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Mobilize Home Garden Forces

Local Committee Sends Out Appeal to People of Norwich Will Distribute Cards Asking Information' in Regard to Available Garden Plots and Workers.

A meeting of the committee on home gardening was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday evening when organization was completed by the election of Edward J. Graham as president, Herbert R.  
Branch, as secretary and George H. Loring as treasurer. Plans were formulated for carrying on the home garden project.

It was decided to send out the following appeal to the people of Norwich:

Our Duty aa Citizens.

The war with' Germany has brought td every one of us an opportunity to render patriotic service in promoting economics preparedness and social welfare. The importance of these activities Iri the present crisis Is generally realized and people throughout the nation are showing their willingness to co-operate but few of them know just hew to proceed'. The president of the United States in a proclamation to the people made a special appeal to the farmers to to use all their resources to raise crops to supply the people of but  
own country and those of the warring nations. We people of the town also can hely greatly in this work. We  
cannot all go to the front and do active service, but we can do out part by co-operating with the government m its effort to increase th food supply. To further this work, a joint committee from the Chamber of Commerce and the New London County Improvement League has been, appointed. This Committee wishes atoltce to get all possible information in regard to available garden plots, workers, etc. To ascertain this, cards are to be sent out asking for the information and it is hoped that all who receive these cards will fill out and return them at their earilest convenience.

Norwich Chamber of – Commerce Home Garden - Committee  
GeMlemen: To those who have land available for public gardens: I hereby offer for cultivation In small garden plots during the season of 1917. the following tract of land. It is understood that this land -will be  
given the necessary fertilization and eare and that it is offered gratis forsuch purposes.

Location. ... . . . i . . Size.  
To those Interested in working a garden:  
. 1. Boys and girls who Would like td enlist in the Home Garden work. Have you a home garden lot ?..... I Would you plant and care for a garden if th Iitid were provided?  
: 2. Men and women who would like t enlist In the Home Garden work:   
Have you land for garden purpos   
Would, you plant and care for a garden If the land were provided?...  
Do you wish assistance in securing seeds, plants, fertilisers, etc.?  
Fill In and return this card on or before April 25. 117.  
(This form may be filled out and mailed to the secretary of the Chamber bf Commerce.)  
The members of . the committee are Edward M. Graham, Herbert R. Branche, F, C. Warner and F. P. Bushnell.