NOW AND THEN

FARMER'S FAITH

We farmers must have faith, the preacher says
In church on Sundays.
Well, do we not?
Do we not plough our fields on autumn days
For springtime sowing?
Is it not faith
To break the soil, even as frost comes on,
Freezing the breath,
And making clods of all the earth we turn?
Is it not faith
To let the land lie fallow
Because, beyond the bitter winter—
The falling, drifting snow—
We see a sun that's sure to come for growth?
Is it not faith
To labor as days chill, because we know in spring
We'll sow our seed and reap a harvest crop,
Then plow again, rejoicing?
Ah, yes, I know that's faith!

Lucy Margaret Clapp

He has sown and reaped his wheat. How much depends upon the harvest. All the world is waiting to know how plentiful his crop may be. For upon his efforts, and the love of our heavenly Father who hends rain and sunshine upon the harvest all depends. Now grim war is busy destroying everything that industry has built up and the farmers efforts may keep famine from starting over the land.

PADEREWSKI

Paderewski has played his last piece to his admiring audience, and has gone where there is a sound of many voices in the land that is far off. He was a Pole and how proudly he, with his fellow country men hail the freedom of their country. Although he was no politician he became president of his native land. The last two years have been sad ones for the great pianist, for he lived to see his country again conquered and the people almost enslaved again. So he sought an asylum in this country, a country that has always been a friend to his people.

PREPAREDNESS

During the convention which was called to frame the Constitution of the United States, one of the members after the resolution was carried that Congress should declare war, got up and made the proposal that there should never be more than 5000 men in the standing army. Washington, who was chairman of the meeting and could not vote, whispered to the member next to him that they should also make a resolution that the enemy should not have more than three thousand men.

COMPOSER

A bust of Stephen Collins Foster, composer of "Oh, Susanna" and "Old Folks at Home," was unveiled recently in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans on the campus of New York University. Seventy-seven years ago the composer died in the charity ward of New York's Bellevue Hospital.

KREISLER REMEMBERED

Like most of his fellow-artists, Fritz Kreisler is fascinated by the various attitudes assumed by his listeners during a concert. He is grateful for the rapt, deeply attentixe expression of the earnest music-lover, but, at the same time, confesses to a not inconsiderable feeling of alarm when occasionally his glance falls upon the vacant, expressionless face of an inattentive auditor whose ears take in the sound of his music, but not the beauty of it.

One day thegreat violinist was walking with a friend, when the two passed a large fish-market, where on a large slab, arranged in orderly rows, lay a fine lot of fresh codfiesh, mouths wide open, eyes staring.

"Oh!" exclaimed Kreisler, "that reminds me—I should be playing a concert!"

A GOOD ROAD

Dr. Charles William Eliot, American educator, once drove from Olympia to Tenino, in Western Washington, to visit an Indian reservation Before getting into the buggy Dr. Eliot asked his guide about the road. The guide, a typical product of the West, answered, "Oh, it's a good road."

In their journey they frequently had to lift the wagon out of holes and cut away logs that had fallen across the road. The way was so narrow that, when they met a wagon at one place, they could pass it only by taking the buggy apart, lifting it piece by piece over the wagon and then putting it together again. When, after the various other experiences, they actually reached their destination, Dr. Eliot said to his guide, "There is one question I would like to ask. What is your definition of a good road?"

"Oh," came the quick reply, "any road you can get through."

NOT TOO LATE TO PLANT FALL VEGETABLE GARDEN

There is still time to make plantings of several vegetables and partially make up for the effect of the drought on the spring crop, according to Walter R. Ballard, specialist for the University of Maryland extension service.

In the warmer sections of Maryland, July 1 is the date to begin planting certain late vegetables, particularly late potatoes, Mr. Ballard states. When planted at that time, he says, the tubers develop in the favorable cool weather of the faill. Dakota Red is the variety most suitable for planting at the present time, he advises, although it is not as resistant to blight as might be desired. Use of certified seed and planting on land not in potatoes recently should give satisfactory results, he says.

Another crop that can be planted now is late cabbage, and the varieties suggested are All Season, Danish Ballhead, and Flat Dutch. Some provision should be made for protecting the plants from the cabbage worm.

