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## VICTORY GARDEN PLOTS IN FAIRFAX DISTRICT ARE OFFERED FREE TO ALL NAA EMPLOYEES

### Plant Hits New Low In Absentee Contest

The plant hit a new low absentee figure this week . . . 5.1 per cent.

In first place again for the hourly departments was Dept. 18, which dropped in the eight weeks of the contest from 10 to 9 per cent.

Dept. 57, a "dark horse" not in the running before, raced into second place with a 1 per cent absentee figure. Dept. 58 was third with 1.8 per cent.

Among the bi-weekly departments Team "D" (Depts. 32) came back into first place with the narrow margin of .1 per cent over Team "A" (Depts. 51, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 100).

First last week and third this week was Team "C" (Depts. 53-50). Team "E" (Depts. 65, 66, 68, 80, 77, 61, 98, 67) had the most absentees among bi-weekly departments.

### Song Fest Next Tuesday

The North American Glee Club's next practice will be at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night in the Music Hall of the Municipal Auditorium. Wayne Ruppenthal, director of the club, urges everyone interested in singing to attend this meeting.

### Athletic Equipment Must Be Returned

With the baseball season near, the Recreation Dept. is asking that a large quantity of equipment not yet returned from last season's playing be returned.

"There are 20 gloves and a gross of softballs out that must be turned in," Roy Sanders, head of Recreation, said. "We are going to have to ask the boys who have this equipment to return it at once."

There are also 10 basketballs and some suits, warm-ups and knee-guards out that must be returned immediately, Sanders said.

"All departments entering baseball this spring will have to furnish their own equipment for both softball and hardball," Sanders said.

### Hair Bows Her Hobby

In Dept. 22 Irene Hinz is spoken of as "the hair-bow girl"—her hobby is collecting hair-bows and she has nearly a hundred of them. Left, she is holding some of her spring "creations."

Miss Hinz's parents were born in neighboring Austrian villages, but they met in Kansas City. Some of their daughter's hair-bows are similar to the colorful hair-ribbons and flowers which Mrs. Hinz wore in her native Austrian village.

Plowed ground for Victory gardens for North American and Modification Center employees was offered this week by

Guy Stanley, of the Union Pacific railroad.

Space for gardens will be provided in the Fairfax district, near the plant, and will be plowed. The use of the land and the preparation of the ground will be free, Mr. Stanley said.

The offer of the ground for Victory gardens was made to Roy Sanders, head of the Recreation Dept., who has sent a bulletin throughout the plant

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### Training Classes

This issue of the North American contains an insert on which are listed many classes open to all employees. The classes, conducted by the production Training Dept., are held outside the plant, are free and are designed to aid the worker in his job.

## A New Mustang, the A-36, Is World's Fastest Dive Bomber

North American Aviation's P-51 Mustang, which a War Department spokesman recently said was destined to be the world's outstanding fighter plane in 1943, has also been

guessed, is the fastest dive bomber in the world.

Powered by a 12-cylinder Allison engine, with a flying speed in excess of 400 miles per hour, the A-36's can dive



The A-36, North American's new dive bomber

produced as a dive bomber, J. H. Kindelberger, company president, announced today. The dive-bomber version of the Mustang is designated the A-36. P-51 Mustang fighters have continued and will continue in production for the United States Army Air Forces and Royal Air Force. Mustangs are produced in North American's Inglewood and Dallas plants.

The clean lines of the deadly Mustang fighter were retained in the dive bomber, Kindelberger disclosed, making the A-36 a triple-threat warplane—a fighter, a ground attack plane, and a bomber.

The new sky terror, equipped with dive brakes, bomb racks, and six high calibre machine

on a target with terrific speed, blast the enemy with bombs, and then fight it out with any fighter plane that rides the skies.

The Mustangs have been pre-eminent successful in numerous types of operations in Europe. They were used to support landing parties at Dieppe, destroyed Focke-Wulf 190's in combat during that attack, and, in addition, performed the important task of visual reconnaissance.

Mustangs, used by the British Royal Air Force, also were the first single motor planes based in Great Britain to penetrate Germany. The attack was directed against Dortmund, Germany, last October.

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