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YOUR VICTORY GARDEN—

New Bush Cherry Tree Gives Immediate Results

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The desire to add fruit trees to the garden has increased, but the amateur is somewhat chagrined when he learns that he cannot expect fruit until the third or fourth year after planting. There are a few nurseries offering bearing-age trees but these trees seldom produce fruit until the third year after planting.

However, the introduction of a new bush cherry, by Prof. Niels Ebbeson Hansen, a plant breeder of Brookings, S. D., will please the gardener who wants immediate results. This bush cherry, seldom more than four or five feet tall, bears small fruits, 1/4-inch in diameter, branching and bearing from the ground up. Foliage is a beautiful silvery green turn-



Mr. Free

ing to a rich red and gold in the autumn. The fruit is good, makes delicious preserves, and is recommended as excellent for a cordial base.

Prof. Hansen suggests that for best results the shrubs be planted three feet apart in rows or in groups. Planting in a mass will enhance the beauty of the white flowers which in early spring completely cover the bushes. These bush cherries should be hardy everywhere, as they have withstood 50 below zero in South Dakota. Their resistance to disease is another outstanding characteristic.

Bush cherries, because of their dwarf bushy habit, make a silvery green ornamental hedge along the drive or separation between lawn and garden. As a hedge they should be planted two feet apart and may be kept trimmed, though they won't bear as much that way.

No flowering tree exceeds the apricot in beauty but unfortunately the blossoms appear so early in the spring that they are too often ruined by the frost and consequently do not set fruit.

Prof. Hansen has introduced a variety of apricot tree which is extremely hardy and very drought-resistant. Among this group is one called Manchurian, which has apparently frost-proof blossoms. It is claimed the tree will set fruit even if the blossoms are caught in a late spring frost.

Like the bush cherry, this Manchurian apricot withstands temperatures as low as 50 below, as well as the hot dry summers in a country where the thermometer frequently records a temperature of 115 during long dry spells.

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WARTIME LIVING—

Dwindling New Car Stock Presages Closer Control

By ANN STEVICK

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WASHINGTON, May 3.—Some of the folks who have been on the list of eligibles for rationed new autos will have to make out with the old jalopy if they don't make application soon.

The nation's stockpile of new cars is down to its last 47,000. That would fill a lot of two-car garages in the good old days, but it's a terrifying figure in view of the fact that 31,000 autos have been rationed to essential users this year. Another 10,000 go out in May. At that rate, the supply will last less than five months, and the war production board says no cars are likely to be made this year.



Ann Stevick

The U. S. mail must go through. There must be transportation for police, fire and essential health services. These people will stay on the eligibility list, but there won't be room for many others. Some farmers, students, teachers, social workers, or ministers now on the list may have to be left out as rules are tightened. Autos will probably be doled out subject to new arrangements for using them in car pools, and only after a close look at other available forms of transportation.

Used Car Control Seen

The disappearance of new cars is likely to bring on the long-threatened closer control of pre-1942 used cars, with those removed from the new car list getting first whack at used cars.

Penicillin, the new "wonder-drug" is going to be carefully divided up among the nation's hospitals in order to share the small amount available for civilians with everyone who needs it. Take another look at the point value chart for jams and jellies. The new May chart has changes which will put a lot of odds and ends such as papaya preserves, some tropical jellies, prune butters, and the like on the zero point list.

CANTON AUXILIARY MEETS

Canton Indianapolis 2, and auxiliary will hold an initiation at 8 p. m. tomorrow at 437 Prospect st. Anna B. Gaynor, president, announced.

Indiana War Dog 'Dictates' Letter Describing Training

Frank Ward, state director of Dogs for Defense, got a letter the other day from one of the four-legged soldiers he sent off to war.

"Bo," the canine commando concerned, dictated the letter to his master, Hilliard Cole, seaman 2-c, Danbury, Conn., who prefaced it with, "no doubt you have been wondering where and what your pal 'Bo' is doing. Well, I'm going to let him tell you in his own words."

"Bo's" letter reads: "Hello, Mr. Ward, how are you and the family? All well, I hope. My new master is good enough to let me say a few words which he is going to write for me. You know I never was very good at writing anyway. Anyhow, I arrived at the dog replacement center, was measured and given almost every test imaginable. I don't know how many shots the boys in the service get, but I do know I certainly got my share.

Number Tattooed

"When they tattooed me I knew that I was in because I had seen a lot of sailors tattooed. Instead of girls, though, they just put a number on me. I guess you are wondering if I got a G. I. haircut. Nope, I didn't.

"I was given a new home and my own kennel. In fact, the government has given me the best of everything.

"My master spent an hour every day teaching me obedience, and I gave him my wholehearted co-operation. He liked me a lot and I soon felt the same way about him. I tried to do everything he asked of me because it pleased him.

"He always was very gentle and showed interest in everything I did. After I learned obedience, I was taught to attack. This was called teasing. I also was taught to hear and smell anything approaching us from a great distance. About that teasing, I couldn't understand why my master would not let me go, but I suppose he didn't want me to bite the teaser.

"My master had three other dogs to train, and he told us he could take only one with him. Believe me I did my best to make sure I was the one he took. I was yappy when I learned he liked me the best and I was to work with him.

Station Assigned

"I reached my new station at Patuxent River, Md., ready to do my bit for Uncle Sam. My master, who is in the coast guard, and I were assigned to a post. When I hear someone coming I let my master know. When strangers come close, I lunge for them. Sure scare a lot of people like that and I intend to scare a lot more of them."

