

# 22,000,000 VICTORY GARDENS NEEDED THIS YEAR TO FEED THE NATION, SAYS UNCLE SAM-

## Future Farmer Chapters Play Major Role In Food Production

Evidence of the millions of pounds of food produced by Future Farmers of America in California last year was revealed this week in the announcement of the winners of a "Food for Victory" contest sponsored by a commercial firm.

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Puttin' the crops in the right place is mighty important. Some folks figger the sun don't 'mount ter nuthin' so they stick the plants under a tree ter git 'em out of the way. Then agin some figger that they don't need any water, and plant as fur from the pump as possible.

### Avoid Mistakes Beginners Make

Many garden errors were committed last year by thousands of citizens who had never handled a hoe before. This year they should be in a position to correct the mistakes of the past. Nevertheless, it is not uncommon for some amateurs to make the same mistakes year after year.

Seed is valuable, even though a packet costs but a few cents. If enough Victory gardeners waste seed, a serious shortage may result. The best advice concerned with seed sowing may be gleaned from the seed packet itself, where most seed houses make a practice of listing cultural instructions.

Often insufficient time is allowed for planning the garden. This applies to vegetables as well as flowering specimens. The soil should be cultivated all through the growing season and enough fertilizer ought to be added to sustain normal plant growth.

Without plant food all your efforts may go to waste. Just like any other living organism, a vegetable or a flower requires both food and drink to maintain its normal life cycle.

Take good care of your tools this year. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain new tools. The old ones may have to last for several years.

and trickled down yer pants leg would help to keep ye cool. No great loss 'thout a gain somewhere.

Now course sich doin's is only for the foolish folks; them as don't care 'bout eatin' regular, but it's queer how many don't seem ter have no appetite. Reck on the sun is 'bout the most needed thing of all, and less'n ye are willing ter do a lot of lugging I'd put the vegetable patch mighty close ter a spigot.

Most folks take the irrigatin' serious like, but they differ some on how ter do it. If ye've ketcht up on yer book larnin' ye might want ter run the water down 'tween the rows so not ter wet the crowns much, but if ye ain't read none lately yer apt ter do it any old way jist yet get it on. One feller strung some pipe with holes punched in it and squirted the water thru overhead. Said if yer do that and feed the crops regular ye don't need ter worry much 'bout the bugs, cause the plants'll grow so fast the bugs can't catch up with 'em.

Wondered 'bout that some and talked with one of them pathology fellers at the cow college. He reckoned that we Californians had lot more disease in crops than most places and some is carried in the water. Said 'twould probably be better to keep the watering on the ground fer that reason. 'Peers like it don't git onto the tops of things that way.

Had lots of hifalutin' names like rhizotonia, pythium, water molds, fungi and sich fer the diseases. Ye know, folks, of them perffersors spend a lifetime larnin' 'bout them things jist ter help you and me out, but durned if most of us have sense enuf ter let 'em. Mostly we figger that book stuff is fer everybody else but us and when it gets near home we don't take kindly to it.

Told Ma jist lately I was going to git one of them boys down ter look at the south forty, and danged if I don't do it. Sold ten acres last year off that patch to a city feller and kind of figgered I stuck him 'cause he wanted the hilly part. But don't reckon I did 'cause he ain't going ter farm it. Built a big house, big enuf fer a dozen young uns, but didn't have no barn to it and when Ma's curiosity got the best of us I went over ter ask him what kind of a place he was aimin' to build.

Said 'twas a golf club and danged if he didn't spend a fortune prettifying yer ground and all. Last week they dicked her and I never seen no sich doings in all my life. 'Peers like the game is kind of a cow

pasture pool. Walk yer fool and Take out the fodder. What the bug on one block and strike him a sharp blow with the other one. 'Reckon he didn't lie none 'bout the 'sure cure.'

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Wah, jist got a sniff of Ma's cream tarter biscuits, so guess I better be a gittin'. Good luck and good gardenin'. CY.

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## Borough System Plan Flayed by Raymond Darby

"If cities are given fair consideration from the standpoint of county finances and improvements, there is no need of a borough system of government in Los Angeles County." That was the statement of Raymond V. Darby, mayor of the city of Inglewood and candidate for supervisor, when asked his viewpoint on the borough system of government.

"The total assessed valuation of Los Angeles County," he continued, "is \$2,778,066,235, of which \$2,329,839,065 is within cities. Inglewood, for instance, pays into the county general fund \$239,426.22, and \$16,610.18 for flood control. The city of Torrance contributes \$270,423.83 to the general fund of Los Angeles County and \$9,092.31 for flood control. The city of Gardena contributes \$26,329.30 to the county general fund and \$2,216.62 for flood control. In the harbor area there is no segregation available, but the amount paid by the San Pedro and Wilmington areas is enormous, yet look at the conditions of the drainage system and highways into that most vital area.

"Continued effort for the past 17 years as a city official endeavoring to bring about recognition from the Board of Supervisors of the cities' contribution will cause me to champion the cities' interest in flood control, beaches, highways and general participation in the problems of cities so far as county government is concerned," Darby concluded.

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### Hospital Cases

Patients from this area were reported as having entered the Torrance Memorial Hospital this week as follows:  
 Mrs. Nora Cox, 1457 W. 208th st., Torrance.  
 Mrs. Frances DeLeon, 1123 257th st., Harbor City.  
 Mrs. Sophie Hulrud, 1318 Portola ave., Torrance.  
 Mrs. Dioncia Mouzakis, 2307 Border ave., Torrance.  
 Mrs. Mildred Volz, 1903 Arlington ave., Torrance.  
 Mrs. Edna Woolover, 20520 S. Normandie ave., Torrance.

### STORKatorials

Births reported this week of interest in this area were reported as follows:  
 Torrance Memorial Hospital  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cox, 1457 W. 208th st., Torrance, boy, March 19.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeLeon, 1123 W. 257th st., Harbor City, boy, March 19.  
 Seaside Hospital  
 Sgt. and Mrs. Russell Lowell Stoelker, 2127 247th st., Lomita, twin daughters, March 17.

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