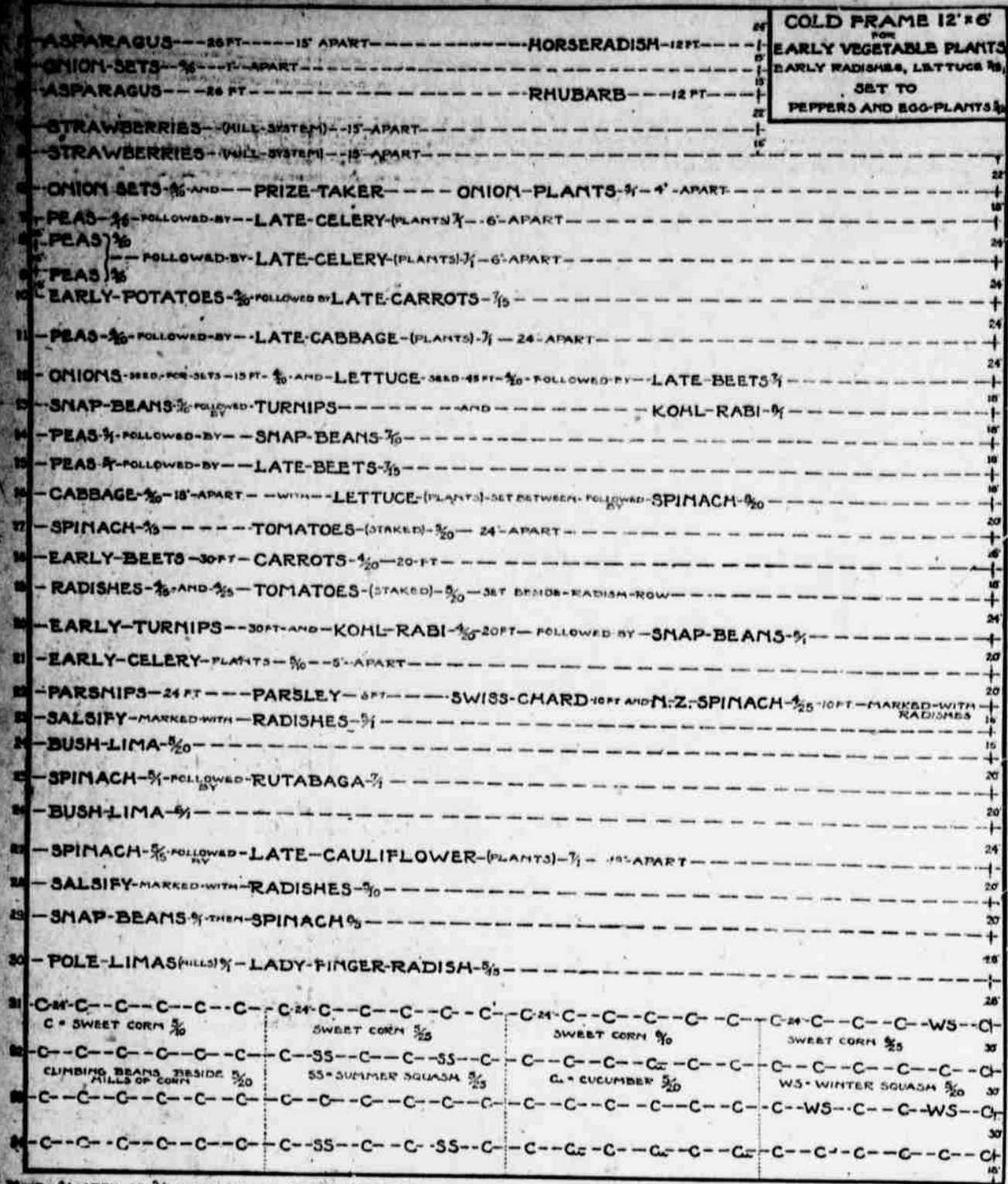


PLAN FOR GARDEN PLOT 50 BY 60 FEET



NOTE: 1/2 APRIL 10, 1/2 MAY 1, ETC.—APPROXIMATE PLANTING FOR CENTRAL PA.; SOUTHERN PA. 10 DAYS TO 2 WEEKS EARLIER.  
 Plan designed by John H. Bechtel for State College is intended to be suggestive. Exact distances between rows will vary, with limitations, according to intensity of culture. Closer planting will result in increased labor and care. Planting dates indicated are approximate. Seeds required will cost approximately \$4.25. Early plants would cost about \$2.25. This does not include perennial crops and strawberries. Vegetables to value of \$6.00 to \$100 should be produced from such a garden.

