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APPEARANCES MEAN A GREAT DEAL.

Visitors or tourists with an eye for the beautiful generally get their first impression from the appearance of a city's business section.

Waynesville has many beautiful homes. Perhaps there isn't a town in all this glorious mountain section that can boast of such artistically arranged homes and dwellings. Very few, but have beautifully shaded lawns and the house and garage as a rule well kept up and freshly painted yearly.

But we cannot say as much for our main business section. Many of our stores sadly need painting and even window washing. Some of our professional business offices and the stairways and hallways leading to them are sadly looking in paint, soap suds and papering. In fact we ought to clean up and paint up some of our business houses on Main street.

LOCUST BLOSSOM WEEK - A HARVEST WEEK FOR THE BUSY BEE.

And a week of delight for all persons who enjoy the fragrance of the locust blossoms. For some it is just a little perfume. Is what some writers describe as too cloying.

But it is not too cloying for the myriad of busy bees, busy gathering a golden harvest of richest nectar. Pause under a locust tree and at half a moment's reflection will bring your mind to bear upon the mysterious instinct that impels each eager, tiny worker to go to the utmost its meager strength to store up the dainty fragrance distilled by a wondrous chemistry from mountain air, and sunlight and moisture in that fragile chalice, the locust flower.

And then we are told that the army of workers so busy now are not turning up the honey for themselves, but for generations of bees to follow. However, would you seek a guide to the beauty and the mystery and poetry of it all read that mystical book "The Life of the Bee" by Maeterlinck, the famous Belgian author.

PALMER'S BUNGALOW HIGH CLASS STRUCTURE NEAR COMPLETION.

The most superb home built in this section of the State by James Palmer, member of the First National Bank, will soon be ready for occupancy.

From the elevated well proportioned front of view it is probably the most interesting structure of steel that has gone up in Waynesville this year.

All of the materials used are of the best grade obtainable. The walls are of hollow tile covered with fireproof brick. The trim is of best grade chestnut. The floors are of the best seven-eighths inch oak. All hallways and valleys are of copper. The electric wiring is protected by B. & X. cable insulation. The walls and ceilings are plastered and finished with Keweenaw cement which makes a surface of the most durable character. The floor and walls and ceiling of the bath room are covered with tile making them moisture proof. Suffice it then to say that no pains were spared to make the structure mechanically perfect in every detail.

In respect to the plan and convenience in the arrangement of rooms and the tastefulness of design and finish Mr. Palmer's bungalow may be said to be just about the last word.

Credit for all this, architectural and mechanical perfection is due to Mr. T. C. Norris, Waynesville's well known general contractor and builder.

Mr. Norris drew the designs, assumed the responsibility for construction of the bungalow and has personally seen to the carrying out of every specification to the very letter.

Among those close in, the location of Mr. Palmer's new home is one of the most pleasant and desirable and all his neighbors will appreciate the improvement that part of the town owes to him.

LONICERA AND VIBURNUM REIGNING BEAUTIES OF WAYNESVILLE.

By E. F. Detwiler.  
For some time we have worked the ornamental beauties and flowering shrubs in our little mountain town. We have seen the Lonicera and Viburnum.

And what are Lonicera and Viburnum? Well do not be abashed if you do not know. There are many who are generally well informed people who are not familiar with the meaning of these names.

Did you read that series of delightful autobiographical articles which for months recently ran through the Saturday Evening Post in which Henry Hergeshimer, the well known author, gives us occasional sidelights upon his literary career while telling the entertaining story of the making over of his old Dower House in West Chester, Pennsylvania?

Well, somewhere in it, you remember he relates how his landscape architect, confounded him by giving the nurserymen's learned high sounding names to common shrubs instead of the old fashioned ones.

You will recall Hergeshimer's humility and naive confession of ignorance concerning nurserymen's nomenclature of shrubs, when the landscape man explained that syringa meant lilac, lonicera, bush honey suckle and viburnum snowball. Here it might be remarked that nurserymen like men in other callings of special learning seem inclined toward big words and fancy names, presumably to make their business appear more impressive and important.

But now it is out. You know lonicera means bush honey-suckle and Viburnum means snowball.

However you may not happen to think that there may be many varieties of those two families of shrubs yet such is the fact. Turn to certain nurserymen's catalogues and you will find listed Lonicera alba, Lonicera tartarica, Lonicera fragrantissima, Lonicera morrowi and others.

