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Food Supply To Be Shorter, OPA Declares

"All foods are in the shortest supply since the beginning of the war and with military demands increasing, the situation will be worse before it becomes better."

This prediction was made by the OPA regional rationing office here today in urging greater cooperation by the buying public in the sharing through rationing short food supplies.

Restrictions now being put into effect on rationing of sugar for home canning constitute the first effective program in preventing overdrains on a short supply, Kinsley said. Housewives seeking sugar for home canning must convince their local OPA board that they actually need the amount sought for canning use.

"In previous years we have used sugar to save fruit, now, with the sugar crop off some 600,000 tons, we must think first of conserving sugar," Kinsley said.

Meats of all kinds, dairy products and lard are all becoming increasingly scarce, the rationing executive said. The primary reason is shortage of manpower. Beef cattle are still plentiful but manpower shortages are keeping slaughter houses under 75 per cent of their plant capacity increasing military demands are cutting deeper into the civilian supplies.

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Victory Gardens

The man who is closest to the national food situation, Marvin Jones, war food administrator, says that in spite of labor and machinery shortage and "increasingly difficult war production problems" farmers are being called upon to exceed "even their exceptionally high 1944 acreage."

"In order that a never failing stream of food can be kept flowing to our extending fighting fronts."

He calls on everyone to plant as many gardens and grow as much food as possible. The call went to both city and suburban people as well as to farmers. Jones specifically puts the finger on home garden production and home canning as "twin projects in the home which will help relieve the problem of inadequate labor and overburdened wartime transportation." The need is greater this year than before. Every day, as food demands are increasing, but we can't quit!

Home Canning
More commercially canned vegetables will be taken by the Army and Navy. Ration point values are already going up. Make your plans now to raise sufficient quantities of those vegetables which are worthwhile canning—string beans, tomatoes, sweet corn, and perhaps a few others. Most other crops can be raised year round.

How and where to can may be settled later, but this much can be said now: There are eleven school and community canneries in Los Angeles County to which you can take your home grown (or purchased) fruits or vegetables and process them at a very low cost. There will be more pressure cookers available, and an adequate supply of jars and lids is promised. Custom canning of vegetables and fruits will probably be possible as in the past two years in certain areas.

Canning facilities won't do much good if there are no vegetables, so plan for them now.

Seed
With the exception of parsnips, onions, and sweet corn, vegetable seeds which you carried over from last year will be satisfactory if they have been kept dry. Many will be good for several years. Plant a little thicker to offset a moderate decrease in germination percentage. Onion and sweet corn may be good the second year, but plant twice as thick to assure a stand. Always use new parsnip seed.

Sunshine
Full sunshine on the garden area is essential for rapid growth and maximum yield. If full sunlight areas are limited, plant tomatoes, beans, peppers, sweet potatoes, cucumbers, sweet corn, eggplant, and winter squash in those places. Leaf lettuce, chard, and particularly spinach, will do fairly well with partial shade.

Water Competition
Tree and shrub roots will be found extending long distances from the trunks. They frequently are a serious competitor for the fertilizer and water you apply to the garden, so get as far away as possible. A trench two-feet deep dug between the garden area and the trees or shrubs will cut off most of their roots and if at least ten feet from trees, and a shorter distance away from shrubs, will

not injure the big plants.
Bird Damage
The nearer you plant to shrubs and bushes, the worse will be the bird problem. Some birds will dig out your seeds; others will nip off young seedling plants. Scarescrows are of no value. Brush coverings are not of much good because birds will go under them. Wire coverings at least six inches above the ground over the plants and coming to the ground will be the only safe practice.

White Potatoes
This is a very doubtful crop for Victory gardeners, but because of high price you may want them. White Rose and Bliss Triumph are the best varieties for this climate. Get them in immediately. Get certified seed. Don't use grocery store stock. Soak the seed for one and one-half hours before cutting in a 1 to 1000 bichloride of mercury solution (seven grains to a pint of water) using the material in a wooden or earthenware containers. Dip your knife in the solution between every second or third potato when cutting pieces for planting.

Planting Season
Beet, carrot, onion, radish, and turnip seed can be planted now—as soon as you can prepare the ground. Onion sets, cabbage, and broccoli plants can be transplanted. Late March or April is early enough for string beans and squash—and even then put the seed but a half-inch deep so they will be up quick. Defer plantings of sweet corn to mid-April. Defer plantings of tomatoes until May if you really want a crop.

Victory Garden Seed
"Certified" or "Calapproved" vegetable seed need not be a worry of the Victory gardener, according to M. H. Kimball of the Agricultural Extension Service, University of California, who says that these seeds have been printed recently.

Vegetable seed in small packets carries the guarantee of the seed company whose name is on the packets. The term "Calapproved" is applied to seed carefully grown in inspected fields for commercial farmers and no "Calapproved" seed is ever sold in small garden packets. No vegetable seeds are included. "Victory gardeners should obtain 'Certified' seed potatoes if possible. Grocery store potatoes are not suitable for planting because they have not been grown in disease-free fields and in nearly every case will prove a failure.

Victory Garden Growers Can Get More Gasoline

Extra gasoline rations will be issued Victory gardeners again this year for travel necessary to cultivate their gardens, Paul Barksdale of Orr, OPA district ration chief, announced today. Applications will be accepted by local war price and ration boards beginning March 25.

1. Applicant must have an area of at least 1500 square feet devoted to the production of vegetables and the mileage must be needed to provide necessary labor for cultivation.

2. The ration issued may not provide mileage in excess of 300 miles during the six-months period immediately following date of application.

3. The applicant must show that no alternative means of transportation are available.

4. The applicant must show that a ride-sharing arrangement has been made or that such an arrangement is not possible. When more than one car will be used in the ride-sharing arrangement, all applications for the special gasoline ration must to the ration board at the same time and the total ration for all vehicles in the group may not exceed 300 miles. The signatures and addresses of the ride-sharers must appear on the reverse side of the application form OPA R-552.

KEEP PRESSURE
Driving at pressures lower than those recommended for the tires on the theory that it means better traction is an old idea and a wrong one. Low pressure in your tires is costly.

Garden Water Rates Revealed By District 1

In order to cooperate with the National Defense program, the City Council as Board of directors of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 adopted a special rate (March 21 to Sept. 21, 1945) as follows:

"In computing any such deduction, the amount of water used for irrigation of 'Victory Gardens' shall be based on the minimum charges for 3/4-inch and 1-inch meters, and the amount of deduction to which the consumer shall be entitled shall be the first 400 cubic feet of water above the minimum free of charge or 3000 gallons of water free each month.

"Applications must be made at the office of the district, 1510 Cravens ave., on or before April 15, 1945, and consumers agree:

"1. To plant and maintain a

vegetable garden of not less than 500 square feet.

"2. To use water for garden purposes only.

"3. To pay all water bills on or before the 15th day of the month following billing date.

"4. All bills not paid by the 15th shall be charged for at regular rates.

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- V—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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CRITICAL ITEM
The battery shortage may become even more critical unless motorists take better care of their present equipment. January's output of new batteries was 38.5 per cent behind that scheduled.

CANTEEN INTACT
A Salvation Army red shield canteen which was established for the BEF and abandoned at the time of Dunkirk was discovered to be intact when Major Harry Saunders and other officers recently arrived in town.

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