

URGED TO PLANT SWEET POTATOES

Is Practically a Sure Crop And Especially Attractive Owing To Labor Shortage.

Columbia, S. C.—There never has been any doubt as to the raising of sweet potatoes in South Carolina. It is practically a sure crop and in view of the labor situation it is one of the very best crops that can be planted. Every sweet potato that is grown in this State is growing to help in the food fight to win the war. In addition, potatoes in the present market conditions are a wonderfully profitable crop.

At the request of the Chairman of the food production campaign in this State, Prof. George P. Hoffman has prepared a series of articles in connection with the planting and gathering of seed potatoes, and will be published from time to time. The immediate urgency is in securing seed stock for the satisfactory planting. The real shortage of seed potatoes is perhaps not realized, and those interested in the planting of seed potatoes should at once arrange to get their seed. Professor Hoffman has this to say:

"With an increase of nearly three times the normal selling price combined with a wafton loss of more than 75 per cent of South Carolina's sweet potato crop of the past season, it is obvious that the necessary seed for planting this year's crop will be far insufficient. Therefore, it is imperative that plant dealers and planters make immediate provision for supplying their needs. Disease-free seed should be bedded as soon as possible. This shortage may be supplemented by a large per cent through early plantings of small areas from which later plantings may be made by use of vine cuttings.

"The Nancy Hall and Porto Rico are the leading and most popular varieties in this State, but these varieties not being available, no time should be lost in obtaining disease-free seed or plants of other varieties. Every effort should be made for the planting of a sufficient area to supply home consumption with a surplus for the local market.

"The planters of South Carolina have been asked to increase by 60 per cent the crop of last year, which was 7,600,000 bushels, produced on 80,000 acres. This necessary increase may be easily obtained by the planting as a minimum of one-half acre per plow.

"From 3,000 to 10,000 plants will be needed for planting one acre or 3,000 to 10,000 bushels of seed stock. Small potatoes are equally as good and will furnish a greater number of plants per given quantity than will the larger roots, therefore, planters are advised to use the smaller potatoes."

TO THE SOLDIERS AT HOME.

The two most important things you can do just now to help win the war:
Plant a Home Garden.
Prepare to plant sweet potatoes.

The Value Of The Dollar.

The importance of raising food-stuffs at home can not perhaps be better accentuated than by quoting figures prepared by Mr. Arthur L. Lee for the New York Times. The dollar on the day the war broke out as compared with the dollar of today in purchasing capacity shows just a little more than fifty-six per cent of its value at that time. This means that the dollar the farmer derives from his crop buys for him just fifty-six cents worth of corn, bacon, flour or food-stuffs as compared with the same dollar that he would have had in 1914.

Aside from the patriotic duty of helping to raise food crops at home, from a purely selfish standpoint the man who can raise food-stuffs at home ought to realize that his dollar has a purchasing capacity today of only fifty-six cents as compared with the same dollar of 1914. Mr. Lee in his article gives these graphic diagrams indicating the reduced value of the dollar. This applies as fully to everything that is bought as it does to food-stuffs.

The diagrams of the dollar's real purchasing capacity are presented by the Food Conservator as he is convinced they stress an important phase of the campaign for more food.

SUGGESTION ON GARDEN PLANTING.

The Chairman of Food Conservation, at Columbia, S. C. will be pleased to send any one interested articles and suggestions on garden planting, the raising of chickens or the best way to handle the sweet potato crop.

MANY OF CREW STILL MISSING

New York, June 7.—Eight passengers and five of the crew of the steamship Carolina sunk last Sunday by a German submarine still are missing according to an announcement by the New York and Portorico Steamship Company, owners of the vessel. The Carolina carried 218 passengers and a crew of 120 when she sailed for New York.

So far as known those missing from the Carolina were lost from a life boat in a storm Sunday night.

HAMPTON ROADS CLOSED

BY REASON OF SUBMARINE Newpot News Va., June 7.—The port of Hampton Roads today was closed to outbound vessels as a result of German submarine activities off the Virginia capes. Incoming steamers sighted no u-boats in the immediate vicinity of the capes. Although all told of receiving wireless messages regarding the presence of enemy under water craft.

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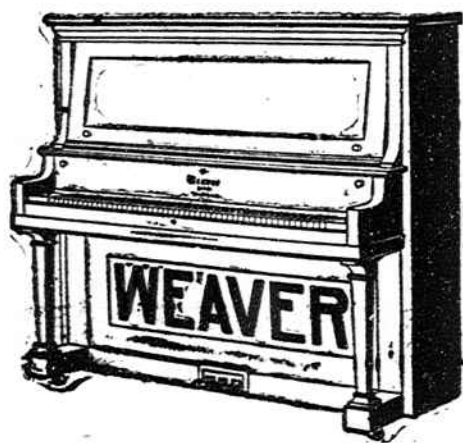
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