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EDITORIAL

Grandpappy Jenkins says he is going to get some variety into his vacation this year. The first week will be spent in the front porch rocking chair and the second in the back yard hammock.

RATHER DISGRACEFUL

The recent flurry of rumors relating to the WAACS reflects the many sides of American life, with the public generally sitting back and apparently willing to listen to any kind of nonsense.

The members of the WAACS are not at all saints, but they are as good, on the average, as any other group of American women. To impugn planned immorality to the women, now serving their country, is to betray sinister thoughts, not altogether connected with innocence.

The prompt denial of the unsavory rumors by officials will not convince the fringe of our population ever willing to believe evil of others. Intelligent Americans will not believe the rotten charges but, unfortunately, there is no way to cleanse some minds of ignorance and suspicion.

TO SELL SURPLUS SUPPLIES

Congress is already giving some attention to the problem of disposing of the vast surplus of war materials that will be left on hand when the war ends.

The House has passed, and sent to the Senate, a measure that would set up a commission to study the situation and recommend a suitable plan for the sale of the stuff that the nation will no longer need.

It is estimated that there will be about \$50,000,000,000 worth of surplus material for the bargain counter. It is essential that some wise plan be made for its sale, without giving it away to those who want to buy it cheaply.

There will be ships, planes, goods, and varied equipment. If it is rushed on the market the buyers will take it at their own terms. It is up to Congress to see that this does not happen but there is no clear indication yet as to what Congress intends to do about the matter.

RATION BOARDS

If the OPA decides to decentralize responsibility in rationing and price control, some changes in local boards may result. Local boards have not had the heavy responsibilities of the Food Control Committees in England. Over there all of the detailed work of the rationing program, such as licensing, enforcing orders and giving out ration books falls on the committee.

Local boards here are made up of volunteers, and in the main receive applications and issue books under specific instructions. They have no policy-making powers. They have been subject to lots of complaints by persons objecting to the rationing program.

Under the British system members of the Food Committees are appointed for one year by local authorities and are under the supervision of a divisional food officer. Committees are made up of representatives of consumers and the retail food trades, a majority being consumers.

The short term allowed members is to permit both dealers and consumers to express approval of their acts. They may be reappointed if their work has been satisfactory.

INVASION A VAST UNDERTAKING

The invasion of the continent of Europe is not a picnic expedition and should not be confused with the relatively simple transportation of troops and supplies to France during the last war.

Conditions are far different from those that existed when the first A. E. F. landed in a friendly France, where much of the supplies that they required were on hand. In this war, the invaders, when they land, will have to carry everything they need with them.

Some idea of the extent of this task is given by Raymond Danniell, who estimates that the invasion of Europe will coincide with a Russian offensive and perhaps an expedition from England against the Channel ports. He believes that at least 1,500,000 men will be required.

To move 1,500,000 soldiers will require 500 to 600 trains for personnel. 200 freight trains for medical supplies, food and other impediments.

It will take 1,800,000 packing cases for shipment of equipment and 121,600 ten-ton trucks to move them. If three-ton trucks are used 416,500 will be required. At the docks, it will be necessary to have approximately 700 10,000-ton ships.

The mere recital on these figures indicates the tremendous problem and explains why it will require some time to assemble the men, accumulate the supplies and provide the necessary transportation.

Every detail of the flow of men, munitions and supplies across the water must be worked out many weeks before the undertaking begins and, regardless of any interference, there must be no let-up in the movement of men and materials.

SAVE BREEDER COCKERELS FOR USE IN 1944 SEASON

With the active demand for poultry meat, there are tendencies for poultry growers to sell all their cockerels as they are ready for market. County Agent R. C. Blaney reminds poultrymen who expect to produce hatching eggs that they should select their 1944 breeder cockerels now.

can be saved from the same flocks from which the pullets are selected, and standard types—vigorous, fast-feathering, heavy-fleshed cockerels—should be saved as breeders. Many cockerels start mating at 5 to 6 months of age, but it is better to have them about 8 months old when they are put in the breeding pens.

