

Gives Away 100,000 Bouquets To Greenville, S. C., Invalids

A resolution to spend the remainder of his life in making as many people as possible happy, adopted twenty years ago by Arthur G. Gower, a quiet bookkeeper of Greenville, South Carolina, has just become known to the outside world. The American Magazine for December tells for the first time how he has grown and given away 100,000 bouquets of flowers to invalids since he took that vow.

In his simple occupation, the resolution has meant more a personal sacrifice than is required of the greatest philanthropists. It has meant getting up four o'clock Sunday mornings to carry heavy loads of flowers to homes and hospitals and long hours of work in his garden after his day's toil is over. But he has never wavered. Men, women and children, ill anywhere in Greenville are the recipients of his voluntary gifts, which he regards as the smallest manifestations of a Christian spirit that he can evince.

Twenty years ago a northern man came to Greenville with an invalid wife and because she could see nothing but the tops of the trees from her bed, Gower decided to provide her with flowers from his little garden. They seemed to brighten the days of the invalid so much that the bookkeeper decided to give some of his flowers to others.

He began to make mental notes of his friends who were sick, and from time to time he gathered bouquets from his own garden and took the flowers to these friends. They appreciated his thoughtfulness; the sight of the flowers seemed to make it easier for them to be patient while awaiting recovery. Then he extended his visits to include strangers, and also he extended his flower garden. As he enlarged it, he also enlarged the circle of his visits.

That was the start of Mr. Gower's flower mission. In making his plans, he decided that to visit the patients in the hospitals, giving them flowers, was an obvious thing to do. To these he added various sick persons about town. For many years he has distributed his bouquets impartially to all who are sick or otherwise afflicted.

As regularly as Sunday morning rolls around, this quiet, unassuming bookkeeper, now sixty-six years old, visits three hospitals and many homes, with his hamper baskets, one on each arm, piled high with flowers. His visits are eagerly looked forward to; people expect him, as they do the rising sun, and they accept him as one of God's benefits to humanity.

Mr. Gower is a busy man, putting in forty-eight hours a week over his ledgers, so he does not have much time for his really wonderful garden. He is not a man of means. He walks

to and from the hospitals and the homes he visits, walks despite the weight of hundreds of bunches of flowers. His own home has half an acre of ground around it, and in every available space flowers are planted. He selects them so that there will always be blossoms, except for a few weeks in the dead of winter. Each afternoon, upon returning from his office, he stays with his flowers as long as he can see to work. He never knocks off until the bats have hung themselves up for the night, and until the last hawk-moth has given the primroses a final once-over. And the next morning, long before sunrise, he is with his flowers again.

About four o'clock each Saturday afternoon Mr. Gower begins cutting the flowers he will distribute next day. When dark comes he goes into his house and arranges them into bunches. At four o'clock on Sunday morning he gets up again and completes this part of his task of mercy. Then, as soon as other people are stirring, he sets out on his rounds, carrying, usually, from one hundred to one hundred and fifty bunches of flowers. The largest number he ever distributed in one day was three hundred and eighteen. That was when the World War was on, and a big base hospital made extraordinary demands upon him. It is estimated that some fifteen thousand soldiers passed through this hospital, first and last, and that every one of them at one time or another received flowers from this bookkeeper, whose creed is as wide as mankind. In good weather and in bad, he goes just the same.

Mr. Gower has been an officer in the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville for thirty-five years. During the war, as a side line, he taught a Bible class in the government hospital.

Frequently in the mails Mr. Gower receives letters from strangers he has visited and, of course, from friends. Others have sought him out personally and thanked him; one man explained that he had been waiting three years for a chance to return again to Greenville and meet Mr. Gower, to thank him personally for his kindness; an ex-soldier wrote to ask if "you are still scattering sunshine."

Notice

By virtue of a mortgage made by W. M. Bowling and wife to J. L. Bowling, recorded in Person County in Book 2, page 891, and by request of the mortgagor, I will, on Saturday, 10th December, 1927, sell for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the court house door in Roxboro at 12 o'clock noon, that certain tract of land lying in Mt. Tirzah township, N. C., beginning at Emmet Pucci's corner, in Bantle Bass' line; thence S. 89 degrees 30 minutes W. 565 ft. to pointers; thence S. 2 degrees 30 minutes W. 217 1/2 feet to a stake a corner

in Herod Allen's line; thence N. 87 degrees 15 minutes W. 476 ft. to a dead oak and pointers; thence N. 2 degrees 30 minutes E. 1020 ft. to Little Rock Fork Creek; thence 65 ft. with said creek to pointers; thence N. 15 degrees E. 890 ft. to pointers; thence N. 70 degrees 45 minutes W. 2920 ft. to pointers in Big Rocky Ford Creek; thence the creek as it meanders 1000 ft. to pointers; thence S. 70 degrees 45 minutes E. 2630 ft. to pointers; thence N. 89 degrees 30 minutes E. 900 ft. to pointers; thence S. 1 degrees 15 minutes W. 200 ft. to the beginning, containing 92 acres more or less.

This Nov. 9th, 1927.
J. L. Bowling, Mortgagee.
T. C. Brooks, Atty.

JUNIOR ORDER MEETING

Longhurst Council No. 570 meets every Monday evening 7:30. Come to these meetings members. Business of importance comes before us often which you should know about. G. F. COLE, Councillor.
O. J. BLUE, Rec Sec.

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Those eight lots lying and being on the West side of the public road leading from Roxboro to Jalong, North

Carolina, and known and designated as lots Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 of the W. W. Harris Farm, and shown by plat and survey of record in Office of Register of Deeds of Person County in Book 26, page 177 which is referred to and made a part of this description, each of said lots fronting 25 feet on said highway and running back 210 feet. See deed of J. T. Walker to N. Keally for 19 and 20, and A. E. Jackson and wife to N. Keally for Nos. 21, 22, 23, and 24, and deed from R. A. Walker for Nos. 25 and 26.

This the 25th day of October 1927.
L. M. Carlton, Trustee.

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