

It's All in Knowing How

The Rotary Club of Norwalk, Connecticut, and the local Boy Scout organization, promoted a community Victory Garden project last year which resulted in a prodigious yield. Conservative estimates show production of 2,000 dozen ears of corn, 200 bushels of potatoes, 10,000 beet roots, 9,000 carrot roots, 21,400 pounds of tomatoes, 200 pounds of peas, 2,400 bunches of broccoli, and an equally high yield from other plants and seeds.

Norwalk Rotarians surveyed and staked off over 200 twenty by thirty foot garden plots in a fertile eight-acre farm, loaned for the purpose by a local realtor. Soil tests were made at the University of Connecticut, several tons of fertilizer and lime were applied, and pre-season lectures presented by the University and County Farm Bureau to the embryo Scout and adult gardeners. The site was ploughed and harrowed and a Rotarian gave practical demonstrations of soil preparation and seeding methods. Seeds and plants were purchased in volume for the entire group and the total cost to the individual was \$3.00 for each plot.

The Rotary club held several picnics during the season which was climaxed by a harvest festival, when vegetables and canned goods were exhibited. At the festival, gardens were judged and the club gave prizes equivalent to \$50 in war bonds and stamps.

Rotary clubs which are planning to sponsor Victory Garden projects this year will find in the experience of the Rotary Club of Norwalk an inspiring example of the results which can be achieved by enthusiastic and planned cooperation, plus hard work.

Rotary Meetings at Army Posts

There are undoubtedly a number of Rotarians—active and honorary—at most of the large military camps in the United States. Why shouldn't they get together each week for an informal Rotary meeting?

This question has been voiced by a Rotarian who is stationed at an army camp in the U.S.A.

The answer is that an informal get-together of all Rotarians who may be stationed at a military camp or naval base would be splendid, and undoubtedly if one Rotarian at each camp or base were to take the initiative in getting the group together, the others would quickly and enthusiastically agree to meet together regularly.

Club officers may desire to pass this idea along to their members who are at the various camps and bases outside the combat zones.

Milton Will Be Ready

A fund—to be expended solely in relieving emergency needs of Milton service men and their families—is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Milton, Mass., with the support of a representative group of the town's citizens.

This club of 35 members, in a town of some 19,000, feels that while there will be agencies created by local, state, and federal government to help service men and their families, there will nevertheless be many unforeseen difficulties which may bring about much suffering. To prevent such suffering, the club is sponsoring this war service fund. The trustees of the fund, all of whom are Rotarians, are setting up plans so that they may be able to act speedily in every case demanding immediate attention and relief. All expenses of the campaign will be borne by the Rotary club and all monies contributed to the fund will be expended for the benefit of Milton service men and their families.

President's Award Attracts Wide Attention

Clubs throughout the United States and Canada are now busy preparing exhibits and statements concerning their work during the Rotary year of 1943-1944 for entry in the competition for the President's Award.

Club entries being prepared include not only projects accomplished during the year, but also new activities and work carried on from year to year.

Exhibits of many kinds are being readied as supplementary material to descriptive statements of activities. Photographs, programs, news clippings, club publications, and many other interesting and original items are being included.

Entries may be prepared and exhibits submitted in any form desired.

As the Award will be made for the most significant achievement in promoting the ideal of service, based on actual accomplishment, the size of the club is not an important factor. Entries must be in the hands of the district governor not later than 1 April, 1944.

Program Suggestion for Rotary Clubs in Canada

As a means of enabling Rotarians in Canada to become more familiar with the work of the Canadian advisory committee, the board of directors of R.I. suggests to the Rotary clubs in Canada that at some meeting during the Rotary year, a short exposition be made of the work of the Canadian advisory committee.

Nominating Zones in U.S.A.

Any club which intends to propose a candidate for director from a zone in the U.S.A. must file with the secretary of R.I. on or before the 1st of April a resolution of the club, naming the candidate which it intends to propose.

At the annual meeting of R.I. the electors from the clubs in the U.S.A. (except in the year in which the director from any zone shall hold office for a second year), assemble in separate zone meetings and propose a candidate or candidates from such zone for director of R.I. from among those candidates whose names have been filed with the secretary of R.I.

The electors from the clubs in Canada and Newfoundland and from the clubs in G.B.&I. assemble annually in separate meetings and propose a candidate or candidates from each such geographical group for the office of director of R.I.

There is no provision that clubs in Canada and Newfoundland or G.B.&I. file with the secretary of R.I. the name of the candidate they intend to propose, prior to the meetings of the electors from the clubs in these regions.

If there is more than one candidate for director in a zone, or in a geographical group, the electors ballot and the candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast is the director nominee from the zone or the geographical group.

Eat More Cabbage—in the U.S.A.

The winter cabbage crop now coming in from Texas, Florida, Arizona and California is 52% larger than the previous record crop in 1942.

The War Food Administration of the United States Government, therefore, has designated cabbage as the "Victory Food Selection" for the period February 24th through March 4th, and has requested Rotary clubs in the U.S.A. to focus all possible attention on the need for a record cabbage consumption during this ten day period.

Time is short but there are many ways in which the clubs can help. Club officers, tell your members, and ask them to tell their wives and friends. Get your local newspapers to emphasize the food value of cabbage, the many ways in which it can be prepared, and the need for increased consumption in order to prevent possible loss of food and depressed price to growers. Here is another way in which all can help food fight for Victory.