No business ever became great without a program of progressive expansion. Cockerels for breeders generally

Baked Bread During Heat of Battle

The coming anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg brings to attention a little-known story of a Pennsylvania woman who stayed at her post.

She was 18-year-old Josephine Miller, who lived in a little one-story house along the Emmitsburg road. During the battle a steady column of smoke poured from the chimney of her house and now and then snatches of a song drifted through the open windows to the ears of soldiers marching past.

General J. B. Carr, of the Union Army, stopped to issue a warning to whoever was in the house to flee to safety. Josephine Miller ignored the warning to wait until the batch of bread in the oven was done. Then she noticed how hungry the men looked so she decided to stay on and bake bread until her supplies were exhausted. She baked batch after batch—handing out the bread to soldiers regardless of the uniform they wore. She not only fed them but tied up their wounds. Eventually she fled.

When the battle ceased, seventeen bodies were removed from what was left of the little dwelling.

Jennie Wade, another Gettysburg woman—the only civilian casualty during the three days' battle—was killed in her little brick house which now is a museum. She, too, baking bread for hungry soldiers during the day of battle, was killed when a bullet ploughed through a door striking her down as she was kneading dough in a tray in the corner of the room.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I am a girl who has a job but I have no satisfaction at home. It is impossible to save money because there are so many in the house who need things and think I should lend my money to them. My father loafs half of the time although he is perfectly able to make a good living for the family and mother seems so discouraged that there is no pleasure in being home. I have been going with a private in the army for several months. I am not crazy about him but I like him a lot and he wants to marry me. Do you think it would solve my problem to marry him and get away from home with all of its complications?

BESS—Florida.

Answer:

I can understand how discouraged you get over your home situation and I know that just such circumstances as surround you are the cause of dozens of girls foolishly marrying the first boy who comes along and asks them, only to find out that they are in a worse mess, then, than they were before.

Marriage to a boy you know nothing about and one who does not make enough to support you is a bad enough risk, but when you admit that you are not in love with him, that is almost a certain reason for such a marriage to be a failure.

If things get too unbearable at home, the thing to do is to get a job away from your home town and live where you can have a certain degree of peace and happiness. Please advise your father who should bear his responsibility if you are not there to do it for him.

If he had been a loyal father to you and had worn himself out to give advantages and education it would be your duty to stand by no matter how disagreeable it seemed, but there is no sense in a girl giving up all the pleasure and fun of youth to support a good-for-nothing, lazy father, or to take over his home burdens.

But don't make the horrible mistake of trying to escape from your situation by marriage.

There is nothing more unbearable than a divorcee's marriage and if Mr. Right should come along after you have tied yourself up to the wrong man your worries of today would seem as naught compared to what they would be then.

Good luck, LOUISA.

VARY WAYS OF SERVING TO MAKE VEGETABLES CLICK

Vegetables, as good as they are for everyone, become slightly uninteresting if always served in the same way, reminds Miss Helen S. Butler, home economics extension representative of Centre county.

All vegetables can be dressed up differently when they appear on the dinner table. Herbs, sauces and other seasonings add a new flavor to any vegetable.

Fresh asparagus is pretty as a picture when served steaming hot, seasoned with melted butter or hollandaise sauce. When cooked in milk it retains most of its luscious green color. On the cold side, asparagus salad served with a tart French dressing and a sprinkling of hard cooked egg is enough to whet anyone's appetite.

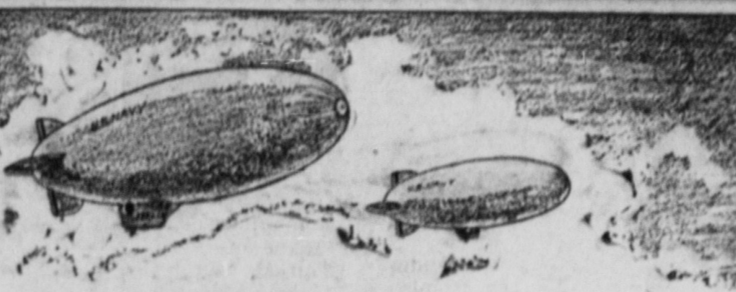
String beans fresh from the garden are tasty and different when seasoned with butter in which chopped onions or chives have been cooked. A sprig of basil, summer savory, sweet marjoram, or sage gives cooked string beans a delightful flavor. Usually two or three leaves of the herb may be enough.

