

# RINGGOLD SECTION

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## HOME TOWN HELPS

### RECOGNIZE VALUE OF TREES

People Awake to the Necessity of Their Presence for the Proper Landscape Effect.

With the growing interest in forestry, the landscape effect of the trees used for reforesting purposes should not be overlooked. As country homes increase in number, the esthetic features in both cultivated areas and woodlands become more and more important, writes F. W. Kelsey in the American Forestry Magazine. Progress in this direction in the United States may be classified into three distinct periods.

1. The early clearing of the native woods growth with waste and destruction alike of the natural foliage effects and the irreparable loss of the timber supply, without consideration being given to future needs.

2. The awakening to a realization of this suicidal policy as manifested in the conservation movement, which has now become a subject of nation-wide importance.

3. The prospective period when the beauty of the forest growth will in the treatment of forestry land be recognized as an important factor of development in connection with the utilitarian purposes of the forest.

The fact is now everywhere appreciated that a treeless landscape is like a treeless city, an unattractive and depressing sight.

### WHITE FENCE FOR GARDEN

Decorative Scheme That Serves Two Purposes, Making for Quiet and Seclusion, With Beauty.

Framing the garden with a decorative fence of white pales has at least two distinct advantages. Inclosing the garden gives it that much-to-be-de-



Fence That Appeals.

sired atmosphere of quiet and seclusion. The gleaming white of the fence against the green foliage adds much to the appeal of the garden.

### EXTERIOR MUST BE INVITING

What Might Be Called "Approaches" to House Are Worth the Most Careful Consideration.

A comparison of the number of persons who view the interior of the home with the number who view the exterior makes more than evident the importance of artistic and tasteful decoration for the lawn and the outside of a house. The careful execution of a well-planned scheme of exterior decoration is a matter of personal as well as civic pride, and nothing enhances to such an extent both the home and the town as vines, shrubs and flowers carefully placed with an eye to general effect and suitability in keeping with the size and shape of the lawn and the style of architecture of the building. The beauty of a house or group of buildings can be entirely spoiled or greatly improved by the vines and shrubbery around it.

Every household is confronted with his own particular decoration problem. He must study the character of his ground, the style of his house, the paths and walks leading to it, as well as take into consideration the kind of decorations his neighbors use in order to get the right emphasis and contrast to bring his own place out and a proper perspective of the whole, house, lawn and flowers.

### Set Good Example.

Show your good citizenship and domestic pride by making your house a splendid example rather than a disappointing exception. Wash your windows; apply paint to thirsty surfaces; clean and renovate your yards; polish your brasswork; see to it that your house looks like a real American home. And don't stop on the outside but make the interior look like new from cellar to attic.

### European Birds Visit Japan.

Some of the birds of eastern Europe travel as far as Japan for the winter.

### Minute Atoms of Oxygen.

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## Bible Thoughts for the Week

### Sunday.

**IN PLEASANT PLACES.**—The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I shall have a goodly heritage.—Ps. 16:5, 6.

### Monday.

**RIGHTEOUSNESS BRINGS REJOICING.**—When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.—Prov. 29:2.

### Tuesday.

**A MIGHTY ARM.**—Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.—Ps. 98:1, 2.

### Wednesday.

**HOW TO TRUST.**—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path.—Prov. 3:5, 6.

### Thursday.

**FURNISH NO FUEL.**—Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.—Prov. 26:20.

### Friday.

**THE PRINCE OF PEACE.**—Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The PRINCE OF PEACE.—Isa. 9:6.

### Saturday.

**THE POWER OF FAITH.**—Jesus said unto them, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove from hence to yonder place: and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.—Matt. 17:20.

## FORESTRY LESSONS FOUND IN BIBLE

The doctrine of forest preservation is no new doctrine. The Louisiana Legislature in Act No. 232, of 1920 provided that a landowner could collect as damages from anyone setting fire to his land, and destroying saplings and young tree growth, the cost of artificially planting and cultivating such growth to the point of development at the time of fire. About five thousand years before this enactment, Moses, the Hebrew law-giver, enacted (Exodus xxii:6): "If a fire break out and catch in thorns, so that stocks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field be consumed therewith; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution." The disastrous effect of forest fires is graphically shown in Joel, chapter I, verses 18, 19 and 20:

"How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture, yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

"O Lord, lo Thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

"The beasts of the field also cry unto Thee: For the rivers of water are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness."

"The rivers are dried up." Some one built a fire in the woods during a drought.

The vengeance of the Lord upon a stiff-necked and rebellious people at times took the form of destruction of their forests. Consult Ezekiel xx: 37, 43, 46 and 47 verses:

And I will cause you to pass under the rod, . . . . . and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all the evils that ye have committed.

"Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop thy word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;

"And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein."

Another divine curse:

Isaiah ix:18, 19: "For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briars and thorns and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.

"Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother."

Isaiah x:16, 18, 19: "Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

"And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body; and they shall be as when a standard bearer fainteth.

"And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them."

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## Social And Personal Items Of Much Interest

Mr. Ivan Payne of Rayville, was the guest of Fred Cook, December 25th.

