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THE VALUE OF SHADE TREES IN THE SALE OF PROPERTY

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It pays to add a few frills when buying a home. This fact was illustrated when a certain man owning a small suburban property found it necessary to make a quick sale. Having a keen appreciation of the beautiful in nature this man had surrounded his modest home with ornamental trees and flowering shrubs. They had been growing for only a few years, to be sure, but they had become so well established that all appearance of newness had disappeared. Now this man was able to obtain for his property twenty-five per cent more than a neighbor who had a costlier house but who had neglected its external embellishment. Moreover, he sold his property several months before his neighbor could find a purchaser.

Enjoyment and Comfort.

Now, of course, the average man will not plant his grounds for the prime purpose of making his place salable. It must be admitted, in passing, though, that real estate men the country over are beginning to learn that they can get a much larger price for their new houses if they plant the grounds before offering them for sale. From the point of view of the house owner, however, the free use of trees and shrubs is desirable in two ways. It adds greatly to his enjoyment and comfort and to that of his family, and at the same time he has the agreeable knowledge that these same trees and shrubs are rapidly growing into money. If he has any doubt on the latter point he has only to put up a "For Sale" sign on his front gate. It is always the house which has been given an inviting, homelike appearance that catches the eye of a prospective purchaser.

Common Faults.

It is understood, naturally, that some intelligence must be used if good results are to be obtained. Sometimes it happens that the enthusiast will set out so many trees and shrubs that his place is overplanted. Another common fault is setting little shrubs all over a lawn making them look like so many enlarged shoe buttons. Trees are more desirable, but they should not be planted too near the house, for excessive shade is undesirable. Some trees, too, like the Carolina poplar, will work their roots into the foundation walls, and sometimes do considerable damage. It is impossible to name a list of ornamental or shade trees which are adapted to all situations, but the amateur can obtain just the information he needs about trees for his own locality by consulting a nearby nurseryman. Many of the latter are now making a specialty of trees for the planting of the home grounds and can recommend just the ones to be selected for a sunny exposure, for one where sunlight is cut off for much of the day, for very dry spots, and for those where water sometimes stands. It is always well to get a little expert advice before buying trees because the results are to be spread over many years.

The Use of Shrubbery.

There is a distinct difference between the home maker who is planning for his own enjoyment and yet wants to increase the value of his property and the speculator who simply aims to find a customer at the earliest opportunity. The latter will invariably choose trees and shrubs which grow rapidly and make an immediate showing without regard to their appearance in a few years. The former, on the other hand, will select the choicest trees and plants—those which are good for a lifetime and gain in beauty the older they grow. One of the simplest ways to make a house look like a real home is to use shrubbery along the foundation. It is surprising to see how quickly a tall, gaunt, bare looking dwelling can be transformed by this simple expedient.

Best Specimens.

The principal planting should be of trees which are valued for their shade as well as for their beauty. Such trees, for example, as the Lindens, the Beeches and the Norway Maples. The Kentucky Coffee Tree is also a good lawn subject, except for the fact that it does not get its foliage until very late in the spring. Some of the Catalpas are particularly good lawn trees, although not growing very tall, and the long lived Maidenhair tree is unrivaled for sheer beauty when it can be given sufficient room.

There are few hobbies which become more fascinating than that of growing beautiful plants around one's home, and unlike most hobbies it is an excellent investment. Nothing is ever lost by planting trees and shrubs, and oftentimes much is gained financially as well as in downright satisfaction.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

For South Atlantic and east gulf states: Generally fair weather will prevail with temperatures below normal.

—President Wilson, Wednesday, took an automobile ride about Washington city, the first since he was taken ill five months ago.

VAULTS BLOWN OPEN AT OXFORD POSTOFFICE AND THIEVES MAKE BIG HAUL

Entrance to Building Effected Through Bath Windows—Used Tools Belonging to Local Section Master.

Yegmen early this morning entered the Oxford Postoffice through a bath window at the South end of the building and blew open the big steel vault and took therefrom stamps and Liberty Bonds to the amount of \$18,000.

The private box of Assistant Postmaster Critcher in the vault was also rifled.

The three solid steel doors to the vault, which were securely locked by large steel bolts, were blown back by the use of an explosive. It was the work of an expert.

The sledge hammer and other tools used in the robbery were identified by Mr. E. S. Coward, local section master of the Seaboard Railroad, as belonging to him.

