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ON THE HOME FRONT - DIGGING FOR VICTORY

Dig for victory - it's never too late

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Sometimes a shock is a useful thing. The events of the last few weeks have shocked a great many people into joining the "Dig for Victory" campaign. For, although the allotments movement has made astonishing strides since war began, we have suddenly been cut off from Denmark, Holland and Belgium as sources of food supply.

So if up til now you have spared that cherished flower-garden or that lovely lawn of yours, the time has come to think again.

There are many people who would like to do their bit by growing vegetables but who think it is too late to make a start. Fortunately, they are wrong. There is still time to grow most things this season of you begin now.

The best thing to do with old grassland at this time of year is to skim off the turf with a spade and stack it in layers upside down. Dust each layer with lime, both to sweeten it and to get rid of pests. By the autumn the heap will have rotted down into valuable smooth soil which will be excellent for digging into the ground.

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