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This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war.

Potatoes in Oakland County

Last fall the potato crop made good in this county. This year may see less potatoes and a higher price if the season does not prove ideal for this crop.

A large amount of seed was sent into Oakland County last spring. That means more than an ordinary amount of disease for the potato grower to contend against this year.

Treating the seed is a most important operation in this time of serious diseases in all potato belts. For some time formaldehyde has been a popular fluid for this work.

It kills potato scab but that is all. Now we have another disease that is serious and can be killed with corrosive sublimate but not with formaldehyde. Hence charged conditions make it not only advisable but very necessary to use corrosive sublimate. It is poison of a violent character and must be handled with care.

It should be put in wooden dishes. Potatoes are soaked in this solution for one and one-half hours. Never more than two hours under any circumstances. Use four ounces of corrosive sublimate to thirty gallons of water and treat four lots of seed only. Then make up a new mixture. If required.

A bill has been introduced in congress by Congressman Smith, of Charlotte, changing the names of all cities, counties, townships or villages in the U. S. now known as "Berlin" or "Germany," also any streets in cities or villages. The bill proposes that such names as "Liberty" or "Victory" be substituted. The bill provides that no mail matter addressed to any place called Germany or Berlin shall be delivered in the United States or its possessions.

Wheat Guarantee Extends

To June 1, 1919

The schedule of guaranteed prices for wheat assures the farmer of a reasonable profit even if the war should end within a year and the large stores of grain in those sections of the world now cut off from transportation should again come into competition with his products. The guarantee applies to wheat harvested in the United States during 1918 and offered for sale before June 1, 1919, at any of the 25 specified markets. U. S. Food Administration.

"EAT MORE POTATOES" URGES MR. PRESCOTT

FOOD ADMINISTRATOR APPEALS TO MICHIGAN PEOPLE TO HELP USE UP SURPLUS TUBERS.

BE LOYAL TO OUR FARMERS

"This is the Best Way You Can Show Your Patriotism at This Time," Prescott Tells Us.

Lansing—"Eat more potatoes and be sure they're Michigan grown. With that slogan, the United States Food Administration for Michigan has inaugurated a campaign to encourage the free marketing and consumption of the surplus potato stocks in this State. Food Administrator Prescott has enlisted the co-operation of all agencies of the State, State and local authorities, various organizations and the press. Similar campaigns are being held in every other section of this country and during the next few weeks the great potato crop of Michigan and America will be moved from producing centers to points of consumption as rapidly as the public will consume the delectable "spuds."

"To eat potatoes is the best kind of local home patriotism," says Mr. Prescott. "The reason for a potato campaign in Michigan is that the food bins are heaped with potatoes as the answer of the farmer to last year's appeal for the bumper war crop. The potato, grown through patriotism should be eaten through patriotism. With so many other things scarce, potatoes, which are plentiful, should not go to waste. And they will go to waste if they are not eaten in the next few weeks."

"Potatoes are a strictly made-in-America product. They grow on this continent when the Mohawks and the Cherokees ruled it with a tomahawk. They are the gift of America to Europe and Europe has gone us one better. England, France, Germany, Belgium have all purchased a surplus of potatoes from us. The potato is a naturalized citizen, while Ireland, God bless her, has almost made it a Patron Saint along with St. Patrick himself. "In spite of its adoption in other countries, however, the potato proved it was a true American last year when the crops were cut to the front for war service. It enlisted in the front ranks of the food forces, with the result that we have such a surplus crop as was never known in this country. Europe does not need to share our potatoes. They are too bulky to ship at this time when ships must be saved for troops and for the more essential and concentrated foods. Therefore the best form of patriotism is to eat our bumper crop and make it help save wheat."

"The situation, in brief, is this," continued Mr. Prescott. "We have not enough wheat for the Allies and ourselves. We have an abundance of potatoes and excess of 30,000,000 bushels over normal times. If we are to win this war the Allies must have wheat. The potato cannot quite come up to wheat in food value but it does come about as close to taking the place of wheat as any other food. Therefore by eating potatoes we can save wheat for the Allies."