As for greens, such as spinach, try serving with a mustard or a sweet-sour sauce. Or a spinach soufflé may hit the spot.

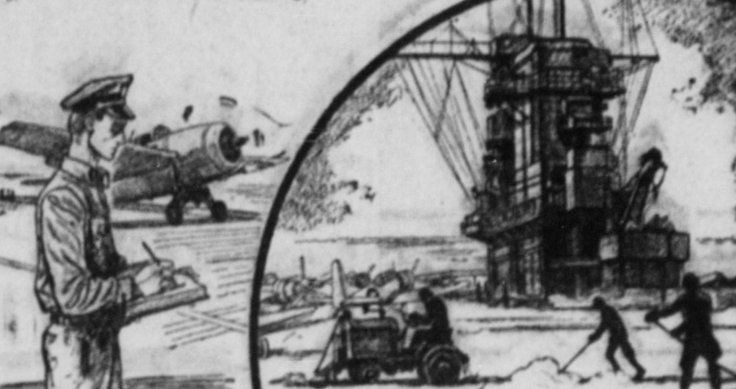
Most vegetables are good served with a cream sauce to which a little chopped parsley has been added. In most cases the small amount of water in which the vegetables were cooked can be used for part of the liquid in the cream sauce. Some of the food value remains in this cooking liquid and there's no need to pour it down the drain.

Residents of Centre county, away from home, appreciate The Centre Democrat.

Ex Libris... By William Sharp



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THE NAVY HAS WINGS BY FLETCHER PRATT

Query & Answer Column

C. G.—Is it always necessary to answer an invitation to a meal promptly?

Ans.—Yes.

M. D.—Is it usually cheaper to order a meal from a table d'hote or an a la carte menu?

Ans.—Table d'hote.

F. L. W.—What is meant by a cover charge?

Ans.—It is a charge made by some restaurants that is in addition to the price of the food.

S. C. G.—What city is the world's greatest railroad center?

Ans.—Chicago is the world's greatest railroad center. The city is served by 21 Class I railroads and 14 switching and terminal companies. Between 3000 and 4000 passenger and freight trains enter or leave the city daily.

W. C. S.—How much should a baby gain in weight during his first year?

Ans.—A baby should treble his birth weight at one year of age.

E. F.—When did Theodore Roosevelt make his famous long horseback ride?

Ans.—On January 13, 1906, Theodore Roosevelt rode horseback from Washington, D. C., to Warrenton, Va., and returned, a distance of 104 miles. He started at 3:40 a. m. and returned at 8:40 p. m. the same day, using relays of horses.

F. B. L.—From what is vodka made?

Ans.—Vodka is commonly made from rye, but sometimes from potatoes and rarely from barley.

R. J. C.—Is it absolutely necessary that the water boil before being poured over a tea ball?

Ans.—The water must be kept at a rapid bubbling boil before it is poured over the tea ball. This is necessary in order that the tightly twisted tea leaves will open fully and produce the maximum flavor.

T. N. S.—Are drought conditions peculiar to any particular parts of the world?

Ans.—Records of many kinds show that severe droughts causing major crop failures have occurred over nearly every part of the world.

T. L.—Please give the derivation of the word carol.

Ans.—It is derived from the Arabic word qarat, meaning a bean or seed. In ancient times the seeds of the coral and carob trees were used as weights for precious stones, which were described as being of so many "beans weight" or "qirats."

K. A. R.—How much salary does Mussolini receive?

Ans.—The official salary of Premier Mussolini is \$5250 a year.

N. G. E.—Who painted the national Mother's Day poster of 1943?

Ans.—McClelland Barclay. The theme is Remember Mother—Bravest soldier of them all.

R. E. M.—How many languages are spoken in Mexico?

Ans.—More than 60 languages and dialects are spoken in Mexico.

