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### 2 Keeps white houses white

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### 3 It's self-cleaning

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## March Rains Prove Valuable To Planting

While March rains interfered with normal planting programs they proved of great value to numerous crops, particularly beans, hay, grain and forage pasture, according to the monthly crop report of Southern California by the Agricultural Department of the Los Angeles County Chamber of Commerce.

Some injury to citrus crops was caused by a few cold nights and morning frosts preventing some vegetables from making a normal growth.

There are still considerably more cars of navel oranges to move than at this time last year, due to the heavy crop, the report says. It adds, of the Valencia crop, that the sizes "though improving are still small," and "a large crop is in sight."

Lemon demand was heavy. The grapefruit movement was slow, being confined to local consumption, but it is expected to improve as competition from Texas and Florida should decrease by the end of this month.

Avocado deliveries "were very light," it is too early to predict the walnut crop size. Strawberry picking has begun with small acreage and only fair quality.

Apricot, peaches and pear trees are in bloom with "growers hopeful of a heavy crop." Despite rain and cold weather, vegetables "are in good condition." Celery from the Sawtelle-Venice area will be on the market soon with heavy yields expected.

Cantaloupe acreage in the Imperial Valley is large and "fields are in good condition," pea shipments from there will decline soon but coastal areas will produce heavier supplies this month. Tomatoes from Kern County are expected by the end of this month; cabbage and cauliflower supplies will increase; although Imperial lettuce is about gone, the next few days should see receipts from other areas, the report says.

Stocks of dry beans are the "smallest in years" and additional rains are needed to insure normal yields. Acreage has been reduced, growers going into more profitable crops. Better quality of alfalfa hay the latter part of the month brought higher prices, with supplies expected to increase. Flax has set "heavy crops" in the Imperial Valley and yields will be dependent on May weather. Cotton production, now completed, was below that expected; sugar beet acreage indicates a "substantial increase over 1944." Grain crops "appear to be in good condition" and good yields are expected.

Livestock interests are concerned with the meat shortage, pork receipts being only 50 per cent of 1944. Cattle prices tended downward toward the end of March. Demand for sheep and lambs increased due to light receipts of other meat types.

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## Victory Gardens

With the arrival of real gardening weather and the month of April, Victory gardeners of Los Angeles County will feel that Spring urge to plant something and at the same time find soil conditions favorable. Now is the time to begin! Yours is the opportunity!

Our national food needs are great. Papers are full of food shortage news. Civilian demands in the country will be as great as last year. Farm production will probably be smaller. Requirements of our armies for their own use and for the relief of starving populations in other countries will exceed 1944. Every available acre must be used to produce to the limit of the time and strength of those who can operate it. Five hundred—1000—2000 square feet—a vacant lot—even the borders around your lawn and house add garage—use them all.

Every pound you produce is one pound less to be hauled from the farm. It is a long trip from the field to the retail counter. Collectively, America's Victory garden production off-set the year round labor of seven full army divisions (100,000 men) in 1944 and released 1,200,000 acres for production of animal food-stuffs. When you eat vegetables from the garden you save transportation and packaging costs to land this army of seven divisions on a foreign shore with complete equipment every ten weeks. Not bad! The ocean is an accumulation of drops.

**Garden Layout**  
Nearly all soils in Los Angeles County are suitable for gardening. The addition of organic fertilizer, mixing it with the soil at the time of plowing or spading, will add greatly to the soil's productivity.

In laying out furrows for irrigation, let them follow a level line across whatever slope you have. Don't make a furrow parallel to your sidewalk or to your front street if the slope calls for a diagonal. You'll save water and time and have better plant growth if you can irrigate properly.

**Irrigation**  
All gardens must, of course, have irrigation water available. Sprinkling is satisfactory, particularly on sandy soils, but adds to danger of fungus attack on small seedlings, called damping-off, and to attack of other fungi on the base of the plant stem. For this reason sprinkling is not the best way to irrigate on medium to heavy soils. These latter, of course, remain wet much longer than sandy ground and that is favorable for fungus growth. If you do sprinkle, always do it early in the day so that the plants dry before nightfall.

