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Mustard Seed Has History

When Christ likened the kingdom of heaven to a grain of mustard seed, He wasn't picking on any old seed, but one of a select group of plants that has seasoned — and sometimes directed — history.

Spices have been performing in and out of the kitchen, in medicine, romance and even politics, since the beginning of the world — and even before.

For the ancient Assyrians contended that the gods met in council before the creation of the universe and hatched their plans over a few glasses of sesame-wine. World Book Encyclopedia reports that the Queen of Sheba enticed Solomon with gifts of spices — and the Egyptians used them to preserve their dead.

The Romans and Greeks perfumed themselves with cinnamon and made love potions out of garlic. They fumigated their homes with thyme and planted parsley on graves.

Any boy knows he can catch a bird by sprinkling salt on its tail. Ancient farmers, however, were advised to use garlic. The seeds supposedly were scattered on the ground to be eaten by the birds, which fell asleep and were easily captured.

Early medicines prescribed spices for ills ranging from hiccups to tumors. Coriander was said to be good for ulcers; fennel, for liver ailments, and fenugreek, for dandruff. Garlic was prescribed for epilepsy, and mint, if held in hand, prevented the chafing of skin. Hysterical females were urged to try mustard.

Spices, however, were not for the masses. In the 300's, for example, the emperor Constantine gave the Bishop of Rome a gift of cloves, saffron and pepper.

And when the Goths besieged Rome a century later, they demanded as ransom 5,000 pounds of gold, 30,000 pounds of silver and 3,000 pounds of pepper.

During the Middle Ages, when cooking was less than an art and baths were infrequent, spices were even more in demand. A pound of ginger was worth more than a sheep.

The profitable spice trade with the East helped transform Venice

This Is The Law

By Robert E. Lee
(For the N. C. Bar Association)
LIFE ESTATES

Real property is given by deed or will to Sam Smith for life and upon his death to John Jones. May Sam Smith sell his life estate?

Yes. Sam Smith has interest in the land which he may sell or take over the occupation and complete ownership of the land until after the death of Smith.

If Smith should transfer his life estate to Jones, this would make Jones the sole and absolute owner before the death of Smith.

Smith may rent the property to another for a term of years. But if Smith should die before the expiration date of the lease, the lease necessarily comes to an end on his death. The lease of a life tenant cannot continue after the ending of the life estate out of which it is created.

May a life tenant give a mortgage on his life estate?

Yes. The mortgage, however, will not be binding on the future estate of the remainderman.

Must the life tenant keep the property repaired?

He must keep the buildings reasonably wind and water tight, making such ordinary repairs as are necessary to prevent waste and decay.

A good illustration is in the duty to repaint. If paint is needed to cover the wood or other material to prevent deterioration and decay the life tenant must repaint; if needed merely to maintain appearances and attractiveness he is under no duty to do so.

A life tenant is not required to make good delapidations existing when his life estate was created.

A life tenant's duty to make repairs is limited to the rents and profits received by him from the land, or to its fair rental value if he has occupied it himself. If he has applied all of that income to the payment of taxes, interest on mortgages existing at the time of the creation of the life estate and other necessary maintenance charges, including necessary repairs, the remainderman cannot hold him liable for any further sum required for repairs or any of these charges which still remain unpaid.

The life tenant must apply the entire income from the property to the payment of those charges imposed upon him by law, applying the excess income of a particular year to make up any deficiency left after applying the entire income of other years. He cannot be held personally liable by the remainderman for any balance still due for these charges after he has so applied the entire income.

Nowadays pepper is confined to the kitchen, where Americans consume it at the rate of 25,000 tons a year.

But a few years ago the town of Lynchburg, N. J., was reported to have paid off 150 years of back rent on a schoolhouse — by forking over 150 peppercorns.

Benefits Reach '59 New High

Health insurance benefit payments by insurance companies to the people of North Carolina climbed to a new high during 1959, the Health Insurance Institute reported today.

In the period from January 1 through December 31, 1959, said the Institute, an estimated \$55.3 million was paid out to help cover the cost of doctor and hospital bills, and to replace income lost through sickness or disability.

This represents a gain of 11.3 per cent over the 1958 figure of \$49.7 million, and is based on reports from insurance companies doing business in the state.

The rise in benefit payments in North Carolina was reflected in the figures for the nation as a whole, the Institute declared. Persons with health insurance received a total of more than \$2.9 billion in benefits from their insurance company policies in 1959, up 9.6 per cent over the previous year's high of more than \$2.6 billion.

Korea Called Morning Calm

For a land of "Morning Calm", Korea has managed to incorporate a good deal of violence into her history.

Americans know the divided peninsula as the home of Heartbreak Ridge and Pork Chop Hill, landmarks in the Korean War, and the demonstrations against recent elections won by Syngman Rhee's Liberal party.

But Korea has contributed more than a battleground to world affairs since 1122 B. C., when a Chinese exile founded the kingdom of Chosen, or "Morning Calm."

World Book Encyclopedia reports that the Koreans invented the first movable printing type made of metal, in the late 1300's. They built the first armored boats and used them to fight a Japanese invasion in 1592.

They taught the Japanese how to make the silk for which they became famous and passed on to them the Buddhist culture they had picked up in China.

Other early inventions credited to them include astronomical instruments, a mariner's compass and a suspension bridge.

Korea was given another name after 1898, when she drove out both the Japanese invaders and her Chinese allies. Disillusioned with foreigners, she shut herself off from the rest of the world and for almost 300 years was known as "the Hermit Kingdom."

Road Requests Hearing Set

SHELBY — Residents of the six-county area comprising the Twelfth Highway Division will have an opportunity to present road requests, petitions and problems to representatives of the Twelfth Division at a public hearing here on Monday, May 9th. Announcement of the hearing was made today by Division Engineer E. L. Kemper who is in charge.

City and county officials, along with the general public, are invited to attend the hearing if they have road requests which they feel should receive attention.

The hearing will be held between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon, on Monday, May 9th, at the Highway Department's Division office, located on US 74, business route, about 3 1/2 miles east of Shelby.

The Twelfth Division is composed of Alexander, Iredell, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston and Cleveland Counties.

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