W. T.—How long have soy beans been known?

Ans.—The earliest written record of soy beans was made in 2838 B. C. by a Chinese emperor.

J. C. K.—How long did it take Wendell Willkie to make his recent trip around the world?

Ans.—Mr. Willkie says in his book "One World," that it took 49 days, 30 of which were spent on the ground interviewing people and making inspections. The trip was made in a converted Consolidated bomber operated by United States Army officers, and the distance covered was 31,000 miles.

E. W. H.—When was the island of Wake occupied by the United States?

Ans.—Wake was formally annexed on January 17, 1909 by an expedition led by Commander Edward D. Taussig of the U. S. S. Bennington. The American flag was hoisted and a salute of 21 guns fired.

J. T. O.—Did Alexander Graham Bell believe in aviation for warfare?

Ans.—In 1908, Alexander Graham Bell said: "The nation that secures control of the air will ultimately control the world."

O. A. B.—What was the first literary manuscript which was typewritten?

Ans.—The first typewritten manuscript was "Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain in 1875.

D. P.—What is the equivalent in avoirdupois pounds of a stone, used in England in giving the weights of persons?

Ans.—Fourteen pounds. The stone has been a common measure of weight in Northwestern Europe.

E. E.—What is the seating capacity of Denver's Theater of the Rockies?

Ans.—The amphitheater seats 10,000 persons.

G. C.—What kind of an animal is a koala?

Ans.—It resembles the child's teddy bear. Koalas live in Australia and are not seen in zoological gardens because their diet is restricted to the foliage of certain species of eucalyptus or gum trees, and because there are strict regulations prohibiting their export.

M. C. W.—Which runs faster, a whippet dog or a thoroughbred horse?

Ans.—The whippet can run faster in short sprints but the horse can beat him in distance races.

ALFALFA SILAGE IN DAIRY COWS' DIET

Alfalfa silage again will aid dairymen in keeping their herds in full production this year, according to Dr. S. I. Beddel, professor of dairy production at the Pennsylvania State College, who has suggested substitute preservatives for storing silage. Add 200 pounds of corn-and-cob meal to each ton of alfalfa as it is stored, he advises. This makes it unnecessary to use scarce preservatives such as molasses and phosphoric acid. Another method of making good alfalfa silage is to wilt the green material in the swath to around 60 per cent moisture before ensiling it.

A complete report of experiments in grass and legume silage making is given in Bulletin 444, just published by the College.

Who remembers the good old days when there was plenty of meat?

Victory Gardens are having a hard time with Victory Chickens.

Africa Cursed With Poor Farming

"One of the curses of Africa is the burdensome, wasteful and destructive methods of agriculture which prevail," Dr. George W. Carpenter of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., a missionary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society who spent several years in the Belgian Congo, declared in a General Electric Forum address recently.

This condition of agriculture, Dr. Carpenter said, "is reflected in the state of the people for Africa, with an area greater than that of the United States, Europe, China and India together, supports only 140 million people; and many of them are chronically undernourished."

"One of the major problems of the continent is, therefore, the improvement of agricultural methods, and like most other problems this is basically a question of mass education of the people."

Because over large parts of the continent the tsetse fly, carrier of the dreaded nagana or sleeping sickness, has made stock-breeding impossible, Africans are left with no significant share in the economic scheme of domestic agriculture, according to Dr. Carpenter.

He said a substitute has been found in some places in the production of crops for sale and export. "Of these the most important is cocoa, which brings an aggregate return of many million dollars a year to the farmers of the Gold Coast and Nigeria where it grows best and is most easily brought to market," Dr. Carpenter pointed out.

However, he continued, "even cocoa production is beginning to run into difficulties. Too much forest cover has been cut off, so that the plantations lack shade and are becoming scorched; pests are appearing and yield is declining; crude harvesting methods result in poor and sometimes unsalable products; careless cultivation is resulting in soil impoverishment and serious erosion."

African farmers, untrained in business methods, often pledge not only the crop, but the farm itself, for loans to meet the expense of a marriage feast or a tribal ceremony, so that more and more land passes into the hands of absentee landlords and irresponsible hired managers."

