

FARM DEFENSE PLAN TO BUILD STOCKPILE FOR FUTURE NEEDS

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Program Represents Sound Agricultural Planning.

The 1942 farm defense program, which provides for the production of ample food for home consumption and shipment to nations resisting aggression as well as the building up of a stockpile of food for peace-time needs, represents sound agricultural planning, according to Matt Puuri, chairman of the Houghton and Keweenaw AAA farm program.

"For the first time in history, production goals have been established representing the likely needs for food during the coming year," the chairman said in referring to the "Food for Freedom" program. "These production goals were established after experts on nutrition, exports, lend-lease shipments and 'stock-pile' requirements had reported on the probable need for food in 1942. The goals were then discussed with farm organization leaders and leading farmers at regional meetings held throughout the United States, and finally broken down into state and county goals."

"It is significant to note," said Mr. Puuri, who also is chairman of the USDA Defense Board which is responsible for the administration of the farm defense program, "that these goals were not broken down to the farm levels. This is another step in the sound planning that has been used in making the goals workable. This makes it possible for each farmer to make all the contribution he can in whatever field he finds it practicable. Since the largest increase is being asked for in the production of livestock products, rich in vitamins and minerals, farmers may make whatever contribution they can."

"The method of planning the needed increases well in advance of the time that they are wanted is in keeping with the adjustment of production policy that has been followed by the AAA farm program for years. The use of goals in meeting the expanded demand enables farmers to make the increases needed, at the same time holding their production of commodities in which no increase is needed at present in check."

This planning on the part of agriculture and government is indicative of their determination that agriculture will not be left "holding the bag" as it was after the last war, the Triple-A chairman pointed out. "Through careful planning and adequate price support, the government is assuring the farmers, and the public in general, that they will be able to get all the food they want, at prices they can afford to pay. This is more than just a temporary plan. It is part of a long-time program designed to help farmers maintain a better standard of living through a more secure income, and contribute to a better world after this war by supplying plenty of the right kind of food."

"Agricultural planning is important now, and will be doubly important aft-

er the war is over. It's then that farmers will want, and need, the protection of an adequate adjustment and conservation program," Mr. Puuri said.

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All Potato Storages in the County Will Be Filled

THREE MORE POTATO WAREHOUSES BUILT IN HOUGHTON COUNTY

1941 Crop Will Equal If Not Surpass 1940 Yield.

Last year the existing potato warehouses in Houghton county, with a total capacity of 180,000 bushels, were filled and 75,000 bushels were shipped to Cleveland by boat.

Since that time one cooperative and two private warehouses have been constructed. The new cooperative warehouse at Toivola has a capacity of 20,000 bushels and at this writing is filled to capacity, even to the driveway.

The Gaspardo Bros., Jim and John, have constructed a concrete "in a hill" warehouse on their farm. The warehouse is of modern design and the bins are filled through the roof which is just above ground level. The capacity of the bins in this 50 x 100 foot structure is 30,000 bushels; another 50,000 bushels could be stored in the driveway if necessary.

L. E. Best has built near the Lake Linden depot a warehouse which will hold at least 20,000 bushels. This structure is of cedar logs and is banked to the roof with sand.

When the potato harvest is completed, every warehouse in the county will be full and it is reported that some space in Baraga and I'Anse aux Loups warehouses has been rented by Houghton county farmers.

Apparently the 1941 crop will equal, if not surpass the 1940 crop, in quantity and certainly will in quality, for there is no evidence of blight infection in this year's crop.

QUINCY

ANNUAL RALLY DAY SUNDAY IN PEWABIC METHODIST CHURCH

Rally Day will be observed in the Pewabic church Sunday, Oct. 19. A splendid program has been arranged by the church school, which will be presented Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock. The committee in charge is Mrs. K. Hodges, Mrs. Archie McKie and Miss Susan Kinsman. The program will be as follows:

- Opening Song—Trusting Jesus.
- Prayer—The Rev. J. A. Larsen.
- Recitation, Welcome—Lewis Fountain.
- Recitation, A Prayer—David Townsend.
- Exercise, Soldier for Jesus—Kenneth Malgren, Janet McKie, Byron Anderson, George Walman, Robert Jarvis.

