

## TAR HEEL GARDNER

By John H. Harris.

Too many of our home and church grounds are sad looking sights. Instead of being an inspiration, some of them, I fear, are actually depressing. Whether we realize it or not, we all respond to the environment around us. It either gives us a lift, inspires us to greater achievements, or it depresses us and deadens our incentive to obtain nobleness.

I like the way Prof. M. E. Gardner put it. He said: "Nothing adds more dignity and contentment to the art of living than attractive surroundings. A well landscaped garden, although simple, is an outward expression of neighborliness and confident living."

The requirements for attractive home or church grounds are simple—as a matter of fact, simplicity is the key to beauty. Putting it simply, what we need is a well kept lawn; trees for shade and atmosphere; convenient and well maintained drives and walks; shrubs and trees for screening off unattractive views and a few to go around the house; and most of all, we need an appreciation of and a desire for beauty.

To help you do the job, we have bulletins available either through your county or home agent's office or through the State Agricultural Extension Service office at State College. Among these bulletins is one of landscaping church grounds. These bulletins are free.

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