Bloodhounds and government secret service men are being dispatched to Oxford to rundown the safe blowers.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

A Number of Deeds Were Recorded By Register of Deeds C. G. Powell Last Week.

Leo E. Byrum and wife to C. D. and R. M. Ray, 2 lots in Oxford. Consideration \$770.

J. L. Carrington and wife to O. T. Davie, one-half acre in Oxford. One hundred dollars and other valuable considerations.

A. L. Clayton to S. R. Abernethy, house and lot in Oxford. Ten dollars and other valuable considerations.

Joseph Moore and wife to Joe Suit, 16.45 acres. Consideration \$500.

John A. Williams and L. F. Perkins to L. T. Hines, one lot in Oxford. Consideration \$250.

R. C. Smith and wife to J. E. Grissom, a tract of 117 acres in Salem township. Consideration \$1300.

Bettie B. Turner and others to Trexler & Sterner, of Allentown, Pa., timber deed. Consideration \$3200.

Tar Valley Manufacturing Co. to W. R. Kimball, lease of land in Tally Ho.

Wiley T. Yancey and wife to Alie M. Pruitt and Maurice Pruitt, tract of land in Oxford township. Consideration \$3375.

J. E. Grissom to P. J. Patterson, 99 and one-half acres. Consideration \$6500.

W. W. Tuck and wife to J. W. Morningstar, tract of land near Virginia. Consideration \$470.

CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION

Southern Gas and Improvement Company Not Furnishing Sufficient Gas To Oxford Consumers.

The Southern Gas and Improvement Company, which forces the gas through a pipe from Henderson to Oxford, is the object of much complaint in Oxford.

The company sold a large amount of gas stoves to the people of Oxford with the explicit understanding that the gas to heat the stoves would be furnished by them. For the past month or more the gas has been cut off from Oxford frequently as long as twelve and eighteen hours at a stretch, causing much suffering to those who depended upon gas for heating and cooking purposes.

The Public Ledger is again delayed on account of the inferior service rendered by the company.

The company was granted a franchise to do business in Oxford according to specifications. Many citizens are demanding that the Town Commissioners conduct an investigation at once.

If the service is not improved immediately, the Public Ledger will find some other way to melt and refine type metal, and that is the way the consumers of gas here feel about the matter.

MRS. WIMBUSH DEAD

Was a Sister of the Late Colonel T. L. Hargrove of Oxford.

Mrs. Virginia D. Wimbush died at her home near Townsville last week, aged 88 years. She was the daughter of I. W. and Nancy Hargrove, and a sister of Colonel T. L. Hargrove, of Oxford, and the widow of the late John Wimbush, all of whom preceded her to the grave.

At the death of her father, she inherited a comfortable estate, to which she added by her good judgment and business qualities. She took a great interest in the upbuilding of her community, and was ever ready to assist the needy. A few years before her death she built a church entirely at her own expense at Townsville, in memory of her father and mother, and this she gave to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MR. F. W. HANCOCK, JR., CALLS FOR FAIR PLAY

Defines His Position On the Revaluation Act.

Editor Public Ledger:

I notice in reading your paper from time to time that apparently you delight in publishing every statement which Governor Bickett makes in defense of The Revaluation Act.

While the Governor along with others are advocating this Act there are others of equal eminence and power who are opposing it and I think in fairness to them you should occasionally publish the other side of this much discussed Act.

I therefore respectfully request that in your next issue you publish the article entitled "The Revaluation Act; Its Effect on Taxation" by J. W. Bailey, Attorney at Law, Raleigh, N. C., which appears in last Sunday's issue of The News and Observer. If his position on this great question is not well founded and wrong the people will denounce it, and if his position is well founded and right they will uphold him.

It is high time officials were regarding themselves as servants—not masters. They have no right to suppress discussion in the name of party loyalty or official wisdom and superiority. It is absurd and even funny that they should think that they could enact a law without notice to the people they were and are supposed to represent and then demand that discussion be suppressed until it has been finally established.

I am confident that by publishing the article above referred to you will be favoring a large number of your subscribers.

F. W. HANCOCK, JR.

There is an insistent demand that Mr. Bailey's document be published in pamphlet form and distributed throughout the State free.

The only reason that we did not reprint the article was on account of its great length and the limited space at our command.

