

Laurel
Park
Estates

The Tongue Of Money

Deposits in banks in Hendersonville compiled from Statements given to bank examiner

On December 30, 1924 - - - - \$2,383,000.00
On December 30, 1925 - - - - \$4,914,000.00

No truer indication of the rapid steps of progress that are being made in Hendersonville and Henderson County can be had than the above statement showing an increase of over 100 per cent in bank deposits in one year. Real estate transfers, civic improvements, building permits, population ---show equal increases.

Laurel Park Estates offers the investor his best opportunity in this rapidly growing community. A two million dollar hotel, the Fleetwood Hotel, now under construction, and thousands of dollars being spent in improving this major development are daily enhancing values of the immediate vicinity, guaranteeing the investor today a profit on his investment within a few weeks time.

DELAY NEVER PAID ANY DIVIDENDS

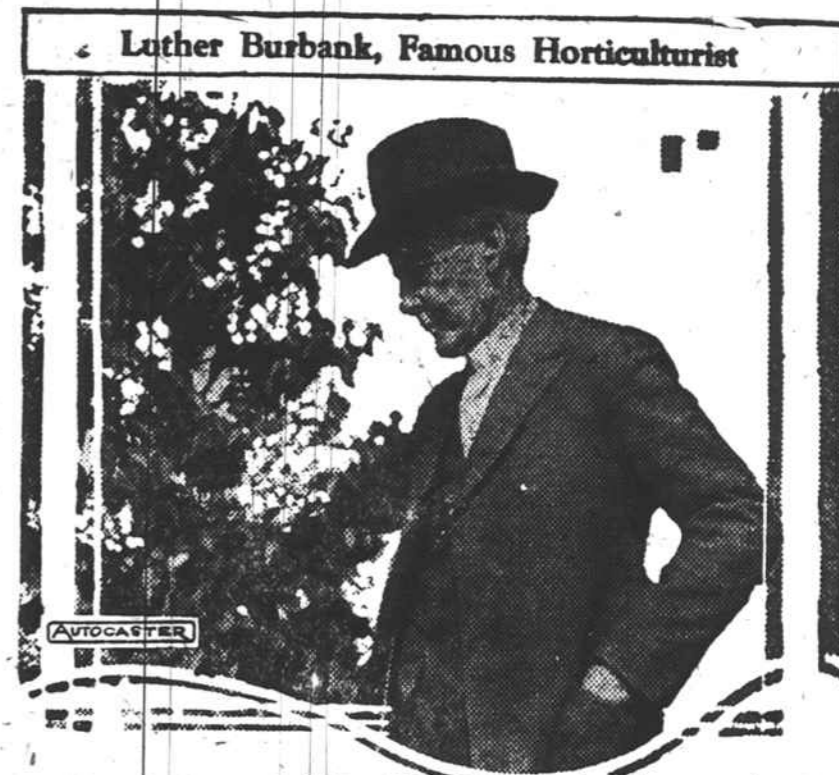
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"My Labor Is Not Finished" Says Luther Burbank, Refuting Rumor He Will Retire

After Fifty Years of Working Miracles With Nature, the "Plant Wizard" is Busier Than Ever in His Experimental Gardens at Santa Rosa, California.



Here is the great "Plant Wizard," snapped while on an inspection tour of his wonder gardens at Santa Rosa, California. The world, to which he has given stoneless plums, seedless oranges, and a hundred other "fruits of his labors," is glad to hear he will not retire, nor will his gardens be sold as was reported.

BURBANK'S MESSAGE.

Editor's Note:

The rumor was circulated that Mr. Burbank intended to cease all experiments and retire. That the University of California was to buy his gardens, where for a half century this great horticulturist has wrestled with nature, solving her secrets, changing her plans, unrelentingly bending her most stubborn plant children to his will.

In reply to our telegram about his reported retirement, Luther Burbank sent the following message:

Santa Rosa, Calif.

To the World:

I am not contemplating any change of any kind. I am personally carrying on the work on the six pieces as usual. I have more experiments on hand than ever before. Am happy in the work of serving others with better grains, trees, fruits and flowers. LUTHER BURBANK.

EDWARD PERCY HOWARD

Fifty years of work among plants and flowers, fifty years of accomplishments that have no rival make it impossible for America's great expert in vegetation to quit the soil and lay down the pruning shears. Burbank just can't quit. What he is to give to the world in the remaining years of his activity no man can foretell.

One of his earlier accomplishments was to pluck the spines from the cactus and turn an obnoxious weed into a food for the lower animals which later was made the base for candy to be nibbled by the flapper. He has taken stones from plums, pits from oranges and seeds from grapes. For years he has directed the evolution of our vegetation, bringing not alone joy to millions of persons throughout the world but adding in no small way to the national wealth. Due to the never ending search for the unusual rather than the important, our newspapers and magazines seemingly have centered the public mind on Burbank's accomplishments among the flowers, hundreds of which are amazing in their beauty, but perhaps his greatest accomplishment was the production of the Burbank potato in 1876, which, according to figures supplied by the Department of Agriculture, added \$17,000,000 yearly to the agricultural productivity of the country. Then he gave perennial growth to a species of rhubarb and increased the size of the edible stalk from the thickness of a lead pencil to a circumference of approximately twelve inches. Scientific selection and directed survival of the fittest appears to have been the basis of the Burbank accomplishments. The magnitude of his task and the patience required in selection may be judged from the fact that at one time he started fourteen bonfires, each containing about 65,000 two and three years old berry bushes, discarded in the conduct of one experiment. His selection of seeds having certain characteristics, his later selection for further breeding of the resulting plants that best exhibited a leaning toward the variation he desired has called for a quality of patience and persistence so highly developed that the like has not been duplicated in the world. One may judge of this and of Burbank's untiring industry when it is known he has developed more than 100,000 varieties of the gladiolus, and that his new cammassia, a flower of peculiar blue color, has been brought to bloom following twenty-six years of continuous experiment. Then think of rainbow corn which grows eight feet high and bears from eight to fourteen ears on each stalk. Burbank's pet is his "Molten Fire," an amaranthus with iridescent crimson, to glowing pink leaves, that resemble most the glowing flashes of redhot coal. When this striking example of plant culture first showed its full development of color, its brilliancy was short lived. Now the flashing colors are retained for a period of three months. Burbank like Roosevelt first sought the great outdoors in a search for health. Both gained it, and both have repaid in full the generosity of Mother Nature.

RUPTURE SHIELD EXPERT HERE

E. J. Meinhard, the well known Expert from Chicago, will personally be at the Vanderbilt Hotel, Asheville, N. C., on Thursday, February 25th, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., and at the Cleveland Hotel, Spartanburg, S. C., on Friday, February 26th, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Mr. Meinhard says "The Vacuum Rupture Shield" will not only hold the Rupture perfectly, but will contract the opening in thirty days on the average case—usually giving instantaneous relief withstanding all strain regardless of the size and location of the Rupture.

WARNING: Do not expose yourself to the danger of wearing old-style trusses with understraps. These trusses usually place the pad on the lump and not on the rupture opening. This often causes strangulation which usually necessitates an immediate surgical operation or results in sudden death. "The Vacuum Rupture Shield" has no understraps, no straps around the body or legs. It is so perfectly sanitary and practically indestructible, and should be worn while bathing. Only gentlemen are invited to call at this time, as a special visit will be made here later for women and children.

Notice: "The Vacuum Rupture Shield" cannot be fitted by mail. Every case must be seen personally. Please note the above dates and hours carefully. Strictly no charge for demonstration. Address all correspondence to E. J. Meinhard Co., Whitehall, Michigan.

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