First Potato Show Revealed Commercial Possibilities

The first County Potato Show held in 1932 at Hancock really first introduced to the general public the natural possibilities of commercial potato growing in the Copper Country. At that time practically all the potatoes were grown by hand methods, from seed that in most cases had not been changed for years, no commercial fertilizers were used, and practically no spraying was done to protect the crop from the serious diseases and pests to which it is subjected.

A definite set of recommendations had been set up for growing the crop by the Extension Service. As stated in the "Code" of practices in this set up, the object was "for better potatoes at lower cost." By 1933 several of the progressive growers of the district were already following all or most of these practices. But the rank and file of the growers were still skeptical. They doubted if the extra expense involved in growing the crop under the new methods was justified by results. It was this attitude on the part of these growers that prompted the holding of the growers contest in connection with this first potato show put on at Hancock under the energetic leadership of one of its members, John A. Ellola.

The question set out to prove was

Robert Niva, Recitation, My Friend—Jean Walman.

Recitation, A Prayer—James Brown. Recitation, Invitation—Russell Walman.

Recitation, Rally Day—Dorothy Johns. Song, Stand up for Jesus—School. Presentation of Church School Work—William Goudge.

Recitation, Rally Day Welcome—Carl Walman.

Recitation, Why Sunday School—Janet Townsend.

Recitation, "It's—Joyce Karpinen. Recitation, Round Them Up—Barbara Anderson.

Recitation, If I Were a Leaf—Betty Jarvis.

Recitation, Come On—Lillian Roberts.

Offering and Announcements. Song—A Charge to Keep. Presentation of Youth Fellowship Work—Miss Jean Karpinen.

Recitation, In Harvest—Dorothy Salineth.

Recitation, How You Know—Martha Reini.

Recitation, Don't—Gertude Niva. Recitation, Jesus Christ and We—Eleanor Johns.

Recitation, Through Another Year—Patsy Anderson.

Recitation, The Inner Life—Mabel Roberts.

Presentation of the work of the W. S. C. S.—Mrs. Mary Hand.

Presentation of work of the Official Board—Miss Nellie Wills.

Dialogue—Let Us Serve: Youth—Lois Ploof. Service—Ruth Goudge. Pleasure—William Goudge. Success—Jean Karpinen. Learning—John Brown. Wealth—William Hodges. Benediction.

that the new practices being recommended would produce practical results. It was decided that three considerations should be involved in this contest namely, (1) the yield, (2) the quality and (3) the practices to be followed in growing the crop.

The yield was to be recognized by a credit of one point for each bushel per acre of U. S. No. 1 grade potatoes grown. The quality was to be gauged by a sample to be exhibited and the show, with certain credits for best quality samples. The practices were to be credited according to their importance. Thus if certified seed was used, 35 points were credited to the sower; 30 points for a complete spraying program, and so on down the list. The total credits for all the recommended practices was a little over 300 points.

There were 22 growers in this first contest. Only about a third of these carried out all or nearly all of the newly recommended practices; about a third used a part of them and the other third raised their crop pretty much in the old fashioned way. Here, then was a fine opportunity to test out the value of the new methods.

The 22 contestants were divided up into three groups; first the eight highest acre yields; (2) the next seven highest yields and (3) the seven lowest yields. It was found that the eight highest yields averaged 409.77 bushels per acre and their credit for the improved practices followed was 175.75 points. In the intermediate class the yield per acre was 315.62 bushels and the credit for improved practices was 151.96. In the lowest class the yield was 211.91 bushels and they earned only 130.21 points for following the improved practices.

These figures were used during the winter of 1933-34 in meetings of potato growers all over the county. They carried a visual lesson of the value of new practices and were of great influence in starting many farmers on the road to moderate potato growing methods.

Italy has radio equipment in the lifeboats of its newer liners.

Local Grower Uses Smudge Fires and Protects Potatoes

Smudge fires in the citrus groves of California and Florida to protect the crop against frost damage are not news, but it is news that Glen Townsend, a Houghton county potato grower, used smudge fires to protect 65 acres of potatoes from frost injury one night the last week in August.

