Explains Farm Labor To Cities

Some of the reasons why this country has changed from a nation of farmers to a nation of city workers are given in the annual report of the Administrator, Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The report points out that as late as 1870, more than half of the gainfully employed persons in the United States were in agriculture, but that by 1930 the proportion had fallen to a little over a fifth.

This change, says the report, was due to a variety of causes, underlying all of which have been advances in technology and invention. Such advances have almost invariably displaced farm labor and created industrial employment in the cities. Other causes listed include expansion of commercial and distributive services, as manufacturing and processing took precedence over cultivation of crops.

The report calls attention to the development of a division of labor in which farmers concentrated on raising foodstuffs and fibers while city workers took over many of the other tasks formerly performed on self-sufficient farms. Another cause of the shift noted in the report has been the increase in transportation, communication, and governmental services which have become progressively more necessary with the growth of cities.

BERLIN ARCHERS GIVEN RIGHT TO HUNT DEER

Berlin— Three Berlin archers, through whose efforts the recent session of the Maryland Legislature enacted a State-wide law making it lawful to hunt upland game with bow and arrows, have lost their enthusiasm to hunt Indian fashion.

Their chief purpose in asking a state law on behalf of bow and arrow sportsmen was to gain permission to hunt wild deer, during the annual five-day open season in Worcester county, but the legislature, after making it lawful to hunt wild deer with bow and arrows turned about and also made it unlawful to hunt wild deer in the county for the next two years at least, with any kind of weapon.

Worcester county ushered in its first hunting season of deer two years ago, after a closed season of 25 years.

In Dorchester Gardens

The texture and color of foliage is an important factor in decorative gardening, more important in shrubbery than in the planting of annuals, but something to be considered with the latter. A few groups of stately foliage plants in the annual border add greatly to its interest.

Chief of the foliage plants among the annuals is the castor bean, too large for the small border, but imposing as the center of a foliage bed or to adorn a corner of the yard where it is desired to hide an unslightly building. This is the largest leaved of all the annuals.

In contrast is the fine leaved fire plant Kochia tricophylla, which makes a regular miniature tree of brigght yellow green leaves which in late summer turn to crimson. It is even handsomer in its green than in its red form. The coleus, the old-fashioned plant our grandmothers delighted to grow in the house, can be raised from seed easily in a variety of brilliant coloring.

The variegated maize or corn is a striking plant with leaves striped in green, white and pink as an accent plant.

But aside from the plants of brilliantly colored foliage, which some gardeners do not particularly like, there is the infinite variety of greens, blue greens, gray greens, and yellow greens to consider. The stocks and California poppies have gray green foliage which is a restful foil for their brilliant flowers. The nasturtiums have brilliant yellow green leaves that add an important accent.

The spider plant, Cleome pungens, with its divided leaves and dark stems, is a desirable foliage plant even before its striking bloom is developed.

Cannas may be raised from seed and bloom the first year, and while the fine named varieties cannot be expected from seedlings, foliage effects may be secured. The seed should be chipped or filed thin on one end to hasten germination. Soaking it for 24 hours is also recommended.

Heavy-leaved plants should be relieved by those of finer character in the border. Some of the ornamental grasses easily raised from seed are useful for this purpose and are often seen associated with cannas, castor beans, or the elephant-ear caladium.

The ornamental grasses, both annual and perennial, give excellent decorative effects. The pennisetums, pampas grass (erianthus) and eulalia with green and white leaves are all attractive.

The question of planting lilies imported without basal roots has aroused considerable controversy. Most buyers realize that large quantities of the most beautiful lilies are received from Japan, where the custom of shearing away the roots has continued, in spite of protests from expert growers.