GOOD GARDENING LOCATION DESIRABLE, BUT NOT ESSENTIAL

Latitude of Choice Not Always Large in City Yards or Suburban Plots—Fancy Site Not Necessary for Success—Cultivation the Important Factor

By JOHN BARTRAM

Location of the garden is a more or less important consideration. That is, if there is any choice in the matter, it is wisest to select a site after well defined rules. But in most suburban places and in any city backyard one must take what is there and do the best with one's resources. Suburban premises do not allow any great choice in locating the truck patch, and still less is it possible for the city man to be a dictator.

Gardens, however, can be carefully planned in the beginning, and this will mean much saving of time and labor in later attention. There can be some leeway in the direction of running rows, for instance. But even if the location will have to be taken for granted as it stands, this must not be discouraging to the extent of abandoning garden plans. You can have a garden with any "exposure," only you must take the factor of exposure into calculation in solving your gardening question. You must watch a little more, that is all, unless you have a barn, garage, board fence or wall to break the force of adverse and cold winds. Without it is wiser to delay planting—set until the weather is well settled, and this means slightly later crops.

But if it is possible to select an "early" exposure for the garden plot. This means an exposure to the south or the southeast. Such an exposure gets the benefit of the early morning sun and is out of the blast of the cold winds of early spring and the equally disastrous winds of the autumn. If the exposure is to the west or northwest it is possible to facilitate earliness of crops by having a windbreak of some sort. This breaks the drift of cold winds from hostile quarters. A tall growing hedge of privet or a windbreak of arbor vitae, hemlock or osage orange is suitable.

MAKE LOCATION HANDY  
 It is best to locate the garden as near as conditions permit to the house. The closer at hand the fewer steps will be required, which means a great time saving when leisure for gardening is limited. Proximity to the house need not be

avoided because of unsightliness. A garden that one may be proud of and that will excite the admiration of passers-by is just as easy to maintain as one that is unkempt, and is much more profitable.

Tall growing flowers, such as cosmos, hollyhocks or dahlias, may be planted for a screen. Or a hardy shrubbery border will make a permanent screen. With lilacs, rose of Sharon (althaea), deutzia, forsythia, mock orange and spirea, there will be not only good looking foliage, but a constant succession of flowers from spring to fall.

GOOD SEED BED AND CULTIVATION  
 The conservation of soil moisture is the most important reason for cultivating crops. The two other principal things accomplished by cultivation are the killing of weeds, which draw moisture and plant food from the crops, and the aeration of the soil.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the preparation of a good seed bed. A seed bed of fine tilth—made so by deep plowing, careful harrowing and "fining" of the soil—is the foundation of good gardening. It is essential for the proper germination and growth of young plants. The soil must be friable and free from clods. A clod can hold no plant food in solution, the only form in which it is available for the plant. Good soil and fine tilth insure an excellent root system to plants. Upon the fine, hairy, fibrous feeding roots, which are possible only in well-tilled soil, the plant depends for its stockiness and growth. The careful gardener will regard his

whole garden as a seed bed and will cultivate and fertilize it accordingly.

GARDEN QUERIES ANSWERED

EARL—You can tell whether your soil needs sweetening easily enough by wetting some of it and applying a bit of blue litmus paper. If the color changes to red the sign is of a sour soil, and it may be rectified by neutralizing the acid with a thin sprinkling of air-slacked lime, which can be spaded or plowed in later.