"Michigan people should rally to the support of the potato, for it is a native of our State. When it is realized that the potato is one of the chief foods now sustaining Germany and that the other European countries are largely dependent upon it, its importance in the war may readily be seen. "Americans first realized how important a part in their daily food the potato played when last year a scarcity of this vegetable drove its prices to prohibitive heights. The result of those sky high prices still has its effect this season. When the Spring came, everyone planted potatoes. The farmer was particularly urged to lay

out his hand in potatoes as a patriotic duty. Accordingly although the average yield per acre was not large, there was an abundance of potatoes produced which have not been sold.

"The farmer had to pay high prices for his seed. It was difficult to obtain labor for tending and digging the crop and what labor he did procure cost him two or three times as much as ordinarily. A large item of expense was the fertilizer which has advanced in price because the acids it contains are being used for munition making.

"As a result, many a potato farmer is not making as much as he did several years ago when potatoes retailed at 50c per bushel and less. They should certainly be encouraged to plant potatoes this year by consumption of the crop they have produced instead of having them rot in their barns or left to be fed to the hogs.

"Although the potato is a native vegetable, the American per capita consumption is very low, averaging only about one centiliter that of Europe. This is probably largely due to the fact that bread has always been high priced abroad and low here. The present price of bread in this country will probably make the people turn more to potatoes. "At a time when the world is so in need of food it would be criminal to waste anything so important as the potato. It becomes the plain duty of the people of Michigan and every other State to eat up their potatoes grown in response to a military necessity," concluded the Michigan food chief.

WHAT THE WAR PREPAREDNESS BOARD HAS DONE

(Coleman C. Vaughan in His Paper, The Clinton County Republican.)

The people sometimes grow impatient, and the newspapers generally criticize Government action because it does not go fast enough. Last week in the editorial columns of a Michigan newspaper the Governor and War Board were criticized because they had done nothing, so it was asserted, to assist the farmer in seed or increased production. In the same paper the same day was an article with a large heading telling how the State had purchased 40,000 bushels of seed corn. The fact is, Gov. Sloop inaugurated a campaign to encourage the question of procuring seed corn weeks ago. Through the Agricultural College and food administrator, careful inquiries were made in every county where corn is raised to ascertain the amount needed. Not one county in Michigan had enough, and only one had 75 per cent of a supply. Investigation was made in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York to see if a surplus could be found that would ripen in this state, and wherever it could be found it was purchased, some 40,000 bushels more seed will be distributed through the elevators in sections where needed, to be sold at cost. Gov. Sleeper also arranged with the bean jobbers to hold sufficient quantities of beans to insure that if necessary the state would help finance the holding of the seed until sold.

The Governor has purchased 20,000 bushels of spring wheat in Minnesota for seed sowing, and has completed arrangements to have the surplus potato crop shipped to a drying concern, the product to be used by the government, that will probably give the farmer 50 cents or thereabouts per bushel.

The War Board has supplied Michigan soldiers with blankets, shoes and other things when the National Government was short of supplies, but built roads to cautious and to sections of road between Detroit and Toledo, at the request of the general Government, to provide a truck road to the seaboard; it has provided funds to help advertise the Liberty Loan sales; to promote the woman's branch of the Council of National Defense; it has established an efficient military force of 200 or more state troops in active service, that is guarding important places in the state; it has provided guns and clothing for home guard companies—some places one thing, some places another—it has been backing up the state health department, in cleaning up surroundings of camps and other places where a fuel and food department and many other things deemed necessary for the good of the state and nation. Most criticism comes of lack of knowledge. The governor and the war board have been pretty busy since the war broke out.

Don't forget our liner column.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Items of Interest From the Surrounding Districts, Gleaned by Our Correspondents.

Thayer School District.

Edward Reinas is driving a new Maxwell touring car.

Mrs. Otto Rixen and little son visited in Novi Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Laura Simmons, of Pontiac, spent the week end with relatives here.

Mrs. Joseph Graham and daughter Mildred were callers at Farmington Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Avey, daughter Alice and son Howard spent Thursday evening at the home of Guy Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wick and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Young, of Detroit, Sundayed at the home of Joe Young.

Mrs. Katherine Grey and little daughter, Kathleen, were in Pontiac Tuesday, to attend the birthday party of the latter's little cousin, Dorothy Allen.