**Fertilization**  
How much fertilizer? Barnyard manure at the rate of one and one-half or two burlap sacksful to every 100 square feet is a good application. There are about two and one-quarter cubic feet to a sack. If poultry or rabbit manure is to be used apply one-fourth to one-third sack to 100 feet. Smaller quantities of manure will be beneficial—better than nothing but very much larger quantities may be damaging. Never apply fertilizers, spade up the ground, turning under fertilizer and weeds, and expect to plant immediately. Two to three weeks should always be allowed for partial decomposition of any organic matter.

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**Seed and Planting Beds**  
Soil must be finely pulverized and moist if your seed planting is to be successful. Be exceedingly careful not to plant seed too deep. Press the soil down on top of the seed with a flat board so the seed will be in firm contact with moist soil particles. Keep the bed from drying by covering with paper or burlap, or a half-inch layer of dried dead grass cuttings. Paper or burlap must be removed immediately when the first seedlings show at the ground surface. Keep the seed bed moist by soaking it up from the bottom or by careful sprinkling through the grass mulch. Never sprinkle directly on the surface of the ground or a crust may keep the seeds from coming through.

Similar careful preparation—fine soil and adequate moisture—will assure growth of transplants. Most come in nursery soil that is very sandy. Shake off most of the sand, spread out the roots when planting in the garden. Your plants will grow better.

Obtain Victory garden literature by telephoning or writing Victory garden headquarters, the farm advisor's office, 808 North Spring st., Los Angeles 12, telephone MUTUAL 3383.

## 7th War Loan Quota Higher Than Sixth

Los Angeles County's Seventh War Loan quota for individuals has been set at \$221,035,000 as compared with \$155,000,000 in the sixth drive.

In addition, corporations in the county have been allotted a quota of \$142,740,000, which is \$62,000,000 less than in the last drive, bringing the overall county quota up to \$363,775,000.

In the sixth drive, the overall goal was \$360,070,000. The most recent goal, just released by Robert H. Moulton, chairman of the treasury war finance committee for Southern California.

Starting date of the formal drive is May 14 and closing date is June 30. However, Moulton explained, all purchases of Series E, F and G bonds and Series C savings notes between April 9 and July 7 will be credited toward the drive quota.

Rallies aimed at stepping up bond buying through the payroll savings plan by employees of business firms and war plants during this three months' period already are under way, he said.

The over-all Seventh War Loan quota for Southern California's eleven counties is \$462,000,000, of which \$288,000,000 is allotted to individuals.

**Rotary to Be Represented At San Francisco**  
President Richard Wells was designated by Rotary International to be a consultant to the American delegation at the San Francisco world conference according to President Otto B. Willett, of Torrance Rotary club. A spokesman said the State Department was advised of his selection made at the request of Secretary Stettinius to 42 national organizations to name a representative and an assistant. They will be available for consultation at the request of delegates.

## LICENSE AUTO SHOPS

Preparation of an ordinance licensing automobile repair shops in unincorporated territory was ordered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the ordinance will provide for an annual license fee of \$15, and will require repair shop owners to keep certain records.

## Control of Gophers, Birds Discussed

Don't pass up the spring season. Every weekend is valuable. Here we are almost mid-April. The growing season is at hand. Soil is in beautiful condition to sprade and plant. It's time for carrots and mustard, and leaf lettuce, and for early sweet corn, if you have room. Did you start yesterday? Will you start tomorrow?

**Gophers**  
With the coming of spring, young gophers leave the old burrows where they were born to make new homes. What's the result? New gopher runs, new gopher families, and pretty soon, more gophers! Get after them before they get after your garden.

