

Gifts Of The Trees

A Feature Article Written by Miss Lucy White, Of the Belvidere Home Demonstration Club

Henry Van Dyke writes the following salute to trees: "Many a tree is found in the wood, And every tree for its use is good; Some for the strength of the gnarled root; Some for the sweetness of flavor of fruit; Some for shelter against the storm, And some to keep the hearthstone warm; Some for the roof and some for the beam, And some for a boat to breast the stream— In the wealth of the woods since the world began, The trees have offered their gifts to man."

An agricultural leader says, "Trees are the arms of Mother Earth lifted up in worship of their maker."

Where trees are—beauty dwells—where trees are not—the land is ugly. Do we ever stop to consider what a barren, unfinished appearance our world would have if there were no trees anywhere to give variety, softness and expression to the landscape?

Only a few months ago as we looked about us we could see signs of life in leaf and bud which was the trees' way to herald springtime. Now the trees are clothing autumn in kindly raiment and soon they will be bared to the winter's cold and will become the harp of the winds.

Our trees have inspired many of the noblest and most beautiful themes of our best writers.

In the Bible a good man is often compared to a tree growing tall, straight and beautiful. The psalmist again and again uses this figure. A good man, we are told, is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Again, "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon." How beautiful and suggestive are these word pictures!

Trees are the shelter of man, beast and bird; they furnish the roof above us, the shade about us and the nesting places of love and song. They are the masts that fly the flags of all nations and the sails of all seas; they are the timbers that bridge forbidding streams; that bear the wires of the world's intelligence and hold the rails that carry the traffic of the continents.

Trees are nature's prime source of food, their fruits and nuts gave sustenance to the first tribes of men and are the sweetest and most nourishing of the earth's products.

We pity the members of a farm home who cannot feast their eyes on fruit trees gorgeous with blossoms in spring and later with fruit in summer and autumn and see the nut trees majestic in height and magnitude. These nuts and fruits are the by-products of beauty.

When "the Lord God planted a garden," according to Genesis, He not only planted trees good for food, but also those pleasant to the sight. Some examples of those pleasant to the sight are redbud, dogwood, mimosa, crepe myrtle and the evergreens. Isn't it pleasing to the eye to see a pine, cedar or magnolia to add a touch of life and color in winter when other trees are bare?

Trees are the largest and oldest of living things and next to the earth itself trees are man's most useful servants. They contribute the basic materials for our greatest industries, namely: manufacturing, mining, agriculture and commerce.

Our manufacturing industries are largely dependent upon wood for lumber, pulp for paper, dyes, fiber for cloth and furniture. Trees are used in making vehicles of transportation—our dogwood is the best wood for making spokes for automobile wheels and also spindles for our textile industry. The forest supplies our needs from pencils to homes, from matches to railroad ties, from toothpicks to giant factories and ships.

From the mine in the depth of the earth comes the demand for timber—we could have no coal but for the use of wood. Besides all these uses the forest saves and enriches the soil and regulates the water supply. It reduces the temperature both in summer and winter. It provides a home for birds and wild life. The leaves of trees are said to absorb all noxious qualities of the air and to breathe forth a purer atmosphere. So we see all these uses tend to make a more beautiful and healthful country.

We accept trees and most of their products almost like the air we breathe, but unlike our atmosphere the supply of trees is not inexhaustible, for when the Indians roamed this country there were some 322 million acres of forested land—today there are only some 133 million acres of untouched forests. We are using our trees four times as fast as they are being replenished. Trees grow very slowly. We would be alarmed if we were told there would be no wheat crop this year, for bread is "the staff of life," and just as true the products of the trees of our forests are the

staff of industry. We, the people of our country, must realize what is happening to our forests and help create public sentiment for the preservation of our forests and the reforestation of our idle lands. If we are to remain a nation of wood users we must become a nation of wood growers.