It is impossible to condense Mr. Bailey's article and carry its full meaning and force; yet Mr. Hancock could oblige our readers by jotting down some of the strong points of Mr. Bailey's effusion and hand it in for publication along with any other views that he may entertain, so that it is not too long for our limited space and working force.—EDITOR.

ONE OF THE BEST IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Eighth Grade Saving Society of the Oxford High School.

Ben Medford, secretary of the Eighth Grade Saving Society of Oxford High School, reports that the society saved \$140.65 in February and invested the money in Thrift and War Savings Stamps. This represents an average saving of \$5.62 apiece for the boys and girls belonging to the society, and is considered a fine record. Word received here from the War Loan Organization for this district, with headquarters in Richmond, Va., says that Oxford society ranks as one of the most active in the state. There are now upwards of nine thousand school thrift clubs in the fifth district.

YOUNG MAN DEVOURS MORE THAN THREE DOZEN EGGS

The Wonderful Feat Was Accomplished in a Few Minutes.

Last Sunday evening Mr. Sidney Harris, an ex-serviceman holding an important position in an Oxford grocery store, made the boast in the presence of a number of his companions that he could eat three dozen hen eggs and not pay for the eggs if Mr. Harris ate them.

The young man took themselves to the Busy Bee on Hillsboro street, where 38 large hen's eggs were counted out and placed before Mr. Harris. After he ate two cooked eggs he broke thirty-six in a glass and swallowed them one at a time.

Messrs. M. B. Hennessy, at J. Robert Wood's store, and Neil Roberts, who holds an important position in a wholesale grocery house, were witnesses of the wonderful feat. When questioned by the Public Ledger as to how he felt, Mr. Harris said that he experienced no ill effect from eating the eggs.

ITALIAN MAID SERVANTS

America's Servant Problem Is Nothing in Comparison.

A Rome special says that the maid servants who hold an important position in a wholesale grocery house, were witnesses of the wonderful feat. When questioned by the Public Ledger as to how he felt, Mr. Harris said that he experienced no ill effect from eating the eggs.

There still exist in the French republic five different ranks or grades of nobility.

A FEW POLITICAL POINTERS

—Now that the date for the State Democratic Convention has been set interest in politics is growing in Granville. The voters have begun to talk about "Who is Who and What is What."

—Listening to all of the wagging tongues it would be impossible at this juncture to tell which one of the three candidates for Governor would receive the most votes in a popular election if it was held within the next week.

—One frequently hears the following expression: "Which one of the three candidates for governor is the best business man?" "I am tired voting for politicians." "What we need is a good business man at the head of the State."

—Some say that the next governor of North Carolina has been elected up in Washington. This is an undercut at one of the three candidates, but as each one of the three candidates has a strong following in the North Carolina delegation, the under thrust counts for nothing.

—Burying the hatchets and embracing each other and indulging in honeyed words at their State convention does not mean that the Republicans will carry the State next fall," said a good Democrat yesterday.

—Only about three months till the Republican national convention meets in Chicago on June 8, and yet there is no outstanding candidate for the nomination for the presidency. Who will it be, Lowden, Harding or General Wood, or some other man less known?

—Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer has hurled his hat in the ring for the Democratic presidential nomination. He is a strong administration man and the presumption that Mr. Wilson is favorable to his nomination. But then there is son-in-law McAdoo. How about him?

—The Republicans have placed a woman on their state ticket. Will the Democrats do the same, and how will the woman vote next fall?

UNCLE SAM WON'T ACCEPT ALIBIS OF THE NEGLIGENT

(Washington Special)

Alibis of the negligent will not be accepted as excuses to escape penalty for failure to file income tax returns for 1919, the Bureau of Internal Revenue announced today. Statements must be in by Monday, March 15.

"Did not know," or "forgot about it," and similar pleas, will be of no avail to the tardy, the bureau said, but a person who is physically unable to get his returns in on time because of illness may secure a thirty-day extension on application to the collector of his district.

Returns must be made by every person who had a net income for 1919 of \$1,000 or over if single, or of 2,000 or over if married.

OXFORD BOY HAS BEEN ASLEEP TWENTY-ONE DAYS

He Is At the Home of His Uncle In Durham.

The Durham Sun says: "Irvin Lloyd, a nine-year-old boy of Oxford, has been asleep for three weeks not waking up at all for the first six days. Several doctors, including a specialist from the city, attended the boy, and his ailment has been pronounced as the sleeping disease. Lately he has wakened for a short while every day or so, falling again into a deep sleep after a half hour or so of consciousness. He is at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bowling."