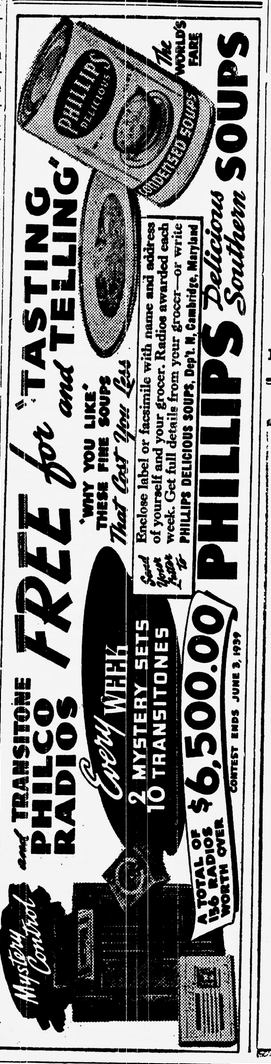
Some doubt is still expressed on the question, but there is a growing volume of opinion, which contends that cutting off basal-roots causes botrytis disease, as well as failures that result from drying out in summer beeuse the root growth is not sufficient.

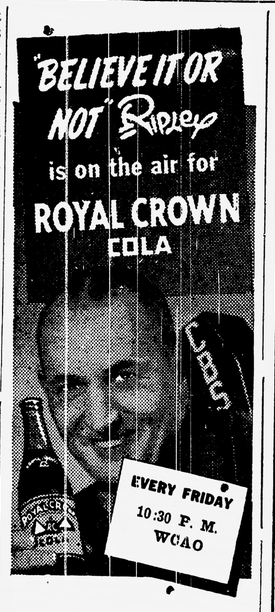
This verdict gains weight from the reports of amateurs who have experimented in growing lilies from seed. It has been proved, beyond a doubt, that home grown seedings are sturdier and healthier, if properly grown, than purchased bulbs. The explanation seems to be that their roots are not disturbed.

Since growing lilies from seed, particularly some of the lovely Orientals, is by no means a simple matter, it is believed that the United States Department of Agriculture should rule that imported lilies come packed with their roots uncut.

Authorities in Washington may be amused at this threat to international amity, but the lily growers take their difficulties seriously.

Another solution, already developing in importance, is the rise of American lily production. Many domestic lily fields are already under cultivation. There would seem to be no reason except higher production costs, why America cannot grow its own.





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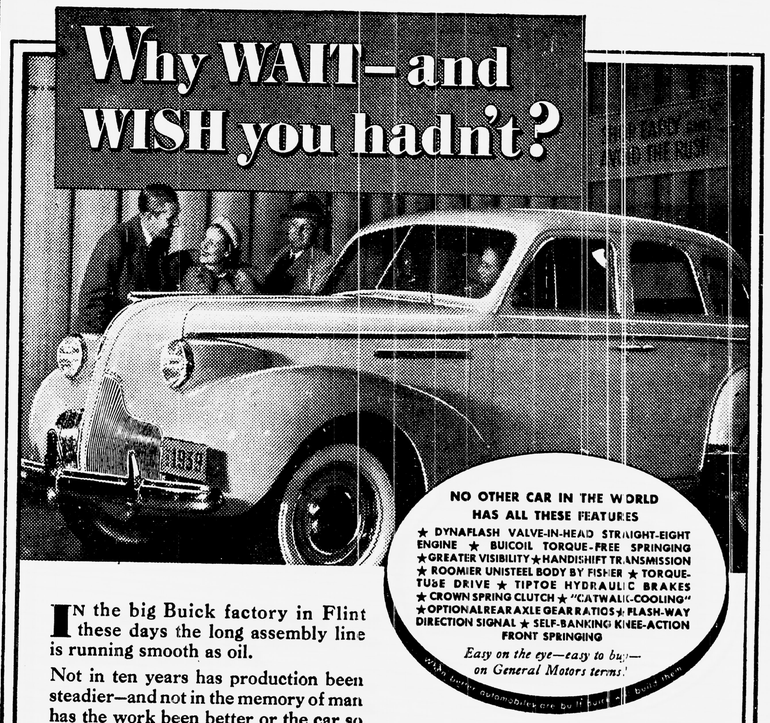

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