the Suffering of Last Winter Will be Repeated

1. Order your coal at once.
2. Place your order for your entire year's need.
3. If your order is not accepted, report to your local fuel Chairman at once.

If you want coal next winter, those are the three things to do to get it. The Fuel Administration will not hold itself responsible for the fuel supply of the state unless it is laid in now.

If you have storage space for your years supply take it all now. Fill up every space you can with coal, until you have enough to keep you warm until March 31st next.

The railroads were unable to handle the coal that was needed during last winter. If you want coal next winter, you'll have to get it now. If you order now and take the coal as soon as you can get it, the mines will be kept running this summer, and there will be coal enough to go around.

In order to prevent the dealers from playing favorites, and giving some of their customers all the coal they order and others none, the Fuel Administration has ordered the dealers of the state not to deliver to any customer more than two-thirds of his total requirements of anthracite until all customers have that much.

They can then deliver what is left over, until each of their customers have enough to last them until March 31, 1919.

Where not more than four tons of anthracite are used during the whole year, the whole order may be filled at once.

The amount of anthracite coal which each dealer is to get has been fixed and there is small chance of it being increased.

There will be almost no coke in Illinois for domestic use and no Pocahontas coal, and consumers who have relied on them would be wise to place their orders for Illinois coal at once.

Illinois will get no soft coal produced east of Indiana. The movement of Indiana coal into Illinois is restricted to the Eastern part of the state only. The consumer, therefore, must be prepared to accept such soft coal from the dealer as the dealer has been able to secure from the producer.

Dealers' Regulations for Sale and Distribution of Anthracite Coal, Season of 1918-1919; for Illinois outside of Cook County.

April 1, 1918
Inasmuch as the allotment of anthracite coal to the State of Illinois is strictly limited, being based on the consumption for the year ending March 31, 1917, and inasmuch as the available supply must be shared by the users of anthracite who have been previously dependent on this kind of fuel, it therefore becomes imperative that rigid restrictions be imposed on the sale of anthracite in order that it may be so handled as to work the least hardship and the greatest attainable justice to the consuming public. Among the restrictions decided on for the State of Illinois, outside of Cook County are the following:

The necessities of war require the restriction of the available supply of anthracite to those who have formerly used it, and it is not practicable at this time to extend its consumption to those who hitherto used "smokeless" or other kinds of soft coal. The claims to be recognized in the distribution of anthracite, therefore, must

be limited to those who have been hitherto dependent on hard coal.

Previous users of anthracite desiring a supply for the current year shall be required to sign a statement certifying to their actual consumption in the year ending March 31, 1917; they shall also state the amount required to satisfy the needs of their immediate households for the year ending March 31, 1919, together with such other information as may be required in the blank offered them for signature. The answers must be certified to by the applicant, who, for willful misrepresentation, shall be subject to the penalties of the Lever Act. (Those who were not users of anthracite during the year ending March 31, 1917, but have become so since that time, may use the consumption of the year ending March 31, 1918, as the basis of annual requirements, and may so indicate in filling out their statements.)

The requirements thus certified to shall be dealt with by the dealer in the following manner:

Those amounting to more than four tons shall be delivered in installments of which the first installment shall be four tons, which shall be supplied to all accredited customers before further deliveries can be made. Succeeding installments shall be delivered in amounts proportionate to the size of the order, each customer in his turn being supplied fairly and equitably until the amount due him under the Washington plan has been delivered. Where consumers place their orders with two or more dealers the combined deliveries shall conform to foregoing instructions.

The following is a quotation from the Washington regulation of March 8, 1918, on the subject of anthracite distribution:

"Every consumer should be urged on or before April 1, 1918, to place with his regular dealer his order for his reasonable normal requirements for the year ending March 31, 1919. Such orders must be made in writing and must state substantially the information called for in Regulation C hereinafter set forth. When such orders have been entered, the dealers shall proceed to make deliveries thereon until each consumer, willing to accept the same, has received two-thirds of his normal annual requirements, provided that orders of six tons (altered to four tons by the State Administrator) or under may be filled in full. When all consumers who are willing to accept it, have received two-thirds of their normal annual requirements, the dealers may proceed to fill the balance of such orders up to normal annual requirements of each consumer. (The provision for two-thirds delivery should apply only to anthracite. With respect to bituminous for domestic use, the dealer may proceed to deliver the consumer's normal annual requirements.) If a consumer already has a quantity on hand he shall receive only such additional amount as shall make up his normal annual requirements."