Under viburnum heading you will find specified Viburnum japonicum, Viburnum opulus, Viburnum acerifolium, Viburnum tomentosum.

The only variety of lonicera the writer has observed in Waynesville is the Lonicera tartarica. There are two or three fine large old specimen shrubs of them on Haywood street. They are so easily grown and so floriferous and so beautiful one has to wonder that these fine specimens have not long ago moved many others to plant the variety. So far as known they are entirely free from disease, as well as free from attacks of insects and fungi. In fact the lonicera are among the most desirable and serviceable of shrubs. In Asheville the Lonicera fragrantissima, found in great quantities, blooms before the leaves appear and the blossoms are very fragrant. Hence the sub-name, fragrantissima.

Of viburnums, this writer has noticed in Waynesville only bushes of the Viburnum opulus sterilis, the common snowball. And very charming they are, too. In course of time, no doubt, the other varieties will be introduced. Among them is the Viburnum opulus, this is sometimes called the European cranberry bush. It is a tall shrub with spreading branches. The flowers are single white, and pointed in the clusters. The berries are separate and come on the twigs until very late in the winter and are very showy. The berries are edible and in a very fine year are made of them a very fine jam or jelly. In fact, at one time they were found quite common in this section.

It is a good thing that the Japanese vine so commonly found in our yards, the Japanese halliart, which means that it came from Japan, from which all these vines around here have been derived.

Who knows our popular fruit grower, Mr. Bolling Hall, may not be a remote descendant of that distinguished botanist. Mr. Hall's interest in things botanical and horticultural suggests the possibility to such as are inclined to believe in the doctrine of the inheritance of tendencies.

TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Several times lately we have been told very cordially that we ought to come out and take a strong stand on some vexing question of the day. Most of these criticisms were from folks who had an ax to grind. And perhaps we were not of their same opinion. However, we have pointed out that the columns of The Carolina Mountaineer were always open to any responsible citizen providing they signed their names. Of course this didn't appeal to any of them in the least and they hastened to draw a picture of existing conditions that ought to have been of vital importance to the community and in their opinion the newspaper ought to be the "goat." When they themselves did not care to advocate their own opinion we failed to see why we should adopt it as ours. We have been informed that we were cowardly and afraid that we might

make our newspaper unpopular with some of our citizens. These insinuations were all given to us in a very pleasant and diplomatic manner. However, it might be well worth while to publish the fact once again that The Carolina Mountaineer cannot be dictated to; will not be used by a small faction or ring and cannot be treated or used to help any individual or group to "pull their chest out of the fire."

We are publishing this paper as the exponent of the people of Haywood county. We are always pleased to publish any article if it is constructive criticism or of some benefit to our county; but we do not care to advocate any special desires of a very small minority or to use the influence of this thirty-eight year-old home newspaper to strengthen the ambitions of anyone. We desire to cooperate with all things appertaining to the betterment of Waynesville and Haywood county.

PRAISE FROM MR. DENTON.

The editor received a telephone call from Mr. W. T. Denton on last Friday in regard to an editorial in the Carolina Mountaineer. Mr. Denton praised the article and declared it was the best he had read in many years. Also spoke in an optimistic manner of business conditions and he was quite positive that Waynesville and Haywood county were going to have the greatest tourist season in our history.

Such praise from one of Waynesville's most progressive, energetic and optimistic hardware merchants is exceedingly gratifying to all of the Mountaineer staff.

When such prominent citizens as Mr. Denton who is proprietor of one of Waynesville's largest business enterprises, takes the trouble to call us up with extravagant praise it makes the new paper hold much brighter.

LOCAL MERCHANTS BACKBONE OF COMMUNITY.

That the merchants and the professional men of Waynesville are the "backbone" of this community is manifest. In all undertakings of a civic nature, the merchants and the professional men bear the main brunt of the project. They are the ones who dig out hard cash for any and all donations. They pay the main luxury and all other taxes, make the largest donations and are always willing to share any profits with the whole community.

If a drive is put on to advertise Waynesville, the business men donate first, last and between times. If a banquet is hurriedly gotten up to entertain some visiting group, the merchants are called upon to shovel out. If another club is organized the merchants are expected to join without more ado. If an industry is to be attracted to this city or county, it is up to Mr. Business Man to sign on the dotted line for a few more paltry dollars. And so it goes all down the line.

In the past much has been written about trading at home, much criticism has been indulged in by many of us for so called lack of co-operation, lack of civic pride, etc., and yet nothing has really ever been accomplished to enliven the apparent lack of gratitude by the average citizen towards his fellow townsman and neighbor, the merchant.