While thinking upon just a few of the uses of trees we must conclude that the services that trees render us are multitudinous. Emerson, dreaming under the pines of his Concord home, even declared that a walk through the woods was one of the secrets for dodging old age.

Lucy Larcom, in her poem, "Plant A Tree," says in part that—"He who plants a tree plants hope, joy, peace, youth and love. Heaven and earth help him who plants a tree and his work its own reward shall be."

May we be brought to a new realization of the fact that each flower that blooms is to us a smile of a loving Father and each budding tree in spring is the promise of Life Eternal and that what our Father has given in love is ours to cultivate with faith.

CENTER HILL

Mrs. J. S. Turner, Mrs. J. N. Boyce, Mrs. Elmer Rogerson, Miss Nellie Davis and Willie Monds attended the district meeting of the P. T. A. in Elizabeth City Wednesday. The P. T. A. of Center Hill won the silver cup this year for having 100 per cent membership.

Mrs. Oscar Parker, of Norfolk, Va., spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bunch. Mr. Parker came Sunday and she accompanied him home.

Dr. E. S. White and his sisters, the Misses White, of Belvidere, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rowe, of Elizabeth City, spent last week here with her daughter, Miss Bonnie Rowe, a member of the school faculty.

Mrs. Silas Goodwin was taken seriously ill Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ellis and Miss Thelma Ellis, all of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis and son, Edmund, of Hilton Village, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Chappell and daughter, Joyce, were dinner guests of Mrs. Ida Ellis on Sunday.

Mrs. J. N. Boyce, Mrs. T. E. Jernigan and daughter, Janet Faye, Mrs. Eugene Jernigan and daughter, Sylvia, Mrs. T. H. Byrum and daughter, Miss Myrtle, visited Mrs. J. S. Turner Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Ray Carter and son, Olan, of Richmond, Va., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Furry.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jordan and son, Jimmie, spent the week-end in Boykin, Va., with Mrs. Jordan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Williams. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Gray, who will be their guest for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Chappell and daughter, Joyce, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Byrum and daughter, Shirley, were guests of Mr. Byrum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrum, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jernigan and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Nearest Jordan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jordan and son, Oliver, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Jordan spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Jordan, in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Goodwin and son, of Rocky Hock, visited Mr. Goodwin's mother, Mrs. Silas Goodwin, Sunday.

Mrs. T. H. Byrum is spending a few days with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Leary, on Virginia Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeannette and daughter, Mary Claire, of Elizabeth City, visited Mrs. Jeannette's father, E. C. Perry, Saturday evening.

Misses Estella Ward and Freda Hobbs visited Miss Kitty Perry Monday afternoon.

Miss Garnet Jernigan spent the week-end in Norfolk, Va., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lane called on Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Boyce Monday evening.

Willie Monds, T. H. Byrum and Rosser Bunch made a business trip to Norfolk, Va., Monday.

Mrs. Nehemiah Bunch, Mrs. Scott Boyce and daughter, Ruth, spent Wednesday in Norfolk, Va.