Similar difficulties have arisen in other areas with cotton, hemp and other crops that are grown for sale rather than local use. Dr. Carpenter said.

Furthermore, he asserted, "large numbers of Africans have been forcibly dispossessed of their ancestral lands to make way for European farms, mines, and other concerns, with the result that far too many people are crowded into the limited reserves that are left, and the land there is grossly overburdened. Too many animals graze unchecked; they eat the grass down to the very roots and give it no chance to grow again; erosion sets in and soil fertility is reduced; the productive land available, and the reserves become progressively poorer year by year."

In recent years the governments and Christian missions, working together, have begun to attack this problem, according to Dr. Carpenter. "Neither agency would get very far without the other, but together they form an effective team," he said.

"Generally the government, working through its agricultural department, undertakes the broad planning and the basic research. It establishes experiment stations, and makes provision for the training and employment of a limited number of African field agents. It is able also to co-ordinate measures of public health, sanitation, quarantine, marketing arrangements, and other broad-scale planning with those directly concerned with agricultural betterment."

"The missions, throughout most of Africa, are the major force in educating the people," Dr. Carpenter declared. "It is they who have lived among the people, learned their languages, seen and felt their needs, and gained their confidence. Mission teachers man the thousands of elementary schools in African villages, and the curriculum includes not only the four R's—reading, writing, arithmetic and religion—but all kinds of practical teaching on health, home life, housing, sanitation, child care, foods and cooking, better crops, better poultry, and whatever else may help the people and the community."

"These teachers, who reach not only the children, but the whole community with whatever they have to offer that may be helpful, are thus the natural channel already provided for the dissemination of any program of agricultural betterment that may be planned."

Favorite Dishes From Quaker Cook Books

Modernized versions of old-time recipes of the Quakers including such delicious dishes as July vegetable pie, green thimbery and fruit leather. Look for these wartime recipes in the July 4th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your local dealer.

Boys Help Farmer

Fourteen Lewisburg High School boys came to the rescue of E. R. Beck of near Lewisburg recently, when he was quarantined with scarlet fever, and planted 20,000 tomato plants on his farm. He had explained his difficulties to the Farm Labor Board and shortly afterwards the youths appeared, ready for work.

RHEUMATIC PAINS

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A. G. Luebert, P.D., Coatesville, Pa.

THE OFFICE CAT "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

News on the Home Front

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The draft board here received the following letter: "I have wrote the board two or three times for my paper and I have not heard them yet. I would love to know what in the hell is the matter. I wish you would hurry and send for me to stand my examination for my hand is burning to shut a gun. Have you lost my workcard or class card, please. I am looking to hear it soon."

TAMPA, KANS.—Leaving for the army, Earl Crandall hung a sign on his filling station: "Closed Until Hitler's Funeral."

IRVINGTON, N. J.—Mrs. Irving Mosler, dime store lunch counter employe, put down her purse while she made a sandwich. The purse disappeared. She put down the sandwich to look for the purse. The sandwich disappeared. A woman customer put down a bag of oysters to help search for the purse. The oysters disappeared.

DENVER, COLO.—Inductee candidate John Ellington was showing the missus how he was going to dish it out to the Japs. "I'm faster on the draw than any Jap I'll ever meet," he told her, reaching for the pistol in his hip pocket. "Just watch me draw." Trigger action beat the draw by a hairline and out went the seat of Mr. Ellington's pants. His induction was delayed, pending the healing of the bullet wound.

Double Test Visitor—"Don't you cut yourself pretty often with that straight-edge razor?" Mountaineer—"Now! I been shavin' nigh on to five year now and I ain't cut myself neither time."

Chance Missed "John, dear," said Mrs. Smith, "such an odd thing happened today. The clock fell off the wall, and if it had fallen a moment sooner it would have hit another."

"I always said that clock was slow," grunted Mr. Smith.

A Tip to Landladies Prospective Roomer—"This window is quite small. It wouldn't be much good in an emergency." Landlady—"There ain't goin' to be any emergency, mister. My terms are cash in advance."

