

POPULAR MELODY NOT MAORI SONG

New Hit Tune Thought to Have Been Written in Australia 35 Years Ago

UCKLAND, N.Z., (C) — Although the popular song "Now is the Hour" now sweeping North America as it has done in many other countries is generally supposed to be a Maori folk-song, it is that by adoption only.

Its origin is disputed but it is generally thought to have been written in Australia about 35 years ago by a Clement Scott, under the title "Swiss Cradle Song."

The song came to New Zealand before the First World War and immediately became popular with the Maoris. Under the name "Haere Ba" ("Farewell") it has been sung by Maori concert parties ever since. It was taken up by the Maori prophet Ratana who instructed that it should be sung as the closing hymn at all services of the Ratana religious sect which still flourishes.

During the Second World War the song swept into popularity in Egypt, Italy and most other countries where New Zealand forces served. As sung by the famous Maori battalion it had a quality which instantly appealed. The Maoris altered the original "Swiss Cradle Song" slightly to conform with their rhythms and music and they gave it a haunting quality which

seems to have found a universal appeal. It proved one of the song hits of the year in Italy in 1945.

When Gracie Fields, noted English comedienne, visited New Zealand early in 1946 she heard the song at a Maori welcome in Rotorua. She was captivated by the lilting melody and the driver of the government car in which she travelled in New Zealand, Nat Mounsey, taught it to her as they travelled along New Zealand roads.

Gracie Fields sang "Now is the Hour" on a BBC program in England after her return from New Zealand and the instant acclaim it received led to it spreading in an even wider wave of popularity.

HUNT MODERN PIRATES SINGAPORE. (C) — Pirates (the modernized version) are at work in Malaya waters attacking coastal and fishing craft, and modern methods have been adopted to cope with them. Former naval patrol motor boats are being successfully used.

Veteran's Body Is Returned to Juneau

JUNEAU—The body of Leroy Vestal, who was killed in action in February, 1944, was returned to Juneau for re-interment. It arrived in this city recently and is the first case of the kind.

Corporal Vestal was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Day of Juneau.

The 21-year old man enlisted in the Army Engineers, proceeding to Kiska and Attu and later to Kwajalein Island.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. What is the correct way for a man to lift a soft hat when speaking to a woman?

A. The hat should be lifted by the crown, not the brim. And above all, the hat should be lifted slightly, not merely a touch of the brim.

Q. When you answer the telephone and someone asks for you, what should be your reply?

A. "This is she speaking," or, "This is Frances Brown."

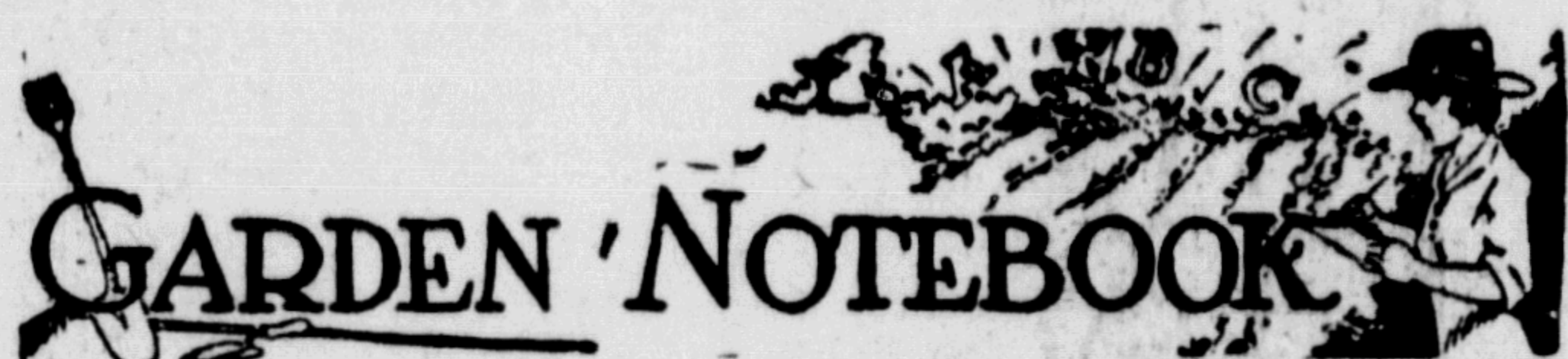
Q. Is it permissible to send a typewritten invitation?