For Window Box

H. M.—A very simple window box that would also be inexpensive could be filled with petunias. A five or ten cent packet of these sowed lightly in drills one foot apart should suffice for a couple of boxes, depending on size. Possibly it would be advisable to buy one package of the trailing variety to flow over the box and one of the fringed variety for the back of it. Keep the boxes well watered, but not soaking, and when the plants are an inch or so high thin them out to stand about two inches apart. Those thinned out can be transplanted into other boxes.

Catholic Rector's Patriotic Speech  
 LANCASTER, Pa., April 10.—At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the membership of which is largely composed of German-Americans, the rector, the Rev. Henry Christ, gave this advice to nearly 1,000 worshippers: "If this country is good enough to give you a home, protect, feed and clothe you, it is good enough to be your fatherland." He cautioned his hearers not to slander those in authority and urged all to be loyal to the flag.

Eight Germans Sent to Ellis Island  
 NEW YORK, April 10.—Eight Germans charged with being alien enemies of the United States were brought to Ellis Island immigration station here from various points in New Jersey. Among them were five men who were formerly in charge of the wireless station at Tuckerton, N. J., and were taken in custody Saturday night. One of the other prisoners was Captain Wolport, Hamburg-American Line dock superintendent in Hoboken, N. J.

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BETHLEHEM PLANTS MAKE NEW RECORDS

New High Production Marks Are Being Made Frequently  
 SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 10.—Iron and steel production records are being broken at the Bethlehem Steel plants with unusual frequency. Officially it was given out that the forty-inch blooming mill of the Saucon plant broke its March record when it made 35,257 tons in March, as against 39,649 previously. The blast furnace department continues breaking records too. Furnace "E," one of the new \$2,500,000 furnaces, produced 16,578 tons in March. Furnace "F" produced 15,769 tons in the same time, against a previous record of 14,419 tons.

EMBASSY SECRETARIES WED

Miss Violet Erskine Bride of Horace J. Seymour at Spring-Rice Home  
 WASHINGTON, April 10.—Miss Violet Erskine and Horace J. Seymour, both of the staff of the British embassy, were married in the embassy ballroom in the presence of the Ambassador and Lady Spring-Rice, the bride's sister, Miss Erskine, and several of the bridegroom's associates. D. G. Osborne acted as best man. The bride, who was unattended, wore a traveling suit of tan cloth, with small brown straw hat and corsage of lilies of the valley. Monsignor Arthur S. Barnes, of England, came from New York to officiate. The bride and bridegroom left immediately for a short honeymoon and later will live in New York. Mrs. Seymour was the only woman of the diplomatic service in the United States, being a secretary. She is a daughter of the late Thomas Erskine, of the British consular service, who at his death was

Consul General at New Orleans. She is a cousin of Lady Spring-Rice. According to her marriage license she is twenty-three. Mr. Seymour is third secretary of the embassy.

Estate Goes to Charity  
 NORRISTOWN, Pa., April 10.—Aaron Keech, of Lower Merion, a bachelor, in will, after making specific bequests of \$700, leaves the remainder of his estate, amounting to several thousand dollars, to the following charities: Baptist Church, Bryn Mawr, for use at Gladwyn; Methodist Church, Gladwyn; First Presbyterian Church, Manayunk; St. Timothy's Hospital and House of Mercy; Roxborough; Bryn Mawr Hospital; Methodist Episcopal Home for Aged, Philadelphia, and Northern Home for Friendless Children, Philadelphia. Harvey S. Irwin, of Cynwyd, is given \$500 and made executor, and Mrs. Sarah Turphey and her mother each get \$50. Tombstones are provided for his parents and sisters, but collateral heirs are ignored.

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General Hugh Scott Boss of U. S. Army

Interesting Article by Charles R. Michael in Sunday's Public Ledger

GENERAL HUGH SCOTT is a typical American soldier—more at home in the saddle than in a comfortably upholstered chair in the War Department. Many times he has settled disputes and averted wars without an audible word. He is essentially a "harmonizer," but with all, a sturdy warrior. In Sunday's Public Ledger Charles R. Michael tells why and how General Scott is ready to "do his bit," and also gives an interesting sketch of the General's exciting life.