

GARDENS AND WAR

By E. W. Wortley

Winnetka heard many useful hints about War Gardens at a Patriotic meeting on Easter Sunday evening, at Community House. After the Invocation by the Reverend March Chase, the chairman, William Miller, read a letter from the French Food controller to America's Four-Minute Men, on the Allies' need of our food supplies. The practical means of doing this is by planting War Gardens. The method was ably explained by J. H. Prost, Director of the Garden campaign of the State Council of Defense. The important points are:

1. Location. General: rood should be produced near the point of consumption to avoid using car space. Plant your garden where the light and drainage are good.
2. Plan your garden not only to yield food but to be ornamental.
3. Soil. Winnetka soil needs more humus (decayed vegetable matter). Conserve your drainage, garbage and manures to make "compost", and grind up your leaves to make fertilizer, instead of burning them.
4. Tilling. Plow to a depth of 10 inches, a week before planting. Our best time for planting is about May 1.
5. Seeds. Plant what you like best, for this climate suits most vegetables. Permanent beds of asparagus, rhubarb and strawberries are recommended, and should lie in an undisturbed part of the garden. Root crops are also advised.
6. Cultivation. Mulch (covering of straw, etc.) is desirable to prevent surface evaporation, the moisture will be drawn off mainly through the plant, which is necessary for its health. Cultivate between the rows. Water in the morning, for fungus diseases develop over night, especially on top vegetables (tomatoes, etc). Be careful not to wash off pollen from flowering vegetables by a heavy stream, for this prevents fertilization.

Director Prost concludes his valuable lecture by showing pictures of gardens, and suggested that children plant fruit trees on Arbor Day. Miller said that the plan of the War Emergency Union for the Garden campaign is this:

1. All land available for gardens is to be used.
2. Anyone wishing to work a garden may thus secure land.
3. The produce will belong to the producer.
4. "Get-together" meetings of the gardeners will enable them to "swap" experiences.
5. The Village will be districted for the campaign.

Duncan-Clark Speaks

A jackie sextet entertained before the program. The chairman asked owners of baseball gloves, bats, etc., to send them to Camp Grant. He then introduced a most effective and brilliant speaker, S. J. Duncan-Clark, whose daily "Analysis of War News" is familiar to readers of the Chicago Evening Post. He "brought down" the house by announcing that the last dispatches of Easter news show that the tide is turning on the western front. The offensive proves that Germany, contrary to our expectations, does wish a military decision, not merely a military demonstration. The Kaiser himself is in command, which argues expectations of victory. The drive at the junction of the British and French lines, presumably the weakest point, has indeed "broken through the line"—but only the line of defenses, never the human line. So long as the human line holds, victory is impossible to the Hun.

"The advice of our military experts was the final argument for the establishment of a supreme military council, he declared. "The army of manoeuvre", provided for by this council, may at any time be launched against the foe. General Pershing's offer of his army to General Foch last week ended a parley on the advisability of appointing a generalissimo with authority comparable to von Hindenburg's. General Foch's brilliant record qualifies him for this trust. Thus it is on America's plan that we fight. And consequently America owes a heavy obligation to win on that plan.

The civilian's obligation is no less important than the soldier's—is to combat the "psychological submarine" or enemy propaganda by keeping informed, by reading, not headlines, but books. "The only protection against mental as is knowledge". Knowledge of the methods of German diplomats notably the three chancellors and Count Czernin, will guard us against supposing that Vienna could or would break with

North Shore Sculptress Brings Joy to U. S. Men

Boys "Over There" Made Happy through Work of Miss. Grace Gassette

From a former Wilmette resident, the mother of Grace Gassette, sculptress, who dropped the chisel at the call of war, and directed her genius to the making of surgical appliances for wounded soldiers, comes a letter written to local Red Cross workers, that reveals a spirit as tireless in the cause of humanity as that of her daughter.

"We are so proud of our country," she writes. "Not a day passes that some French person does not congratulate this country and us, upon the coming of the new Ally to whom we are all looking to say the last word and strike the last blow for the world's salvation. I tell you that American 'stock' has no fluctuation these days—it is at the highest point and stands stationary.

Comfort U. S. Men

"So much has been said and written about our American boys being homesick and for the want of better company seeking out undesirable companions, that we decided to try an experiment and give them a chance to meet really nice French and American girls and have a free and enjoyable time. This experiment has been successful and we shall continue as long as there seems to be a demand for it. Being in the studio it is much less formal than in a home and the boys feel at ease. . . . You may assure any soldier coming over, of a hearty welcome. . . . We are keeping a register of the boys, with their personal home address, as well as their military address. Thus we may some time be a medium of communication between them and their friends at home.

Work becomes Popular

"This corrective branch of service (referring to her daughter's appliances) is every day being more valued and recognized, and is already placed second to none in its importance by the French government. We hope that when our American surgeons begin to need it, they too, will

Berlin and make a separate peace. After the failure of the military drive we may certainly expect an apparently plausible peace "drive". But the only answer to German diplomacy, men and women, is the answer of the men in khaki!" "It will be time to talk peace when Pershing goes to Potsdam!"

Notice:— There will be a Patriotic Rally next Sunday to celebrate the entrance of America into the war.

endorse it; never, I suppose, in the history of the world have such great numbers of human bodies been left so torn and mutilated. We are spending our days in helping our poilus, most of whom have fought all the battles they ever will fight, and we want also to do something for our very own, who are coming to take their places."

The Gassettes formerly were residents of Wilmette, and many former friends on the north shore are watching with keen interest and pride, the work of the sculptress among the war sufferers and soldiers in France.

NORTH SHORE GARDENS

Garden Workers

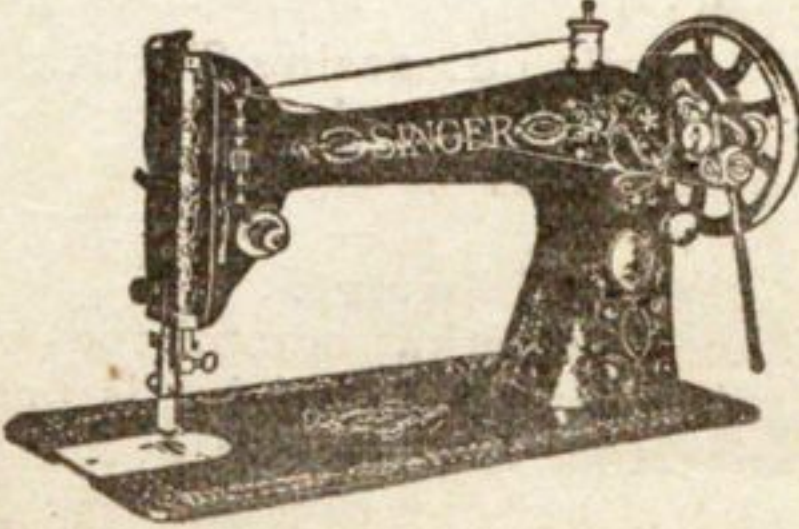
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