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THE PASSING OF AN OLD FRIEND

G. H. Middleton, a man and a voice loved by millions

VOICE

The news of his sudden death outside his home came as a shock. His thoughtful, savouring voice will long be remembered in British homes.

He, more than any other man, guided the wartime allotment holders in the Dig for Victory campaign.

VOICE

Mr. Middleton looked forward to the day when he could leave the utilitarian vegetables of wartime and concentrate again on the flowers he loved. His hope was unfulfilled.

The last journey of the man whose broadcasts had won him the affection of millions of amateur gardeners was from St. Matthews Church, Surbiton. Autumn flowers from suburban gardens and prize blooms from the country's best know nurseries came as tributes.

A nation of gardeners will remember him as a notable Englishman.

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