Another War On A car containing a wedding party was seen driving through the streets in a nearby town the other morning. Inscribed in chalk on the back were the words: "Result of Careless Talk."

Signs of the Times It all started when the barber put up a sign which read: "Hair Ye! Hair Ye!" Then the butcher lettered on his window, "Meat Ye Here." Finally, the service station owner tacked a sign over his now idle gasoline pumps with the message, "Sure, we'll win the war. No gas-work about it." And across the street his competitor with equal empty tanks, banneted his approval with, "His gas is as good as mine."

A "Spirited" Challenge There was an old fellow in the mountains of north Alabama who kept his jug in the hole of a log. He would go down at sundown to take a swig of mountain dew—mountain dew that had never-known the humiliation of a government revenue stamp. He drank the liquid concoction as it came fresh from the heart of the corn, and he glowed. One evening while he was letting the good liquor trickle down his throat he felt something touch his foot. He looked down and saw a big rattlesnake coiled ready to strike. The old fellow took another swig of the corn, and in defiance he swept that snake with his eyes. "Strike, dern you, strike; you will never find me better prepared!"

Your Government Says: Don't abscond with your buddy's blondie; Save your dough and buy a bond. Just when your bond begins to pay, She'll be getting old and gray.

Sub-Normal A cavalry rookie was trying to recover from his first mounted drill. "To the devil with this horse business," he complained to an old cavalry sergeant, "I think I'll transfer to the infantry." "You'll get used to it after a while," the sergeant said patiently. "The average cavalryman has a tender spot in his heart for his horse." The rookie massaged the affected parts. "That may be true," he sighed, "but judging from where I hurt, I must be below the average."

High Dive An Army flyer on furlough was being bored by an inquisitive civilian. "Lieutenant," he asked, "is it always fatal if a chute fails to open until within two hundred feet of the ground?"

"Not always," the flyer said. "I received this slight limp from falling nearly 30,000 feet. When my plane was shot out of control by 21 Jap Zeros, I bailed out. My first chute was burned by a tracer bullet and the second failed to open, so I plunged to earth at terrific speed."

"I was headed straight for a well. The farmer saw me coming and jerked the cover aside just in time. I dove feet first into the 200-foot well with such force I created a whirlpool which threw water all over the fifty-acre field."

"I was caught in the whirlpool as it ascended and thrown out of the well, carried a quarter of a mile and landed on a hay stack. I got this limp sliding off the stack."

Important Assignment A youthful war correspondent saw his first action in Africa and was much impressed by the bravery of the American soldiers there. "Our magnificent troops forged forward in the face of bitter opposition, as a protecting Jehovah brooded over them from a distant mountain pinnacle," he called to his editor. The editor wired back: "Never mind the war—interview Jehovah. Get several action pictures if possible."

Banging the Stork Question—"What did the Mother Cannonball say to the Daddy Cannonball?" Answer—"Darling, we're going to have a B. B."

Thoughts of a Hero Refreshing after heavy hero stuff being passed around, is Admiral Halsey's summing up of a moment in a fighter's life: "During the Solomon's engagement, when the shrapnel and the splinters flew, I dropped flat on the deck with one helmet on my head and two on my behind—and thought: this is what it's like to be a hero."

Vital Statistic "Where did I come from?" asked the little rosbud. "Why, the stalk brought you," answered the rose.

Casablanca Brandy You may have heard this one but it's still making the rounds. It's the story about two GIs in Casablanca who managed to get a quart of bootleg brandy and prepared to sample it in a hotel room which they had somehow hired for the purpose. The first soldier lifted the bottle and took a couple of snorts. But he reached over and pushed the bottle away when the second soldier put it up to his lips. "Don't drink that stuff!" he yelled. "Gwan," muttered the second soldier. "Leave me alone."

"I'm telling you don't drink it," screamed the first soldier. "I just saw President Roosevelt riding down the street in a jeep."

That's all, folks. We still think New York drafters, arrested for marrying seven girls without the formality of divorce, didn't mean any harm. —SCAT.