

Home Gardens Can Fill World-Wide Shortages

Home vegetable production, patterned after America's Victory Gardens, will provide the best answer to Europe's postwar food problem, Dr. Warren B. Mack of the College believes.

"It's the fastest way to get food, while still enlisting the efforts of the needy people themselves," he said.

Dr. Mack, who is head of the department of horticulture and also executive secretary of the State Council of Defense Victory Garden Committee, explained that the plan already has proved successful in North Africa and the South Pacific.

Pointing out that spot production of food would eliminate the grave problems of transportation and distribution, the expert said vegetables not only provide the greatest variety of essential dietary needs, but also can be raised quickly.

Many vegetables, such as spinach, leaf lettuce, mustard greens, and radishes, are ready for the table 30 days after planting, he added, while others, like turnips, beets, and snap beans, require only 45 days.

Chi Phi will entertain the faculty at a tea in their house on the corner of Hamilton and Garner streets Sunday afternoon.

A Day With The Navy V-12

By B. J. CUTLER

I joined the Navy last week—for one day.

The idea was Lieut. Comdr. Trusdell S. Wisner's, skipper of the Navy V-12 unit at the College, who said if a Collegian reporter would "join the Navy" and go through the typical 24 hour routine with the V-12, his story would give civilians a better understanding of the Navy at Penn State.

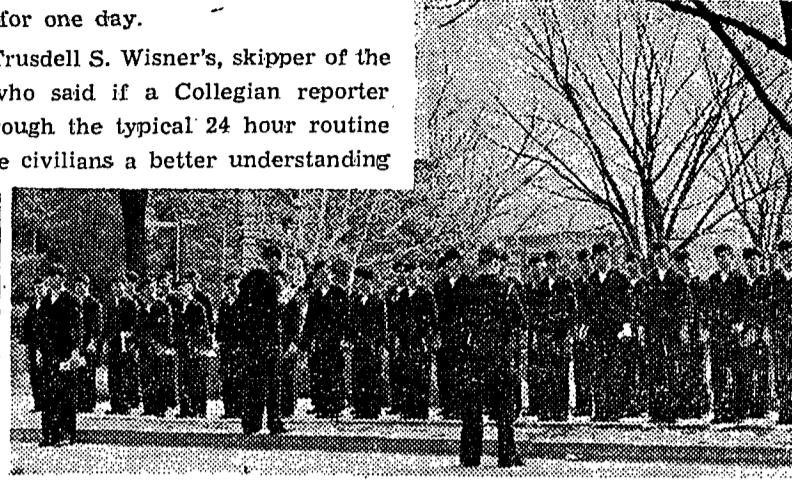
Thereupon, the unit storekeeper outfitted me with the regulation uniform and detailed instructions about fastening the 14 buttons into the 15 buttonholes found on Navy trousers and at 7 p. m. I reported for duty to Barracks 13, formerly the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house on campus.

A/S Bill Mullins, house leader of Barracks 13, welcomed me at the door. "Glad to have you on board. You stand watch from 2 to 4 a. m. tomorrow morning," he said.

At 7:30 p. m. muster, or roll call, was taken on the main deck (first floor) at which time Mullins read out the work assignments for the next morning. My job was to clean the second deck companionway (corridor) I was beginning to feel as if I were in the Navy.

My bunk was on the third deck in a long, spotless room called "the dormitory." There was a cot, table, chair, and bureau for each man.

The sailors in the dormitory re-



Trainees Line Up for Inspection

presented a cross-section of the United States. Apprentice seamen Dick Light and Bob Gernand are from Indiana, Hoyle J. (Red) Welch, Calvin Overcash, and Dana Belser from the sunny southland, and Joe Gebhardt from Wilkes-Barre. In the sectional discussion that took place the lone Pennsylvanian was outnumbered but held up his own end.

When the boys had been studying the following day's assignments for about an hour, the shout, "Sally's on board," was heard. We all went down and bought ice cream and milk to see us through the remaining study hours. To be quite truthful, we did not study all the time, but took ten minute breaks to bull-session about football and other sports.

Suddenly a sound that can be described only as the wail of a disgruntled banshee pierced the barracks. It was the fire gong. Fellows just disappeared down the stairs. Precisely one and one half minutes later several trainees had each manned his fire station and the remainder of the 74 men in Barracks 13 had been checked on the main deck. The fire drill was over.

"Lights out," in the barracks was at 11 p. m. and everyone "hit the sack." After what seemed to be five minutes sleep, I was awakened by the Junior Watch Officer, A/S Clayton Richmond. I hated him for a while, then dressed and went down to the main deck to relieve him.

The Junior Watch Officer is responsible for the protection of the barracks during his two hour duty. He makes periodic inspections for unnecessary lights, open windows and doors, and fire, and enters his findings in a log-book. I performed these duties with one sleepy eye on the clock and at 4 o'clock woke up my relief, A/S Overcash.

The Navy usually wakes up at 6 a. m. and falls out for a few minutes of murderous calisthenics. It was raining in the morning; therefore the gong gave the boys 15 minutes extra sleep. No one griped at missing calisthenics.

During the next few minutes the barracks was filled with trainees washing, shaving, dressing, making bunks, cleaning and straightening up rooms, and

sweeping decks and companionways. Then we marched to MacAllister hall for a man-sized breakfast of bacon, cereal, stewed rhubarb, buns, bread and butter, milk and an apple: I ate with a group of sailors who called themselves Gaffers Inc. They said it was a select dining club, but it looked like any other table.

Classes followed. The V-12 was set up to provide a continuous supply of officer candidates for the Navy. To prepare for this the trainees attend regular college classes for a varying number of semesters, depending upon their previous education. At 11 o'clock we went to a Navy practicum course taught by Lieut. (j. g.) A. B. Kimball who lectured and demonstrated flag signalling.

Back at the barracks the trainees (Continued on page seven)

Sadden to Represent X-G-I Club at Meeting

John Sadden will represent the X-G-I Club at the National Veterans Council Association meeting at Temple University in Philadelphia, May 12.

X-G-I's from many eastern colleges and universities will attend this meeting to discuss policies concerning the ex-servicemen in College and his relationships with his professors and fellow students.

Campus X-G-I's will elect a vice-commander, an adjutant, a finance officer, and a chaplain at their next meeting, May 14.

Parmi Nous members initiated Vaughn Stapleton at their last meeting.

State, Cathaum to Show Stirring, Short Film

Featuring an unusual cast headed by Andrea King, Warren Douglas, Charles Drake, William Forrest and Arthur Hohl, "It Happened in Springfield," absorbing Warner Bros. short subject written and directed by Crane Wilbur, makes its first official appearance on the Cathaum screen on Friday and Saturday and at the State on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Produced by Gordon Hollingshead, and filmed with the cooperation of the Springfield, Massachusetts, Board of Education, this exciting picture goes behind the scenes of a small American town to show what could happen if Nazi-inspired hate propaganda ever took hold. Tracing the workings of the famous "Springfield Plan" of everyday democracy, the picture reveals the current need for straight thinking on the part of every American citizen. Adv.

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