We believe it is mostly on account of thoughtlessness more than anything else; this buying out of town the goods that can be and ought to be bought at home.

We know that the bread made here in Waynesville is good, wholesome, bread and we are quite positive that the local bakery is a tremendous credit to our fine town. In fact we feel sure that the most of us are proud to buy Waynesville can boast of such a splendid up-to-date bakery business. We suppose there are many folks who take any bread (stale or even moldy) that may be handed out to them; but if their attention was called to the fact that the Waynesville bread was fresh daily, was made by one of our own tax paying townsmen, then the average consumer would call for Waynesville bread.

And if the average citizen and consumer will stop and ponder a few minutes each time they are tempted to buy out of town, and would consider the extra amount through postage or traveling expenses, to say nothing of the time wasted, and the unsatisfactory fit or the miserable quality of the product, we would all keep the money at home where it is needed.

If we are in a hurry for a small article our merchants are always accommodating enough to deliver anything in the shortest length of time. And when the rainy day comes along, as it quite often does, we cannot, away from home, get an extended line of credit or even a brief extension. But we can and generally do get what we want and when we want it from our local friend—merchant.

There are many, very many reasons why we should "Try First to Buy at Home;" but the one reason is enough: That of the future growth and prosperity of our own community. We cannot expect to have the steady and permanent growth that has been ours

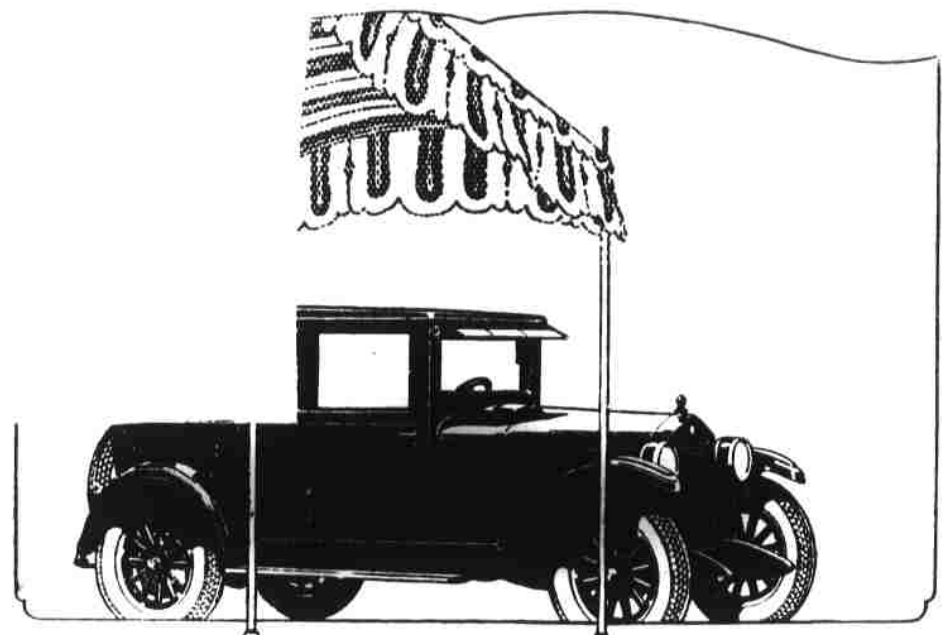
for these many years unless we cooperate and work enthusiastically with

president, for he will consider it a privilege as well as an honor to serve the bankers of the State.

Through years of constant application to the business of banking in general, Mr. Shipman has watched human tide come and go. Through winter and summer he kept his vigil at the bank which he is now the head after serving his apprenticeship as cashier and vice-president. Yesterday, today and tomorrow, he is the same steadiness and steadfastness an institution. He isn't typical of any banker in North Carolina, for he has individuality and personality, but he does stand for the same steadiness and steadfast-

ness that goes to make up the successful banker in North Carolina.

In New York they probably think of Tom Shipman as being a country banker. The town in which he lives isn't large as towns and city go, but it has as much human nature to its size as New York has, and one after knowing Tom Shipman suspects much more. There's mighty little of it that Tom Shipman doesn't know. Nor is he a stranger to New York, for he keeps in touch with the world that lies beyond the horizon, as most successful bankers do, and he is quite as much at home in New York as he is in Brevard, Raleigh News and Observer.



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