Mrs. Harry Rich and little daughters, Vivian and Bernice; Mrs. C. Brendle, Mrs. William Sherston and Mrs. Glen Allen and children, motored out from Pontiac and spent Wednesday of last week at the home of the latter's parents.

Novi News Items.

C. H. Walter was in Detroit on business Tuesday.

M. J. Moeran was in Detroit Tuesday for the day.

Perry Taylor was home from Camp Custer Sunday.

Miss Mae Holcomb was home from Redford over Tuesday.

Mrs. Clara Rice returned to her home for the fore part of this week, from Northville.

L. J. Putman was taken to Harper hospital Monday morning for an operation for appendicitis.

The Red Cross had a dance at Walled Lake Friday evening of last week and many from here attended.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church served a pot-luck dinner at the home of Mrs. Ed. Halstead Wednesday.

Robert Deer was home from Pontiac over Sunday. He expects to enlist in the navy the first of the week.

Mrs. Mary Conley West died Tuesday afternoon at Harper hospital, of a complication of diseases. She was brought to her home east of Novi Tuesday evening by Mr. Shnyder of Northville. Funeral arrangements had not been made as yet at this writing.

West Farmington Items

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gwv spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bogart, at Novi.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Green, of West Bloomfield, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. McCracken.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bigelow, of Orchard Lake, spent Sunday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones.

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The West Farmington Red Cross Sewing Circle will meet with Mrs. Frank Bachelor this (Friday) afternoon, May 17th.

We wish to correct the statement we made last week on registration. There were 61 ladies that registered, and two that did not register.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. McCracken returned to their home at Wabash, Ind., last Saturday, after a week's visit with the former's father, W. J. McCracken.

The pupils and teacher of the West Farmington school organized a Thrift club Monday afternoon, selling \$55.42 worth of stamps that afternoon.

Miss Anna Reissman spent the week end with her cousin, William Tegge, of Camp Custer, the home of her sister, Mrs. E. B. Keeth, of Union Lake.

Mrs. Ethel Kleinschmit and daughter, Carroll, of Oshkosh, Wis., arrived here last week for a two months' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morris.

The Unity club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carl Smith. The roll call was answered by quotations on Mother's and Memorial days.

After the business meeting and short program, the rest of the afternoon was spent doing Red Cross work.

Lime-Fertile, best and cheapest for general crops and gardens, in 100-pound and 25-pound sacks. Limited supply at the Farmington Lumber & Coal Co.

CHURCH NOTES

Salem Evangelical

Rev. A. C. Stange will preach next Sunday morning at 10:45, eastern time, in the Farmington German church.

The Farmington Ladies Aid meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the parsonage.

Methodist Church Rev. James Priestley, Minister.

Mother's Day services were greatly enjoyed, though the attendance was somewhat affected by the inclement weather. The morning sermon, "Fight the Good Fight of Faith," to the Knight Templars was greatly appreciated, as was also the evening sermon on "Honoring Mother."

Sunday morning the service at the regular hour, the pastor will preach on the subject "Living Branches of the Living Vine." What we miss by not being at the morning hour of worship is readily realized. You will be there next Sunday morning.

It will need every available person to attend Sunday school to come up to last year's record. Let everyone boost, and then be present yourself. The lesson study is "Jesus Exercises Kingly Authority." Mark II: 1-38. Do not forget the song service; it is held every Sunday evening at 6:30.

The evening service at 7:30, and the pastor will preach. The gospel message for this time of world crisis is the only message that can meet in any way all of the phases of the crisis. Do not fail to hear Sunday evening's message.

Tuesday afternoon the Woman's Home Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. William Hendryx.

Mrs. Harrison Johnson was the leader, and an exceptionally fine meeting was held. This society is closing a very prosperous year. The meeting for June will be held at the home of Mrs. Leon Green.

Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30. The study for next week will be Col. I: 29-2:7. We shall look for you to be present.

Dr. M. S. Rice, of Detroit, will deliver his lecture "Rebuilding the World" on Sunday afternoon, June 2nd, at 2:30. Plan to be there and bring your friends.



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