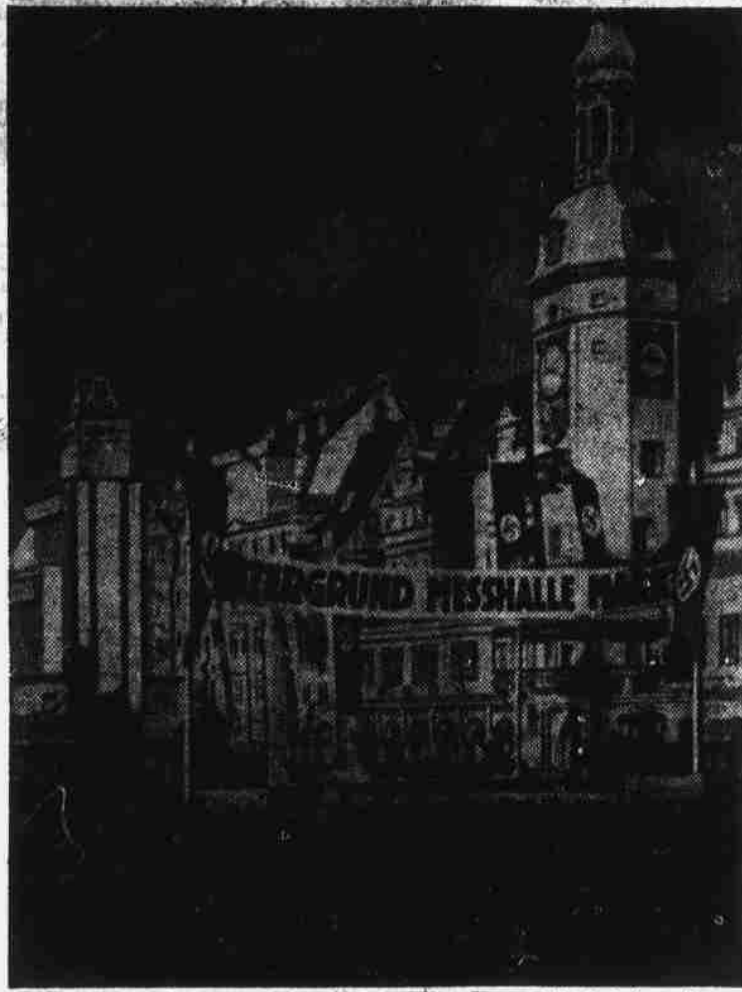
Miss Muriel Monds was the guest of Miss Irene Furry Monday afternoon.

Mrs. R. O. Furry spent Friday and Saturday in Rocky Hock with her sister, Mrs. R. N. Privott.

NEW PLASTIC

Four U. S. Department of Agriculture research workers have developed a method for converting sawdust, straw, wood waste and waste sugar cane stalks into synthetic plastics. The new material has a high resistance to water and moisture, and may be used for electrical insulators, door knobs, auto steering wheels, radio knobs, buttons, and other articles.

Oldest Market in the World



Marketplace 700 Years Old

Photo Leipzig Fair

BUSINESS men from many countries have been crowding this market place regularly for more than 700 years. Far back in the middle ages the trade caravans, with their guards of halberded soldiers, met at this point and exchanged their goods. The business executives at that distant day slept under their covered wagons. From this crude beginning has grown the Leipzig Trade Fair, the oldest and largest in the world. The next fair, held from August 28th to September 1st, will be the 1980th session.

The beautiful 16th century tower of the market place has looked down upon many changes. Wars have been fought, the map of Europe has been repeatedly redrawn, but the Trade Fair has been held with out interruption. The Fair was 300 years old when Columbus sailed to discover the new world. Just 150 years ago the first American merchants crossed the Atlantic in sailing vessels to take advantage of this great world exchange. Today thousands of business men from all parts of the United States find it profitable to journey every year to Leipzig.

HUGE BUSINESS

Agricultural cooperative marketing and purchasing associations are doing a gross business of \$2,750,000,000 annually, according to Dr. G. W. Forster of State College. Membership and business of the purchasing cooperatives have more than doubled in the past 10 years.

STERILITY CURE

The synthesis of alpha tocopherol, a substance equivalent to Vitamin E that has been successful in curing sterility in rats and which is declared to have tremendous practical importance in curing sterility in farm animals or even humans, has been accomplished by a group of University of Minnesota chemists.

COTTON GRADES

The U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates that of the upland cotton ginned in the United States prior to October 18, 26 per cent was white strict middling or above in grade; 34 per cent was white middling; and 18 per cent was white strict low middling or below. The colored grades accounted for 22 per cent of the ginnings.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS

Improved conditions affecting the domestic demand for farm products have been reported by the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Industrial activity has expanded and consumer incomes have increased in recent months.