Mr. J. B. Spikes of New Orleans, has been the guest of Miss Susie Mae Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren of Oil City, are guests of their mother, Mrs. Alice Smith, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wilson of Shreveport, are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woodard.

Dr. Dugan Graves of Bastrop, La., is visiting his mother, Mrs. T. P. Graves.

Mr. A. B. Shehee was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. George Smith of Bossier City, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Trott have been guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. J. Frye.

Mrs. O. G. Thomas is spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Hood of Murray, Ky.

Miss Vera Tipton who is taking a business course in Shreveport is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Albert Givens of Winsboro, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wimberly.

Will Davis of Minden, visited friends and relatives here Sunday and Monday.

P. P. Cook of Shreveport was the guest of his mother, Mrs. N. B. Cook, of Grand Bayou, Sunday.

Miss Una Darden is spending Christmas with friends in Arcadia and Ruston.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McDowell have welcomed into their home, a young son, born Dec. 23.

Mr. Alton Thomas of Hefflin, spent several days with his sister, Mrs. H. E. Page.

Misses Irma and Fort Shehee spent Christmas Day with little Miss Emilee Woodard.

Mr. and Mrs. Levoe Burkhalter have as their guests during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Caldwell and son, Stephen, from Bastrop.

Mr. Oley Tucker and family who have been residing in Shreveport have moved back to Ringgold, and after

January 1st, will be in the home vacated by Will Perry and family.

A beautiful Christmas tree was held at the Methodist church last Saturday night. Before the gifts were distributed an appropriate program was rendered by the Sunday school.

Those who are at home from places of teaching are: Miss Mattie Jones from LeCompte, La.; Misses Daisy Lee Smith and Iva Shelby from Shreveport; Miss Elsie Buckner from Ida and Miss Annie Laurie Cook from Greenwood.

School closed Friday for the holidays, those going away were Miss Talbert to Arcadia, and Miss Mamie Williams to Pelican.

Miss Lillian Durham has as her guest during the holidays, Miss Ione Aiden of Pineville, La., who is a class mate at Louisiana College.

Miss Mae Whitton was hostess at a party given for members of the Senor B. Y. P. U. Christmas night. Bunco and stunts were the games of the evening. Refreshments of salad, olives, crackers, ambrosia and cake were served by the hostess, assisted by her sisters, Misses Rosa Lee, Evie, Eva and Mary Lee McLamore of Hall Summit. Music was contributed by Gordon Durham and Miss Edrie Hess.

Those of our town who are home from school are: Misses Gladys Burkhalter, Jeroline Perry, Jessie and Helen Leshe from Normal at Natchitoches; Loraine Allums and Gladys Lawson from L. P. I. at Ruston; Eva Buckner from Brenan College, Gainsville, Ga.; Myrtis Hill, Manning and Lillian Durham from Louisiana College, Pineville, La.; Robert Jones, L. S. U.; Jo Thomas from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and Homer Rogers from Vanderbilt at Nashville, Tenn., and Willie Gladson from Tulane at New Orleans.

The last of the Hapsburg rulers has died in exile and poverty, having been, according to recent reports, perhaps too highly colored, for some time past a charity guest of a generous Madonian innkeeper. Fate has pursued the Hapsburgs relentlessly, says the New York Tribune. Maximilian, emperor of a day, was stood up against a wall at Queretaro and shot by the Mexicans. The beautiful Empress Elizabeth was assassinated. Her son Rudolph, the heir apparent, perished in a sordid suicide pact. Ferdinand, the next heir apparent, was murdered with his wife at Sarajevo, a crime in terroren with the beginnings of the World war. Francis Joseph died peacefully, but left behind him the memory of having guided Austria-Hungary to her ruin. Now Charles, the last of the emperor-kings, dies destitute and under detention, after the inglorious failure of his two filibustering expeditions into Hungary.

Patronize your home town merchants.

One on the Jury. "Gentlemen of the Jury," said the prosecuting attorney, "this prisoner is an unmitigated scoundrel; he acknowledges it. And yet, thanks to the wisdom of the common law, he has been given a fair trial by a jury of his peers."—Boston Transcript.

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Church Announcements

Methodist Church Preaching every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. L. Harper, pastor. Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Junior League, 4:30 p. m. Senior League, 6:30 p. m.

Baptist Church Preaching every 2nd and 4th day at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. P. Durham, pastor. Sunday school every Sunday 10:00 a. m. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 5:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.

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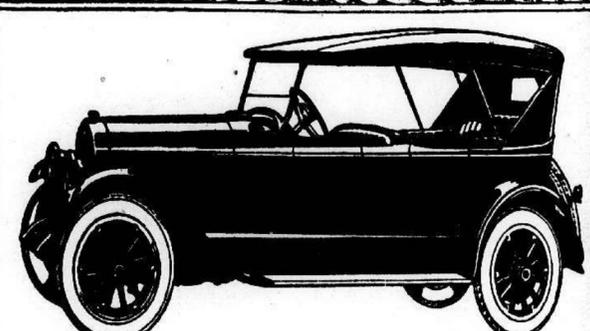
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