A. No.

THIS AND THAT



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GARDEN 'NOTEBOOK'

Common Mistakes

Commonest mistake of new gardeners is to plant too close together, whether it is lettuce seed or maple trees. This is not only a waste of seed or nursery stock, but it also encourages weak or poor growth. With shrubbery and trees, the result

is a bit of a jungle with far too much shade about the house and spindly growth that is liable to fall a prey to heavy storms. With annual flowers and vegetables, proper development is impossible, the vegetables are liable to be stringy and tough, the flowers bunched so closely together that they will not bloom properly.

Generally speaking all plants require at least half as much space between them as they are high at maturity. With big trees this means 20 to 40 feet, with carrots it means only about 2 inches, with corn or stacked tomatoes 18 inches. On the seed packet will be given the proper spacing.

With bigger seed like beans, peas, etc., spacing will be easy, but it is much more difficult with the fine seeds of carrot, lettuce or alyssum. Such things can be spread more evenly by mixing with a little dry sand and sowing the mixture. In any case, no matter how carefully we sow some later thinning as the plants develop, will be advisable.

Proper depth in planting is also important. The rule here is about three times the diameter of the seed. With tiny seeds like poppies, alyssum or turnips this means merely pressing the seeds in the soil, with big things like gladioli, bulbs, potatoes and dahlias it means from 4 to 8 inches, with beets, beans, etc., about an inch or cover.

FIRST JOBS

While the frost is in the ground, of course, gardening will be largely confined to planning, but there are some outdoor jobs that can be started almost any time. One of the first will be lawn repairs or the starting of new ones. Grass seed makes its best growth in cool weather, in fact it must be sown just as soon as the soil can be worked. Sweet peas also must go in early for best results. They need to develop their deep growth before the soil gets warm. If hot-bed is attempted one should get a government bulletin on how to build it.



AS U.N. VOTED TO SIFT CZECH COUP—Speaking before the United Nations Security Council at Lake Success, N.Y., Chilean delegate Hernan Santa Cruz (top left) reiterates charges against Soviet Russia, stating that the recent Red coup in Czechoslovakia was a political aggression. Soviet delegate to the U.N. Andrei Gromyko (top right), says the charges made by Chile against Russia are invalid. Pictured below, Dr. Jan Papanek, recently dismissed as Czech delegate to the United Nations, listens to Gromyko's speech as Vladimir Houdek, his successor, scans papers held before him.

SHIPS AND WATERFRONT

A huge migration of seals has about reached its peak off the coast of British Columbia. The herds, it is said, number about three million and are bound for the Pribilof Islands. Canadian Fisheries patrol boats and American craft are keeping guard. None but Indians may kill any of the herds and then only by the use of spear and canoe.

The Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association at Prince Rupert handled more than fourteen million pounds of fish last year. K. F. Harding, general manager, told the Journal of Commerce, in a recent interview. This was more than the combined outputs of two other B.C. co-operatives — the United Fishermen's Co-operative at Vancouver, and the Kyoquot Co-operative at Victoria. Of the three organizations, total production was 26,000,000. Details of Co-op production were published in the Daily News some time ago.

READING, England (C) — Reading University will establish a large centre for poultry - husbandry research and instruction.

ARMY CADETS TO PAY BANFF VISIT

OTTAWA—To spend a while at Banff this summer will be the agreeable experience of fifty young members of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets. Fifty will be selected from units in the five commands across Canada to attend a special cadet camp. It will be an award to cadets for keenness and efficiency.

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