

be gone four days on a visiting mission.

Everybody in town engaged in victory gardens. Dolph, who hadn't done any gardening since he was twelve or thirteen years old, had an excellent garden and raised bushels of peas, tomatoes, potatoes, and various garden products all of which helped that much to provide a supply for his family and to relieve the general demand by a like amount. We had the same. Judging by his looks, one of the men that we had to depend upon for gardening this year was too old to accompany Noah on the Ark and must have come thru on a raft. We were glad to get him even at the rate of fifty cents an hour. We had another man with only one arm and half-seeing eyes that we paid a like amount, but did raise a nice garden, have canned a large amount, raised a flock of chickens and are now fattening fifteen beef calves. In things of this sort, it isn't a question of a profit or even a question of whether we come out even. The one thing that we look at is that we are increasing the amount of food.

The flurry which sold a great many properties in Lawrence during the last year is probably very largely over. I wonder if it would not be wise for you to list your residence property with more than one agency. A picture of the house together with descriptive matter telling of its favorable location, etc., etc., might bring you a buyer. M. R. Gill, Hosford Investment Company, S. J. Hunter, and Holmes, McGrew & Peck are all reliable agencies.

The season here now is wonderful. The fourth of October and we have not yet had a killing frost. Tomato vines are still bearing and watermelons, canteloupes, green corn, etc., are still on the market.

Errett P. Scrivner, who succeeds U.S. Guyer in congress, has been Commander of the Kansas American Legion. He seems to be an energetic sort of a fellow and I believe can be counted upon to support Republican measures, which as I see it, are the only breaks upon unlimited spending and taxation. I feel acutely that the government should purge its rolls of young men of military age that they may be taken into military service. I think that the accusation that manpower has been hoarded in many of these departments and by cost-plus contractors is undoubtedly true. I think you would be gratified at the splendid spirit of cooperation that is everywhere in evidence on the home front.

The prayers of millions of persons go up every day for the safety and success of our defenders. I am very glad that you have heard from Chan and I am of the opinion that his intimate knowledge of the Japanese may enable him to know better what has to be done while a prisoner. I think Philena is a good soldier, heart and soul with her husband and son, and glad to do everything that she can.

God bless you and keep you.

Cordially yours,