The Oxford doctors, and others here know nothing of the above case. It is possible that the boy is from Granville County and not from Oxford, as the Sun stated.

MR. VALENTINE ACCEPTS TALKING MACHINE AGENCY

His Headquarters Will Be At Pittman's Store.

Mr. Valentine, of Melborn, Australia, who has been keeping books for Mr. J. Robert Wood for several months, has accepted the agency of the New Comfort Talking Machine Company.

Mr. Valentine is a young man of pleasant address. At the close of the world war he came to this country and while in Washington City learned that "Oxford, North Carolina, was very much like an English town, with mild climate and courteous people." That accounts for him coming to Oxford and settling here. We are pleased to welcome him to this community.

He will handle the New Comfort Talking Machine and accessories and will make his headquarters at Pittman's Drug Store.

Cooking by Electricity

It has been proven by experience that the electric range is the best for cleanliness, convenience and uniformity in heat. The Carolina Power and Light Company have a fine display of Westinghouse automatic and Hughes electric ranges on display which they are placing on reasonable terms.

REVIVAL SERVICES BEGINS WITH FINE SPIRIT

"Breaking Up the Setter Family" Is the Subject For Tonight.

Beginning with a song service led by Mr. Stentz, who has a wonderful voice and the leadership that gets other people to sing, the meeting at the Methodist Church opened Monday night with a fine spirit of fellowship and community interest exhibited by the large audience, one that cannot be accommodated long. The choir of fine singers was composed of people from all the churches of the town. Anyone who can help in this work is expected to join the choir.

The special solo by Mr. Stentz was of unusual power. His messages in song from day to day will be a feature of the meeting.

After a brief introduction by Mr. Craven, Mr. Price spoke pointedly of his plans and purposes in the meeting asking cooperation in every phase of it. From the time he spoke the first word, his audience felt the presence of a man of power. He was clear and forceful in all his remarks and created a feeling of confidence in his ability and seriousness of purpose. Upon his statement, the meeting will be conducted along sane and truth seeking lines—free from any attempt at sensationalism in its worst sense.

He began his sermon with the very pointed question God asked Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden long years ago, "Where art thou?" and upon this based his striking characterization of various grades of church members usually found.

In forceful language and appropriate illustration he portrayed those faithful, loyal few who are always ready to do, those less faithful who take a prominent part on special occasions, those who are brake riders, an hindrances and those who are backsliders. "Where art thou?"

Song service at 7:30 Tuesday night, services each morning at 10 o'clock. Subject for Tuesday night "The Breaking Up of the Setter Family."

Come and bring your friends.

OUR HEROIC DOCTORS WORKED NIGHT AND DAY

There Were Only About One Hundred Deaths From Influenza In the County During the Recent Epidemic.

It is estimated that there were between 90 and 100 deaths in the county caused by flu in the recent epidemic. This is very remarkable considering the large number of people who had the disease. Some of our good doctors attended more than five hundred patients during the epidemic.

The majority of the fatalities were among the colored people. As a general thing, the colored people neglected to call a doctor in the early stages of the disease and many of them died without seeing a doctor.

For nearly two weeks all of the doctors of the county worked twenty hours a day. At times they worked on a solid stretch for forty-eight hours.

There were numerous instances during the height of the epidemic, when the doctors would start on a journey to the country, to find people standing by the roadside to implore them to visit their sick ones first.

"I have very sick patients beyond here," said the doctor, "and take a big risk in stopping at your house; however, I will go in and see what's the matter."

In this particular instance the good doctor went into the house and found a very sick woman. He knew exactly what to do and in less than five minutes saved her life and was on the road to see his other patients.

Two of our good doctors did not have a single fatality among the large number of patients they attended, and it is no doubt true that if there had been enough doctors to supply the demand, and that if those who had the disease had called the doctor earlier, there would not have been a dozen deaths from flu in the county during the epidemic.

THE LARGEST CITY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte Is the Largest City In the State With 46,318 Population.

Population announcements for 1920, issued by the census bureau Saturday, were: Toledo, O., 243,109, an increase of 74,612, or 44.3 per cent over 1916.

Charlotte, N. C.: Forty-six thousand, three hundred and eighteen, an increase of 12,304, or 36.2 per cent.

