

OUR COMIC SECTION

The Home Censor



Community Building

Community's Big Task, to Avoid Deterioration

There is a fine element of enthusiasm in creating greatness, which too frequently fails in defending and maintaining greatness achieved, says a writer in the *Detroit News*. The principle works in the simplest phases of community life. The young couple with all-absorbing zeal toil to complete the new house and view with huge content its varnished floors and newly decorated walls and well-fenced garden. But too easily they slip into the relaxed mood with the sense of an objective reached. The varnish mars; the walls soil; the garden fence is broken and the owners lose the pride of possession which came to them in the struggle to obtain. Not different may be the fate of any civic enterprise however imposing and costly. There is "upkeep" to be reckoned as an essential with every community undertaking and the biggest task is to keep community enthusiasm up to the supporting point.

Too often with tremendous enthusiasm a people bring about changes in their government and establish it in conformity with high ideals; then trusting too confidently to the perfect machine, forget their obligations. How quickly comes deterioration. "Neglect of the city's business by business men, explains many evils of which business men often complain," writes a critic of civic affairs.

The citizen forgets that "Keeping a city great is a bigger task than making it great."

Real Estate Investor Must Wait for Profit

Real estate, like growing things, requires a certain period of time to mature as an investment. The length of this time varies with the location with the development activities in the surrounding area, and the honesty, the seriousness of purpose and the financial ability of the developer.

While the completion of a new highway or transportation line will greatly accelerate this maturity and thus reduce the logical term for the investment, it is very apt to be followed by a period of repose and, in the long run, the maturing process is practically stabilized.

It is much like the forcing of plant life. The harvest may be artificially hastened, but at the cost of plant vitality, and the plant or tree requires the remainder of the growing season to recover from the experience.

Beauty the Home Place

Many realtors say that the right kind of planting and gardening adds to the financial value of property at least 20 per cent.

Amateur gardeners, however, must be careful to lay their plans skillfully lest the effect be marred and the value all lost. It is pointed out.

The landscape problems of the small-home owner of course vary greatly from those of the man with a large estate.

The latter may go in for formality and elaborate effects while the man who has to deal with limited space will find his planting must serve a two-fold purpose; that of being useful as well as ornamental.

Builder Should Look Ahead

Restrictions providing that houses in certain areas must reach a certain cost level or even be of architectural design harmonious with its neighbors now control many residential sections throughout the country, but there are many places where no such restrictions exist, where the entire matter is up to the home builder, and where it would pay him to be extra careful to see that no mistakes are made in the improvement he puts on his lot.

Design Essential

If the garden is to be along formal lines, then there is a nice little problem in proportion. Repetition, balance, rhythm and accent play their part in the formal design. The beholder of a completed garden may not be conscious of anything but the beauty of the picture, but the requirements of good design have to be met, if there is real beauty expressed.

Markers on Highways

Markers describing historical points of interest for the benefit of tourists are to be erected along Massachusetts highways within a year. One hundred such markers are to be put in place as soon as possible, and plans call for the erection of 100 or 200 more later. The markers will be fashioned after those now in use throughout Virginia.

Homes Affect Bodies

In order to grow strong cupable and stalwart men and women, it is absolutely necessary for children to have the benefit of good home surroundings and proper home influences.

Healthy Conditions Vital

But few things, if any, contribute to the cultural and refined tastes of an individual more than inviting and healthy living conditions.

Appearance Everything

A community's appearance, in the main, determines property value and community value.

Milk for Soldiers

In the interests of the agriculture of his country, the Czech soldier will in the future be called upon to fight on milk instead of the traditional black coffee of the old Austro-Hungarian empire. It is estimated that the army will drink 75,000 liters of milk a day for breakfast. This measure has been adopted primarily to help the farmer, but perhaps the soldier will not object. He will at least know what he is getting, whereas his former guesses at the actual constituents of the army coffee varied from dried turnips and mangolds to acorns. It is said to have tasted like all three.

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Self-Quarrels

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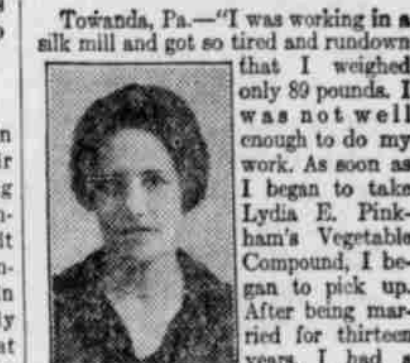
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