With the temperature at 32 degrees and still falling, Townsend set fire to old bales of straw and hay, smothered the fires with wet burlap bags and put a dense cloud of smoke over his field. The vines were saved from frost injury and the extra month of growth added from 50 to 100 bushel of potatoes per acre to the crop.

The cost was a night of hard work and perhaps a dollar per acre. The potato growers of Houghton county are not neglecting any practices that will increase the size and quality of their crop.

Visit the Potato exhibits in the Hancock high school gymnasium while attending the Farm Festival Friday and Saturday.

The Military Mind

When this war is over three will be quite a few questions asked. One of them will surely deal with the Army's curious insistence in training men in the south and California, and its unwillingness to use northern camps.

It was thought that the army might be hardening men for tropical fighting. Now word comes that several hundred Minnesota artillery-men who had been trained in California are to go to Alaska, to strengthen our defenses there.

The idea is that you train 'em where it's warm to fight where it's warm and you train 'em where it's warm to fight where it's cold, you let Camp Ripley stand idle while you build new camps at astronomical expense in the south and west, and you try to outdo the German who developed a pretty good army with no warm-climate camps at all.—Duluth Herald.

Sunday Pork Roast Can Be Varied with Stuffing

By Mrs. Gaynor Maddox (NEA Staff Writer)

For Sunday dinner, pork roast makes a satisfying meat to serve. Prepare it with an apple and raisin stuffing to serve the old stand-by of pork and applesauce in a new way.

Boned Pork Shoulder With Apple And Raisin Stuffing (Serves 8 to 10)

Four pounds pork shoulder, boned; 3 cups applesauce, 2 cups steamed raisins, 1 cup whole wheat bread crumbs, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ cup parsley. In purchasing pork shoulder, have the butcher cut a pocket in it. Fill with dressing made of the above ingredients which have been thoroughly mixed. Sew pocket together loosely but securely, and sear meat on all sides under broiler. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for two hours.

We are giving you a recipe for apple butter spice cake which we found delicious. During October when so many different varieties of apples are on the market, it seems almost imperative to include them many times in our week's menus.

Apple Butter Spice Cake (Eight to 10 servings)

Two cups cake flour, sifted; 1 teaspoon baking soda, ¼ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon allspice, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg (unbeaten), 1 cup raisins, 1½ cups apple butter.

Sift together flour, soda and spices. Beat butter until creamy; add sugar gradually, beating until light and fluffy. Add egg; beat well into mixture; add raisins. Add flour alternately with apple butter, a small amount at a time beating until smooth after each addition. Pour into two-square greased pan. Bake about 70 minutes in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) When cool, cover with apple butter icing.

Apple Butter Icing

Two tablespoons butter, 2 cups powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons apple butter, 1 cup walnut meats, broken. Cream-butter, add half of sugar and half of apple butter. Beat well and spread on cake. Cover with nuts.

About Highest Mountains

Mount McKinley is the highest mountain in the world above its own base. This Alaskan peak stands in a valley of low plains, while Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, is situated on ground high above sea level.

Windows and doors will have screening of plastic in order to preserve the precious ingredients of bronze.

Who Smears Whom?

As for smearing, within the last year or so, it has become a nasty little business that works both ways, and Senator Wheeler and his friends are as adept at it as anybody else—only they have a tendency to shout particularly loud when they are taking it instead of giving it. Let anyone attack their viewpoint too hard and they yell "Foul!" But they never hesitate to hit below the belt themselves.

Thus, a man can be a sincere patriot, but if he disagrees with them he is a "warmonger," or his motives are impugned, or he is out-and-out dishonest, or he is mentally "ga-ga," as one famous isolationist has said of a member of the President's cabinet. In fact, even the President himself has been called "a wolf of war" who wants to "plow under every fourth American boy."

No, indeed, there are no martyrs among the isolationists, and if this name calling is to be stopped—as it should be stopped for the sake of public decency and national unity—they should be among the first to curb the epithets that roll so glibly, and with such torrent, off their tongues.—Providence Bulletin.

Discovery is reported of a bed of black diamonds on a ranch near Sterling City, Tex. There is an increased demand for black diamonds for drilling tools.

Potato Queen Will Be Announced at Kerredge Tonight

BIG PARADE SATURDAY WILL BE FEATURE OF THE FARM FESTIVAL

Banquet Saturday Night in American Legion Club.