The population of Charlotte increased 88 percent during the 10 years from 1910. Toledo showed an increase of 27.8 percent in the same time. Toledo had the larger growth in the 12th census, having increased 61.9 percent in the 10 years from 1890 to 1900, while Charlotte's increase was 55.5 percent. Charlotte is the first North Carolina city whose population has been compiled.

—Mr. J. N. Norwood, well known to the people of Granville, is now pleasantly located at Midlothian, Chesterfield county, Va. On a clear day he can see the church spires in Richmond from his front porch. He has a magnificent tobacco farm and splendid neighbors and his family greatly enjoy their adopted home.

A COMPLAINT THAT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AT ONCE

The Health Officer and The Mayor Must Act Quick.

Editor Public Ledger:

I have been thinking for some time that it is my duty to lodge a complaint. I can't say all that I want to say, but suffice it to say that I see the finest prospect for flies in Oxford I have ever seen. Any one wishing to go into the fly business can secure all the big fat flies he wants in our neighborhood by the first of May. Such an enterprise has been started in my end of town and the plant is now in operation day and night, turning out flies by the million. Several in my neighborhood have taken stock in the fly enterprise. We are going to raise healthy, wealthy and wise flies and it will require hog wire to keep them from going through the windows of your home.

I am not saying this in praise of our part of town, but I do say that I don't believe you could find a better location for the fly business anywhere in Oxford.

If the health officer or the mayor of Oxford don't stop the work that is going on in our part of town we will show you the largest and finest flies you ever saw by the first of May.

J. H. MORRIS.

HENDERSON DISPLEASED WITH SHOWING BY ENUMERATORS

Said To Be Less Than In 1910, When 4,503 Persons Were Counted In Henderson Proper.

The Henderson Daily Dispatch says: "No little concern has been felt by a number of the leading local organizations and business men here over the recent announcement in the Dispatch, that Willard Harris, census enumerator for the city proper, had been able to count fewer persons in the census this year than the 4,503 population given to Henderson in the 1910 records."

"It is generally conceded that for every tax-payer in a community there are five persons living in the community. But to be safe they cut this to four. In 1910 there were 1122 tax-payers on the books of the city, and at that time the population was, as has been stated, 4,503. At the same ratio, or thereabouts, the 1920 population, they argue, ought to be in the neighborhood of about 8,000, since the number of tax-payers on the books, when the books are completed, is expected to reach approximately 2,000."

By the way, Oxford is waiting with interest the official figures of the census. Those who thought that we had 5,000 population are doomed to disappointment.

THE CHICKEN ORDINANCE

The Chickens Have Already Begun To Scratch For The Early Worm.

Springtime is again approaching and with the warm days of March, the many gardeners of Oxford will be, and are already preparing their 1920 spring gardens. There is already complaint that the citizens of the town are not regarding the ordinance passed by the Board of Commissioners about two years ago, "that no fowls should run at large in the town of Oxford," but some chickens have already aggravated the people in the several neighborhoods by scratching for the early worms, and thereby incurring labor and trouble by scratching up the flowers, shrubbery, etc.

We have been asked to call attention to this ordinance, and to say that the citizens of the town will call on the aid of the Chief of Police if the chickens are not kept off the streets and out of the neighborhood yard.

A hint to the wise should be sufficient, and those who are permitting their chickens to run at large should see that they are securely shut up, so that there can be any hard feelings occasioned by reason of a visit from the Chief of Police.

UGLIEST WOMAN ON EARTH

She Had a Long Lip and Tiny Eyes.

Recent London, Eng., correspondence contained the following: "The portrait by Quintin Matsys of Margaret, Duchess of Carinthia and Tyrol, called the ugliest woman on earth in dim mediaeval days, was sold at auction here the other day for 880 guineas. The great lady's face is described as newer that of the anthropoid apes than a woman, with tiny eyes, an upper lip incredibly long, a nose for which no word can be found, and that whole monstrosity crowned with a jewelled headdress that multiplied her 'charm' a hundred fold. Her lack of beauty seemed to enhance rather than depress, the price of the portrait."

At first we started to resent the idea that there was an uglier woman than the one we recently saw on the Oxford-Henderson train, but on second reading of the article we find it does not apply to this day and time and we have no more to say.

Dr. Harte Improving.

It is a pleasure to know that Dr. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, is recovering from a sickness. Many have been the prayers for this good man.