That is what a dog goes through when he enlists under Uncle Sam. At present Mr. Ward does not know the owner of "Bo" as several by the same name have been sent by the organization. He is, however, positive that "Bo" came from Marion county and is going to find the owner as soon as "Bo's" serial number comes through.

Though the government has asked repeatedly for war dogs, the present supply is sufficient for several months and no owners should attempt to enlist their pets until further notice.

RED CROSS OPENS WATER SAFETY UNIT

A Red Cross course for water safety instructors will open at 7:30 p. m. Monday in the Kirschbaum community center pool, offering lessons to advanced swimmers and instructors.

Meeting on Monday and Thursday evenings during the first 15 hours of instruction, the class will meet each night the week of May 29 except on May 30 for instruction from a representative of the eastern area of the American Red Cross.

The course is open to men and women over 18 who have completed the senior life-saving class and to those water safety instructors who want to renew their certificates. Special training will be given for functional swimming in military service.

Persons may enroll in the course by contacting the water safety department of the Red Cross, 1126 N. Meridian st.

Women to Tour WAC Barracks

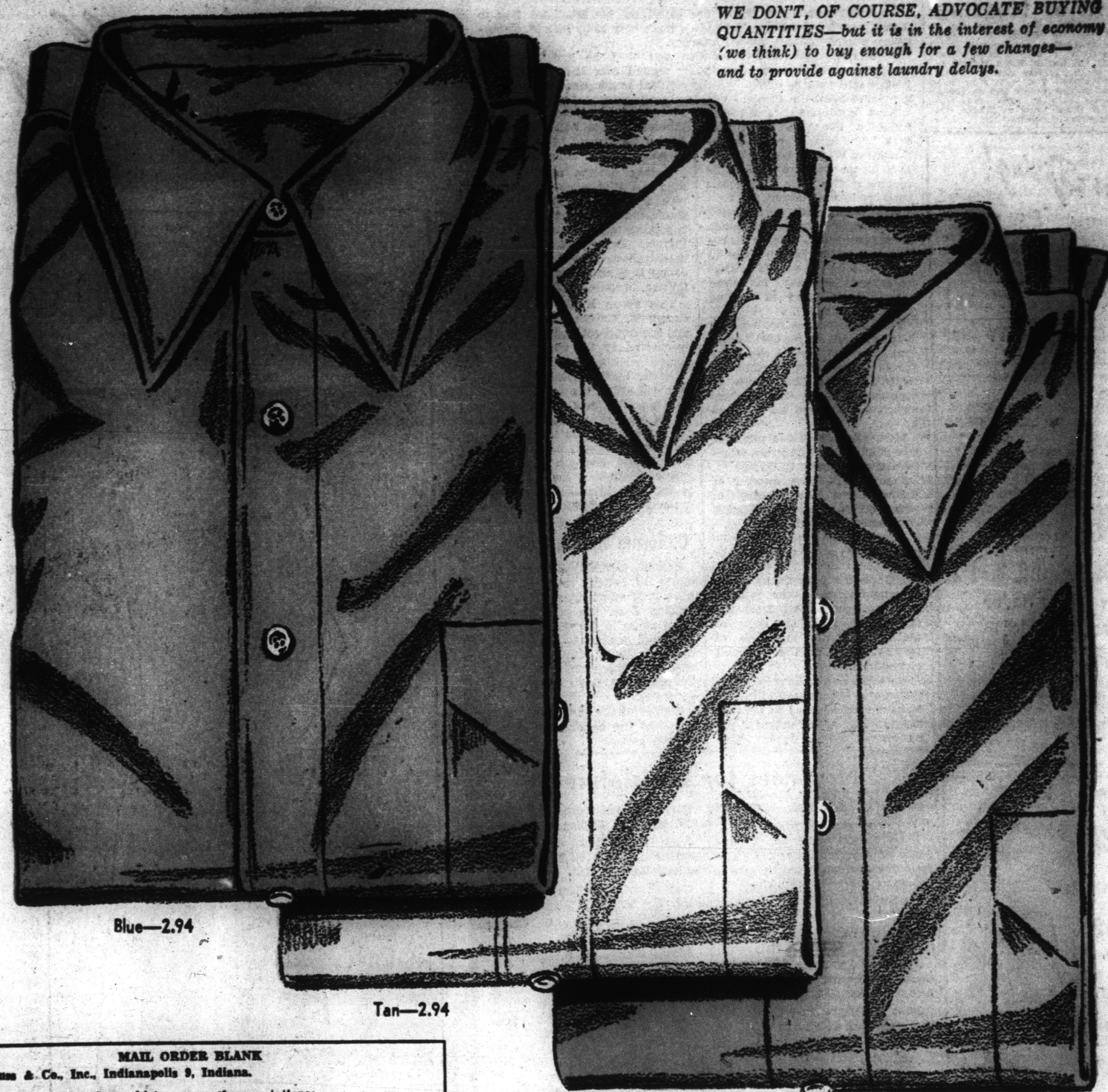
AN OPEN HOUSE at Ft. Harrison will be held Saturday afternoon for civilian women from Indianapolis and vicinity who are interested in learning more about WACs.

Visitors will be taken through the living quarters of the WACs and then tour the post in buses and jeeps. After the open house visitors having soldier friends on the post may make arrangements to meet them at the post exchange restaurant or at the recreation hall.

SPONSOR CARD PARTY

The Sons of Union Veterans will sponsor a card party at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Citizens Gas & Coke Utility.

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