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The Victory garden period might be termed the birth of a new era in golf club operation, if we care to look to the future. A great many clubs have put a spare unused acre or two to work and made it pay real dividends. There is no reason why the idea cannot be made a permanent one, and together with a fairly stable financial backlog present a bulwark to any depression that may envelop us within the next decade.

A number of clubs adopted the garden idea during the depression. In many cases it continued as a part of club operation and paid dividends, not only economically but gastronomically. One club carried the idea further by developing an acre to the establishing of an orchard. Apples, pears, peaches, plums, and cherries were included in the planting. In a few years the orchard was supplying the entire needs of the club's dining room throughout the winter. This was accomplished by a yearly three-day "canning spree" by the club's feminine membership, who never quit until the club's fruit cellar was stocked to the rafters.

It is human nature to disregard fundamentals of thrift to some extent during periods of prosperity, a fact that is especially true in golf club operation. This is not only true of the membership itself but of the management which can see very little sense in the extra work required in maintaining a club garden and orchard when both food and money are plentiful. During a period of depression, however, the mental attitude is entirely different. With club income lowered and course workers wages, never very high at the best, practically reduced by inflation, the club's garden and orchard suddenly becomes not only a source of economical supply for the club's dining room, but is the means of providing the employees' families with a goodly portion of the first requisite of life—food. During low wage periods this constitutes a very important item and quite often is the means of keeping competent help.

There are very few clubs that do not have somewhere on the layout small plots of land that are not in actual use.

Further, the question of postwar food rationing is an unsolved problem as yet. It is a foregone conclusion, however, that America will continue to contribute generously from her breadbasket to help feed the undernourished peoples of war-torn Europe. As a result we here at home will continue to be actually conscious of food supply problems, making everyone's Victory garden of tomorrow as important as their victory garden of today.

And at the same time making your club's garden and orchard one of the club's valuable assets.

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