

## Items of Interest to Our Homesteaders

By G. W. SAHR, County Agent

Frank Crawford of Lihue has made a discovery of a variety of garden pea that does exceptionally well under Hawaiian conditions. The variety in particular favor with Crawford is the "Duke of Albany" and seed may be obtained from the J. M. Thornburn Seed Company of New York City. An observer of the variety can see at a glance that the variety is beyond a doubt the best suited for our conditions. It is a very tall growing variety, requiring a trellis of six feet or more in height to support the vigorous growth of the vines. Under Lihue conditions good yields have been secured from plantings made throughout the entire winter season from November to March, and with a favorable season the variety would probably yield well even in the summer months though no record is available of its success during the summer months. At a higher altitude or under more humid conditions the variety will probably thrive the year through. According to Mr. Crawford the variety takes about 160 days to mature and yields for from four to six weeks. The peas are large and of excellent quality. Mr. Crawford has raised the variety for three years. He imports fresh seed every season, having found that home grown seed does not do as well as the newly imported. Fresh seed will not be available until November or December this coming autumn but home gardeners on Kauai ought to get in touch with the seed company mentioned above to be in line for fresh seed when it is available.

When it comes to coaxing the family cow to get the maximum flow of milk, leave it to H. H. Brodie of Hanapepe to deliver the goods. Mr. Brodie spent considerable time and trouble worrying along a patch of Sudan grass and alfalfa in order to have the choicest feeds for his family milk machine, and due to his efforts he now has an abundance of highly nutritious milk producing feed for his family cow. But that is not all, Mr. Brodie believes in comfort for his cow, and knowing the sensitive whims of the animal he constructed a fly catcher to be used before milking in order to remove the flies from bossie's back that she might rest contented at the feed box while Mr. Brodie coaxes out the milk. The fly catcher consists of a net, similar to a butterfly net or botanists specimen net. The opening of the net instead of being

circular is oblong in order to better conform with the lines of the bovines back. According to Mr. Brodie the critter shows almost human appreciation for the effort expended on her.

John G. Abru of Kalaeo Homesteads is considering numerous improvements on his place at Lawai. Abru has been running a good sized dairy, supplying Kalaheo and McBryde camp with fresh milk for some time now. Abru has pulled himself out of a bad hole financially and is now ready to go ahead on a larger scale. Among the improvements that he contemplates is improvement of his pastures with better pasture grasses. He also contemplates purchasing a purebred Holstein bull.

Abru's reports show that dairying if carried on properly can be made a very successful undertaking. He has worked under difficulties and overcome many serious obstacles, in his fight for making a living by means of keeping a dairy. To-day he feels that he has made a success of his undertaking, but he aims yet to have a first class dairy.

R. D. Isreal and Elmer Chentham of Upper Waipouli homesteads celebrated the completion of the major operations on their cane crops by taking a few days vacation last week at Chentham's beach house at Niumalu. They spent most of their time fishing at the mouth of the Huleia River.

No other single business born of the war has affected a greater number of people than has gardening. Starting from a mere nothing before the United States entered the war, this form of service grew in less than two years into a new occupation, which counted its followers by the hundreds and, in the number of people employed, exceeded any other branch of gainful occupation, with the single exception of actual farming.

The fact that such a vast number of our people took up this work shows that they appreciated the merit of it, and is one of the reasons for the confident prediction that gardening has come to stay. It is something that the people will not willingly let die. Home food production will continue because it has been found worth while and, like other things which this war has proved to be of value and benefit to mankind, it will last.

War gardening will permanently

establish itself as a necessity because its peace-time value fully equals its war-time worth. This will be true at all times, but more particularly so during the first five or ten years of the great reconstruction period, for during that period the matter of food production will be of the most pressing importance. It will be on a par with many of the other enormous reconstruction problems that face the world. It will require the continued application of broad thought and effort. There will be no decrease in the demand for food, in fact the demand will really be greater, than it was during the days of actual conflict.

The post-war need for enlarged garden production offers to the Hawaiian plantations an opportunity, through the encouragement of gardening among their employes, not only to be of help to the Territory but also to benefit themselves. The employe who can be induced to become a gardener becomes straightway a more worthwhile employe.

The contented worker is usually one who enjoys a comfortable living; and gardening, by virtually adding to the employe's income and providing him with better food than he can buy in the market, tends to make him contented. Money that would otherwise have to be spent for food can be used for the purchase of small luxuries. Of no less value is the recreational feature of gardening. The toiler in the hot sugar mill, especially can find no avocation that will build him up physically and refresh his energies as gardening will. Duty to both the Territory and his own corporation demands that every plantation manager should do his utmost to stimulate gardening among his employes.

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