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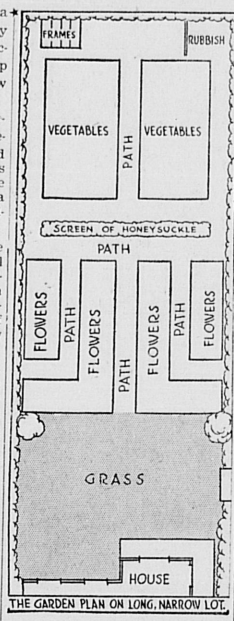
HAVE VICTORY GARDEN AND LANDSCAPE BEAUTY, TOO

There's room for at least a few flowering plants in every Victory garden. It is not recommended that you tear up your entire landscape to grow vegetables.

The idea of the Victory garden program is to raise vegetables or fruit in vacant land not otherwise used. Chances are you can find plenty of space without having to tear up a landscape of many years' standing.

One of the most attractive methods for combining floral plants with vegetables is by bordering the Victory garden with a hedge. Such a border produces a tremendous show of color, yet requires a very few inches of territory.

In growing flowers it is always wise to combine perfume with color. It is amazing how great an effect may be realized through flowers that possess a distinctive perfume. Also, if possible, select specimens that may be used as cut flowers. In



THE GARDEN PLAN ON LONG, NARROW LOT.

this way they may serve a dual purpose. Exotics or plants of that order should not be used for decorative purposes in the Victory garden. For one thing they will not appear to be at home and for another they require too much care and attention. Use only those varieties that seem to thrive on neglect and that grow side by side with the vegetables.

He Who Digs Will Eat

The spring planting season has arrived. Yet there is quite a bit of "groundwork" to be accomplished before the actual seed sowing. This is an excellent time to consider mistakes of the past season and plan to rectify them. A good thought is to spend a little more time on planning and a little less on planting.

You should be warned in advance that seed obtained from reputable dealers who comply with the federal seed act, is good; so when germination fails, it's probably your fault or the fault of the weather. Warmth and moisture are two basic essentials involved in seed sowing. Lacking them, even the best seed will fail to pop out of the soil. So don't try to sow seed in a dry soil or when the weather is still extremely cold. The seedlings don't enjoy freezing temperatures any more than you do.

A spade is an advantageous implement for getting the kinks out of the ground, as well as out of yourself. Spading is a monotonous task, yet it pays dividends in the long run. The soil in your backyard should be spaded and turned up at least once a year. A wheel plow makes the job quite easy and should appeal to all amateur gardeners. Lacking this, you'll have to exert a little energy on the end of a spade.

Sufficient drainage material should be incorporated with the soil prior to planting. Practically all varieties of vegetables abhor "wet feet." This condition persists when water cannot run off easily and when it accumulates in the vicinity of the feeding roots. Actually plants may drown from an excess of moisture and heavy land should receive liberal applications of sand, leaf mold, peat moss or some other convenient form of humus.

TIMELY CULTIVATION CUTS VICTORY GARDEN TOIL

Growing a Victory garden is quite different from raising a few petunias or rose bushes. Cultivation is one gardening practice that will require special consideration. If you neglect this, the chances of harvesting a bumper crop are small.

Cultivation kills weeds. Unless these are controlled, they very quickly may take over your entire garden area. Once they get a start you may be certain that beets and carrots will be left far behind. Weeds may actually choke to death other forms of plant life. The roots of weeds wrap themselves around the roots of vegetable plants and strangle them. And that will be the end of your Victory garden.



Cultivation forms a mulch on the surface of the soil. This conserves moisture in the soil and keeps the surface from caking and becoming impervious to moisture from above. The frequency of cultivation is usually determined by local conditions and consequently no general rules may be laid down. However, if cultivation is practiced mainly for weed control, it should be carried on when the weeds are young. It is far easier to destroy them at this stage.

Deep cultivation should be avoided for this may damage the roots of the economical plants. Hand cultivators may be used admirably on smaller plots while wheel cultivators are

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Keep Flowers Picked for More Blooms

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Y—Use all the water you need for cleanliness and for health. Drink what you need. Use what you need for cooking. Use the water you need for bathing and in the laundry—but Don't waste it.

Y—Use water on your lawn or your garden wisely. Don't water-log the ground. Better to irrigate it well as the rain would do, say once a week, than to sprinkle lightly every day.

X—Avoid wasteful habits, such as letting the faucet run while you do something else.

X—Don't accumulate piles of trash in the cellar or the attic or any other place around the home. That's a fire hazard and it takes water to put out fires.

X—Don't let water fixtures leak—whether it be a drip or a deluge.

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