

A paddy crop is liable to get damaged by a number of diseases and also by a various insect pests, such as stem borer and the rice bug. Stem borers can be controlled by means of light traps and by pulling out and burning all affected plants. The rice bug can be controlled by keeping the bunds free of grass and other weeds—to prevent eggs being laid on them and by bagging the bugs and killing them.

Only by constant care and attention to the crop at all stages can we raise a good crop of paddy. We should have patience and also industry—if our lands are to be improved and kept in a condition that will give us good yields per acre year after year.

Our Government in their Grow More Food Campaign concentrate their attention on the procurement side alone, and do not give sufficient attention to the real and vital problem of helping the agriculturists in raising good crops in their fields. If the Government is prepared to supply two hundredweights of bonemeal and two cwts. of fish meal per every acre of paddy land and the people of the Agricultural Department approach the peasants and render all possible assistance, I am sure the food crisis can be easily tided over. We, as true sons of our motherland should serve our country by increasing food production by our concerted efforts and by growing crops on a scientific basis. By so doing we can get good food and more food. We need not import any food grain from foreign countries. We should be in a position to export our surplus grain to other countries. Then and then alone can we claim to be true and worthy sons of our motherland and make our country second to none in food production.

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