With interest running high, votes for the potato queen received by the thousands, with contestant entries in the milking contest running close to the score mark, and a parade that will out rival all others, Hancock's eighth annual Copper Country Potato Show, combined with a Farm Festival, today and tomorrow, holds promise of being one of the biggest events of the kind to be held in the Copper Country. Sponsored by the Hancock Chamber of Commerce, the two-day program, with its Saturday night finale, will draw hundreds of interested spectators to town.

Especially will the two-day program be of interest to the district's farmers who grow the Green Mountain potato for which the Copper Country is famous. Business people and the home keeper will be interested in the premier potato growers' display in the Hancock high school gymnasium, varieties of which will be served deliciously cooked at the Potato Show banquet Saturday night in the American Legion club.

Much has been said of Molly the Moo and Cy the farmer. They will both be seen in the Saturday afternoon parade which, for length and variety, will be a startling exhibition of novelties and devices that have to do with the tilling of soil, including tractors and modern farm equipment.

The great festival is just around the corner, two big days of fun and frolic, something new and something different. It opens with a flying formation over Hancock this afternoon at 2 o'clock, staged by students of the Mario Fontana flying school. The choice of this season's potato crop will be on exhibit from this time to the close of the show. All interested in the development of the Copper Country's newest and growing industry should see these fine samples of Green Mountains, Irish cobblers and all the other varieties that advertise the Copper Country as a great potato growing land. To the premier grower of this fine exhibit will be presented a handsome trophy of sunlight sold donated by Ben Miller, general manager of the Potato Show and Farm Festival committees.

Tonight's Features
Tonight come two of the carnival's most interesting feature, the widely heralded milking contest on the stage



of the Kerredge theatre and the announcement from the Kerredge stage of the potato queen, two events that will more than pack the seating capacity of the Copper Country's largest show place. A public event has seldom developed as great an interest as have these two features. Votes from all the area that is called the Copper Country have been pouring in for the queen contest and the district's leading milkers are cramping the Kerredge theatre box office with requests to enter this contest.

Vieling with the queen and milking contests in the public attention will be Saturday afternoon's parade, starting from the bridge intersection on east Hancock avenue at 2 o'clock and definitely announced to be at least a mile in length. The queen will ride in state in this parade, on an especially designed float, and will later be crowned by Hancock's mayor at the mid-town parking lot before what is expected to be a record crowd. In addition to Molly the Moo and Cy the farmer, who will pass out Green Mountain potato chips, decorated floats will be reviewed, as well as modern farm apparatus. A section will be devoted to decorated bicycles for which prizes are being offered.

Saturday night is the Potato Show banquet, at the American Legion club at 6 o'clock. Open to the public it will be a gathering of the district's farm and business population, and the queen of the show with her attendants. Two recognized authorities in their chosen field will be the speakers, Dr. R. F. Makens, assistant professor of chemistry at Michigan Tech, and George E. Bishop, secretary-manager of the Upper Peninsula Development bureau.

Potato exhibits will be received at the American Legion club up to noon today, to be set up in commercial and educational booth displays. They will be the choices, in Green Mountains, Chippewas, Katahdins, Pontiacs and other varieties in dressed up attire. **Clanahan Is Judge**

The show will be judged by D. L. Clanahan, Michigan State College crops specialist, Growers exhibiting

peck samples in Class I will be contesting for \$50 in prize money and a Sweepstake ribbon for the "best in the show."

There also will be numerous 50-pound exhibits of representative table stock—potatoes graded to U. S. No. 1 grade and truly representative of the stock the exhibitor has for sale. These exhibits are a part of the Premier Growers' contest in which yield per acre, cultural practices and placing of show samples determining the 10 contestants who will share in the \$50 offered in the class. The winner of the contest also will receive the trophy donated by Ben Miller.

4-H potato club members also will exhibit peck samples of potatoes. Although the club members do not compete against the adults, their exhibits usually compare favorably with any in the show.

The educational meeting, which is always a part of the county potato shows, will be held in the Hancock high school gymnasium Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. D. L. Clanahan will discuss potato diseases and their control, giving particular attention to Bacterial Ring Rot, a new and serious disease which is a threat to the potato industry. Earl Holman, county commissioner of schools, will discuss the potato harvest labor problems and how the schools help with it.

