

## Beulah Mongold to Governor Payne Ratner

In this letter to Governor Payne Ratner, Beulah Mongold of Topeka, Kansas, proposes that all vacant lots in town be utilized as Victory Gardens because "every foot of ground should be at work." A complete transcription is available by clicking "Text Version" below.

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Governor Ratner,  
Topeka, Kans.

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Dear Sir:-

May I ask about  
the gardening situation,  
Now there are a lot  
of vacant lots around our  
City, growing up in  
weeds, and owners of  
such ground will not  
let it be used, in so  
many cases the owner  
does not keep down the  
weeds, if people could  
use this ground, women  
and children also older  
people, old men too old  
for actual hard work, could  
farm this ground, since  
the tire freeze, transportation  
is going to be out, for going  
any distance,  
There are seven lots

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north of me, belonging to Dr. Marshall Cr. I tried to get these lots but the Dr. would not let me have them, he said, the soil might wash away, but he doesn't keep them clean, last summer, Sweet Clover grew six feet tall we could not see the street, if there ever was a time when we need to put all such ground to an advantage it is now every foot of ground should be at work. there are a lot of people who would raise garden or a truck Patch, if they could have them close to their homes.

Now Mr Ratner could there be something done about this Problem. I and my two boys, could



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take care of this seven  
lots if Dr Marshall Cr.  
would let me have them.

For the sake of Defence and  
the good of our boys in  
service, I am sincerely  
hoping that every vacant  
lot will be raising garden  
and vegetables this summer  
instead of weeds, Sweet-  
Clover or some other menace  
to the health of our people.

I sinc. hope you can  
find a way to help in this  
situation.

Very Sinc.

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City