One or two plantings of string beans may still be made, and they can follow the early peas or potatoes. Stringless Greenpod varieties are said to be best for general planting. Plantings of sweet corn can also be made.

Beets and carrots planted in July on fertile soil should produce a fine crop of roots for storing, Mr. Ballard says, Chard, which is much like beets without the fleshy roots, will produce a good supply of greens for fall use.

Kale, lettuce and spinach may be planted in August. A second planting of spinach may be made in September. Chinese cabbage is an excellent salad plant and is easily raised from seed planted where it is to grow. It can be used fresh or cooked.

Turnips planted in August are useful as a root crop for storage. A fertile soil is necessary for a quality product.

This list of vegetables, together with others planted in the spring, should contribute much in both quantity and variety to the family during fall and winter.

RED CROSS NEEDS RESERVE NURSES

The Maryland State and Local Nursing Service Commission of the American Red Cross today reported a serious shortage of nurses in the Red Cross Reserve Corps.

Miss Helen E. Wright, of University Hospital, chairman of the committee, said the corps—which must be prepared to handle any disaster or emergency arising in Maryland—needs at least, 2,000 members to bring it to full strength.

It is from the reserve, Miss Wright pointed out, that nurses are drawn for duty in the Army and Navy. She said approximately 75 Maryland Red Cross nurses already have been appointed to military posts as second lieutenants. "Right now", said Miss Wright today, "there are only 431 nurses in the first reserve. This group is expected to supply the nurses for the army and navy and for more active type of work. These nurses must be unmarried and under 40 years of age.

"There are 418 nurses in the second reserve, which is made up of nurses more than 40 years of age, are married or for some other reason are not able to take on very active work. "There should be 2,000 more nurses in the first and second reserve. Should an emergency call come to us we would then be in a position to answer full-heartedly, in the true Maryland way."

All reserve nurses must be graduates of accredited nursing schools, which have no less than 50 patients a day, and be members of the Maryland State Nurses' Association. She said the association boasts a membership of 3,200. Married retired or inactive nurses are urged to take hospital positions to release younger nurses should reserve members be called.

There is a noticeable reduction in the amount of weeds, particularly corn cockle, in wheat fields in areas where portable seed cleaning and treating machines have been used.

Maryland's sheep population continues downward, regardless of the general feeling that a commercial farm flock has a definite place in the agriculture for the State and should be encouraged.

FORTY DEATHS IN MAY FROM AUTO ACCIDENTS

None Reported In Kent County

Traffic crashes claimed forty lives on the streets and highways in the State of Maryland last month. This was an increase of five over the previous month, as well as five over the month of May, 1940—or, an all-around increase of 14%.

The figures for the first five months of the year showed 220 persons kliled, against 166 during the first five months last year; or, an increase of 32%. However, comparing this with an approximate increase of 18% in traffic for the first five months of this year, we find that the fatality increase has actually been 14%.

Nine Counties experienced a fatality-free-month. Calvert, Charles, Garrett, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties did not report a single fatal accident, while Dorchester County had a complete accident-free-month—no deaths, no injuries, no accidents, and Kent County—no deaths, no injuries.

Pedestrian accidents continue to lead the field with 21 of the 40 persons killed, which was an increase of 40% over last year. This brings the total up to 110 pedestrians killed this year, or, exactly 50% of the total of 220 fatalities.

During the present emergency, every citizen should do his or her part to conserve the resources of the Country. Speed has a definite place in industry, but it is a hindrance to industry when it is used in traffic. High speeds require greater amounts of gasoline and oil; tires and brakes are quickly worn out, and accidents occurring at high speed generally result in serious injuries, or death, plus the loss of large amounts of money in property damage, all of which cause delays in National Defense. It is every citizen's duty to his Country to prevent these losses, especially when it costs the citizens nothing but the practice of a little caution. Remember: Every accident delays defense.

While modern mass production of vegetables has had a tendency to check interest in home vegetable gardens, conditions of recent years, and especially in connection with the defense program, have tended to reverse that trend.

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