SALVAGE TIMBER

Steps to protect from fire the 4,000,000,000 feet of timber felled by the recent hurricane in the North-eastern states have been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. There is enough of the fallen timber to keep saw mills in those states busy for nearly five years.

The Poor Again

Blessed are the poor. They can tell their creditors they are broke without lying about it.—The Little Rock, Arkansas, Democrat.

PEANUT REPORT

Virginia - North Carolina Section: During the last week-end the weather in Virginia was rainy, delaying the curing of peanuts, but was more favorable in North Carolina peanut areas and it is expected that picking of peanuts will be rather general this week, at least in North Carolina, if weather permits. Preliminary reports indicate a disappointing quality and that the yields are below normal. While occasional fields are yielding well many are reported extremely low in output due perhaps to too much rain early in the season and too much dry weather later. Early reports also indicate that many bags are coming to cleaning plants exceptionally light in weight. Many others are too wet and are being rejected. Farmers should realize that to an increasing extent shellers and cleaners are insisting upon peanuts that are sufficiently dry to be worked on at once. A few sales of new stock farmers' grade peanuts have been reported at

ders for shipment the latter part of the present week or next week. Prevailing prices, per lb., f. o. b. shipping points, follow: New Crop: Cleaned — Virginias, jumbos 6-6 3-8c; fancys 5-5 1/2c, few 5 1/2c. Shelled—Virginias, extra large 6 1/2-7c; No. 1, 5 1/2-5 7-8c; No. 2, 5-5 1-8c, few 5 1/2c. Spanish, No. 1, 5 1/2c; No. 2, 5 1/2c.

CHAPPELL HILL

Miss Edith Chappell, who teaches school in Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chappell, of Newport News, Va., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chappell.

Josie Copeland, of Greenville, and N. B. Dail, of Tyner, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chappell Friday night.

Elsbury Chappell and Clinton Monds went to Elizabeth City Saturday afternoon.

John S. Moore, from near Norfolk, Va., dined with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chappell Sunday.

Mrs. C. R. Lane visited Mrs. C. C. Chappell Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Geneva Chappell spent Thursday night with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Outland.

O. E. Chappell called to see Israel Lane Saturday morning. Mr. Lane is very ill.

Mrs. C. C. Chappell, Miss Edith Chappell and Elsbury Chappell called on Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sinclair Sunday morning.

O. E. Chappell was the guest of Miss Edith Chappell Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Outland visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chappell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green and chil-

dren, of Gates County, spent Sunday with Mrs. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chappell.

Miss Viola Chappell visited Miss Edith Chappell Sunday morning.

Mrs. E. F. Jordan, Mrs. Kelly Byrum and children visited Mrs. C. C. Chappell Friday afternoon.

HONORED AT SHOWER

A number of friends met at the home of Mrs. Harriet Parks, at Ryland, Thursday afternoon and showered Mrs. Carson Davis. The honoree opened and displayed quite a nice assortment of dainty gifts, after which refreshments were served.

Those present included Mrs. C. W. Ward, Mrs. Vance Moore, Mrs. Louisa Ward, Mrs. D. T. Ward, Mrs. N. E. Jordan, Mrs. Leroy Boyce, Mrs. Roy Parks, Mrs. Lloyd Chappell, Mrs. George Byrum, Mrs. J. T. Byrum, Mrs. R. S. Ward, Miss Gertrude Jackson, Miss Avis Ward, Miss Montaze Byrum, Grady Vance Moore, Mrs. E. L. Hollowell and two children, Aubrey and Anne, and Mrs. Julian Ward, of Edenton.

Delicious ice cream and dainty cookies were served.

Weekly Market Report

POULTRY AND EGGS
Courtesy Division of Markets
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture

Eggs, per dozen—Hennessy whites, 30-34; hennessy browns, 30-33; current collections, 28-33.

Live Poultry, per lb.—Rocks, 17; reds, 17; mixed colors, 14-17; light breeds, 13-16; broilers, 18; fryers, 15-18; guineas, each, 40c.

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