This meeting is scheduled for the forenoon to clear the afternoon for the parade.

At the banquet in the evening, William Cargo, county agricultural agent, will announce the winner of the Growers' contest. Other festival attractions, arranged by the Chamber of Commerce committee will follow the banquet program.

At the request of exhibitors, all worthy potato exhibits will be taken to the Upper Peninsula Potato Show in Marquette. All other exhibits will become the property of the show unless removed before 10 a. m. Monday, Oct. 20.

Answers to Cranium CRACKERS

1. One bag was for his master, one for his dame, but the third was not disposed of, other than it specifically wasn't going to the little boy who cries in the lane.
2. Little Tommy Tucker sings for his supper, and gets white bread and butter to eat.
3. Little Boy Blue was under the haystack fast asleep, his sheep were in the meadow, his cows in the corn.
4. The lady-bird's house was on fire.
5. The man all tattered and torn killed the maiden all forlorn, who milked the cow with a crumpled horn that tossed the dog that worried the cat that killed the rat that ate the malt that lay in the house that Jack built.

HOUGHTON COUNTY'S 500-BUSHEL CLUB HAS SIX MEMBERS

Premier potato growers contests have been conducted throughout the state in connection with the district Potato Shows for the past 10 years. During that time Houghton county farmers have turned in some remarkable production records.

Potato growers throughout the state strive to make the 500-bushel club, which means that they grow 300 or more bushels of potatoes per acre on five acres. Houghton county has a 500-bushel club which has acquired a total of six members since John Ellola had the first 500-bushel yield in 1932.

The 500-bushel club members, their yield per acre and the year the record was made, are:

- 1932—John Ellola—587 bu. per acre, state champion.
- 1933—John R. Frank—556 bu. per acre, high state yield.
- 1937—Gaspario Bros.—524 bu. per acre, second in state; Hiltunen Bros.—521 bu. per acre, third in state; L. J. Baccus—518 bu. per acre, fourth in state; August Violkola—515 bu. per acre, fifth in state.
- 1939—Hiltunen Bros.—523 bu. per acre, third in state.

Will there be any new 500-bushel club members in Houghton county? Announcement of the winner of the 1941 growers contest will be made at the Potato Show banquet in the American Legion building in Hancock Saturday evening, October 18.

Defense Savings Quiz

Q. I am a machinist in a factory. When the war is over I may be laid off. How can I prepare for that time?

A. Make systematic and regular purchases of Defense Savings Bonds. They will give you a substantial reserve which you can fall back on in the period of readjustment after the emergency.

Q. What should be done by the recipient of a "chain letter" soliciting Defense Stamps?

A. "Chain letter" schemes are a violation of the postal laws. Such letters should be ignored. Buy your Defense Savings Stamps as an individual effort, to help national defense, and to save money for your own rainy-day needs.

NOTE—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association.

But There's A Catch To It

Motorists to Get Bargain Rate on First Luxury-Tax Payment

Automobile owners will get a bargain rate of \$2.09 when they make the first payment next February under the new \$5-a-year Federal luxury tax on the use of automobiles.

The catch, however, is that the Collector of Internal Revenue will be around again next July to collect the full \$5 for the year ending July 1, 1942.

This was announced by Giles Kavanaugh, collector of internal revenue, Detroit, upon receipt of instructions from Washington.

The tax is effective Feb. 1, 1942, but will be collected at that time only for the five months from February through June, making the tax \$2.09. Automobile owners will be given until Feb. 28 to pay, Kavanaugh said. Starting in July, 1942, the full \$5 will be collected.

The tax will affect 1,700,000 automobiles or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Peach Pits for Fuel

A man in San Leandro, Calif., has operated a thriving business for the past 11 years buying peach pits from canneries. He sells them to the public for 10 cents for a large gunny sackful. The peach pits ignite easily, burn for a long time, and produce an intense heat. They are said to be as good as

The peanut is not a nut at all but a member of the prosaic pea family. Peanuts contain as high a percentage of protein as a fresh egg or a porterhouse steak.

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