In rare and exceptional cases, when necessary to prevent injury to health or other serious hardship, the local Fuel Administrator may issue special permits to unaccredited parties needing anthracite, allowing the receipt of a stipulated amount of hard coal, which permit shall set forth the reason for the grant, and which shall be revocable at will.

The following regulations have been established by the United States Fuel Administration:

"Until further notice no domestic consumer of coal or coke shall purchase, receive, or otherwise take possession of, more coal or coke than is required for his actual and necessary requirements prior to March 31, 1919. If such consumer already has a quantity on hand he shall receive only such additional amount as shall make up the actual and necessary requirements prior to that date.

"No person, firm, association or corporation, whether acting alone or in conjunction with others, shall, directly or indirectly, provide any domestic consumer of coal or coke with more coal or coke before March 31, 1919, than is necessary, with the amount already on hand, to meet the actual and necessary requirements of such consumer prior to that date."

It is expected that dealers will order from former sources and connections, as it is the policy, as far as practicable, to distribute coal through the same channels of trade as are already established.

A person moving from one neighborhood to another and occupying a house which has hitherto been regularly heated by means of a permanent anthracite equipment will be entitled to the usual needful supply of anthracite coal, subject to the approval of the local fuel administrator. Should there be any question of difference as to whether an applicant is entitled to anthracite supply, under the provisions of this order, the difference shall be settled by decision of the local fuel administration committee.

It is suggested that consumers who may not be able to secure their full requirements of anthracite should supply their deficiency by using Illinois coal during the milder part of the season, reserving their anthracite for the severe weather. It may be observed here that Pocahontas or other smokeless coal has been barred by government order from entering this zone for domestic use.

The price on anthracite coal has been reduced 30 cents per ton at the mine, effective from April 1, 1918, to September 1, 1918. The freight rate from anthracite fields has been advanced

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ced 15 cents, which will make the net summer reduction to consumers 15 cents per ton.

By order of Washington, carload lots shall not be delivered to a single domestic consumer or to a group of consumers, except with the permission of the State Fuel Administrator.

Any dealer or consumer who violates the foregoing regulations will be subject to the penalties prescribed by the Lever Act.

This order goes into effect on April 1, 1918, and no deliveries may be made thereafter on orders taken prior to that date, except in accordance with the instructions embodied herein, including the signing of the consumer's statement.

John E. Williams,
U. S. Fuel Administrator for Illinois,
120 W. Adams St. Chicago.

LOCAL MILITIA COMPANY NEEDS MORE RECRUITS

Another call for men has been made. This time it is not the Government who is calling for fighting men but the state and the call has come through Captain Balczynski of Company H. I. R. M. for many more recruits for the local militia unit.

There are now quite a few vacancies. Several enlistments, boys going to the farms, the draft, moving away from town and physical rejection, all these have contributed to thinning out the ranks until barely a skeleton of the organization is left.

We now have a military unit of which the entire village can take pride. The boys are well officered, well drilled and have that certain nameless esprit de corps, which is so hard to attain and priceless once it is attained.

It is hardly possible that Downers Grove will let this company deteriorate for the lack of men. Some who have been approached have refused because they did not wish to go in green with the rest of the men already drilled. This should not stop recruits now because if volunteers will come forward in sufficient numbers they will be drilled independent of the rest until they have reached a state of proficiency which will allow them to be assimilated by the different squads.

This is an appeal to patriotism as well as the Liberty Loan, Red Cross and others.

See a member of Company H, now, you know who they are, and put in your application for enlistment. The men are needed and needed bad.

Enlist!



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