If only two or three are around, a good trap will be effective. Hint—wire the trap to a stake. Neighborhood dogs and cats may make away with the gophers you catch and the trap if it isn't tied down.

If you have many gophers, maybe you'd better use poison. You can do a more wholesale job in a hurry. There are good commercial poisons available at the Agricultural Commissioner's office at 808 North Spring st. has gopher poison for sale to larger users. The best way to use gopher poison in the garden is to open the hole, put poison as far down as can be reached with a long-handled spoon, then close the hole.

**Gassing Methods**  
If you aren't good with a trap, try a teaspoonful of cyanide gas put far back from the opening of the hole with a spoon and the hole closed. Cyanide in any form is a deadly poison to human beings as well as to gophers, so be cautious in handling and storing it. An egg-sized wad of soft cloth or waste soaked in carbon bisulphide pushed down the hole is fair. Its effect will be much greater if, after 3 or 4 minutes you step to one side of the hole opening and toss in a lighted match to explode the gas which will have formed. Then close the hole.

The old stunt of putting a hose on the auto exhaust and discharging it into the gopher run will get them. Flooding is effective if the ground is fairly heavy and flat so the water won't soak into the ground or run away too fast. It's no good in sandy soil or on sloping ground. There are no gopher repellent plants in spite of rumors to the contrary.

**Birds**  
Exclusion of birds is the only successful way to prevent bird damage. Plant the garden as far from shrubbery as possible thus getting away from bird concentrations. One-inch chicken wire is the largest mesh to use. Window screen, hardware cloth, or cheese cloth is suitable. Birds will soon learn that scarecrows are harmless. A good house cat will help. Poisoning is illegal. Arrange the protection covering so it is about 6 or 8 inches above the ground. Bend it into a hood or half cylinder or use boards at the sides to support it. Close the ends of the hoods or the birds will walk right in. Many birds will go under a brush cover.

**Other Pests**  
Don't say you can't garden because the area is full of Devil (Bermuda) grass or other perennial weeds. You can raise a good garden in spite of these.

## Front Line Fun



Two U. S. Third Army men "down" with silk topers and a captured bicycle somewhere on the Western Front.

## High School in Need of Cook In Cafeteria

Torrance High school cafeteria is short of help, like many other agencies, and Principal Harold Perry announced this week that unless a range cook and general helper are obtained the cafeteria may be closed. The principal asked that applicants for the jobs apply to him at the high school office. Hours of employment are 7 a. m. to 3 p. m.

persistent weeds. Cover the ground with a heavy tar paper or old linoleum or anything of the kind which will exclude light and plant through the covering. Make up beds about 16 inches wide if you use 30-inch-wide tar paper. Get the soil ready for planting with the furrows made. Roll the paper down the bed, press it to the form of the bed and bury the edges slightly in the bottoms of the furrows. Plant large seeded vegetables like beans or squash directly under one-inch holes cut in the covering, or set transplants through similar holes. Bermuda grass, morning glory, Johnson grass—all will be killed out in about three months by this method and at the same time your garden plants can be irrigated and will grow beautifully.

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## Fish Price Reductions Are Ordered

Reductions of from three to 11 cents per pound, on certain species of locally and Pacific Coast caught fresh fish was announced today by Leonard M. Kearns, Office of Price Administration district food price chief.

These reductions in prices of barracuda, halibut and red-meat salmon came as summer season prices took effect. Kearns stated that on May 1 there will be price reductions on several species including ling cod, rock cod, flounder, smelt, dover, english and sand sole.

Greatest reduction today was in barracuda fillets which dropped from 51 to 40 cents per pound. New barracuda prices are drawn, 28 cents; dressed, 31; dressed collars off, 32; steaks, 34 and fillets, 40. Halibut: dressed, 33; dressed collars off, 35; steaks, 37 and fillets, 44. Salmon: drawn 14 pounds and over, 43; under 14 pounds, 38; dressed 12 1/2 pounds and over, 45, and steaks, 48 cents per pound.

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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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