

Home Town Helps

YOUR TOWN.

Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest some one else gets ahead;
When everyone works and nobody shirks
You can raise a town from the dead.

And if while you make your personal
stake
Your neighbor makes one, too,
Your town will be what you want it to be,
It isn't your town—it's you!

If you want to live in the kind of a town
Like the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.

You will only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new,
It's a knock at yourself when you knock
your town,
It isn't your town, it's you!
—Helen Perkins, in New York Sun.

CONSTRUCT POOL IN GARDEN

In Added Attractiveness It Is Worth
All the Time and Trouble
That It Entails.

A very interesting and attractive garden pool can be made with a little hard work and at a small expense, and where the garden is sufficiently large the pool adds wonderfully to the artistic make up.

In an amateur's garden recently the owner was caught in the act of putting on the finishing touches of the pool and its decorations.

The garden was in the rear of the house and the pool was in the left hand corner at the rear. Not in the extreme rear corner, as back of it was a bed of irises arranged in semi-circular form in front, bordering a gravel walk. Back of this was a bed of peonies and the corner was to be filled later with salvia, backed with cannas.

The gardener had dug the pool himself. It was about ten feet in diameter and two feet six inches deep. In the bottom stones had been laid and the bottom and side covered with cement.

A rockery was made of a lot of large stones encountered in digging, with a few brought in from a neighboring field to complete the work. The rockery was not in the center, but to one side at the rear of the pool. An iron pipe led off to the gutter in the rear for an overflow.

The bottom was covered with odd stones that had been selected for the purpose on various motor trips in the country and gave a natural appearance to the pool.

A few handfuls of frogs' spawn had been gathered and placed in the pool, ferns and rushes had been planted and water lilies were to be set out later, after which a few gold fish will be added.

There is no fountain or inlet to the pool; the water is supplied by the lawn hose.

This idea can be followed by gardeners, who find that the pool and bog garden not only adds to the beauty and interest of the garden, but it is a source of considerable pleasure as well.

IMPORTANT FACTOR OF CITY

Nothing Really of Greater Moment
Than the Question of Proper
Transportation.

A city is a big business institution. Not merely in the business it undertakes of its own, but rather in the part it plays in the business of the whole community.

Take the comfort of its citizens, for instance. During the war the lumbermen found they had relatively little labor trouble in camps in which it was possible for families to live a normal, wholesome life. Schools, churches, medical attendance, amusements—all entered into the labor problem.

What was true in the camps is true in every city. The comforts available for people help to determine the business possibilities of the city.

Another important business factor is that of the traffic system. In addition to street railway transportation, there must be adequate trafficways to handle business. It must be possible for people to get quickly and easily from one part of the city to another and it must be possible to deliver goods readily.

Would a large automobile plant be able to turn out its enormous production of cars daily if it were cluttered up, if its passageways were relatively as narrow and congested as those of Kansas City?—Kansas City Star.

A Word for the Wild Bird.
A suburban or city home may be very attractive to people, but not attractive to the birds. Remember, they are not looking for beauty parlors. The thrifty little songster is in constant danger from the cat. It is claimed that in the state of New York there are five cats to every farm. It is no wonder the cry is coming from the various states all over the Union that plants, trees, and vegetables are being taken, whole crops of them, by pests, when the family cats—persistent bird killers—are kept and encouraged. Give the wild birds a chance by assuring them protection and an attractive nesting place. Note how they repay you. A free orchestra, with your fruits, flowers and garden thrown in.—Thrifty Magazine.



BANKS ORDERING HAND GRENADES

Over 175,000 Children in Fifth District Will Be Routing Enemy, Waste, During Summer Months.

Richmond, Va.—According to the latest available figures over five hundred banks in the Fifth Federal Reserve District have ordered supplies of hand grenade penny-savings banks that are to be used by the children for summer savings. The total number of hand grenades that have been ordered exceeds 175,000.

The plan of the hand grenade bank originated in the Treasury Department, and the banks are being distributed in this district by the War Loan Organization here. Every school child under the age of seventeen years may, by applying at the local bank, receive one of these hand grenade penny-banks as a loan for the vacation period. If, during the summer, enough money is saved to purchase one or more War Savings Stamps the bank becomes the property of the child.

The banks are made out of real hand grenades that were to have been used against the Huns. With percussion cap and high explosive removed, and slots cut to receive and take out coins, they are now doing service against the enemy, waste, as banks for savings.

School officials all over the district are enthusiastic about the plan, as they feel that it will not only keep alive but strengthen the thrift ideals that already have been implanted in the minds of the children.

J. H. Binford, assistant superintendent of public schools here, has endorsed the scheme, in a recent letter expressing the hope that all the banks in the district would co-operate by getting supplies of the hand grenades, as the school children are enthusiastic about securing them.

OBJECT IS TO MAKE PEOPLE PROSPEROUS

Government Much Interested in Series of War Savings Societies That Are Rapidly Being Organized.

Government officials at Washington are watching with no little interest the growth of a series of societies springing up all over the United States. They have already attained a membership that reaches well up into the millions.

Treasury department officials are particularly interested in this movement, and it is fostered by that department. As soon as a society is formed the names of the president, secretary and each individual member are placed in the Treasury department archives.

These societies are War Savings Societies, and the motive of each society is Thrift. The government, in favoring these organizations, has not only in view the replenishing of the United States treasury through the sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps, but the big idea is to cause each individual member to learn the value to himself of being thrifty.

The government is not seeking to divert capital from legitimate commercial enterprises. It does not want to hoard vast sums. It is the person who has never saved systematically that it is the most anxious to reach. This person can put aside the small amounts that he has been accustomed to spend, and this, drawing four per cent compound interest, will in an incredibly short time grow into a large enough sum to make the first payment on a home, or to provide a sum with which one may make a permanent investment.

"Nothing is final!" said Napoleon after the battle of Jena. In days of prosperity insure against emergencies. Buy financial safety with War Savings Stamps.

AGENTS CARRYING MESSAGE OF THRIFT

Harold Braddock, Director of Savings Division Writes Letter of Appreciation to Each of Eighteen Hundred Workers.

First-hand information and suggestions as to how to obtain increased efficiency and prosperity may now be obtained by women on the farm, in any part of the country, from the home demonstration agents of the department of agriculture. Entering into the national savings movement with a zest that characterizes all their work, some eighteen hundred of these home demonstration agents have been carrying the message of thrift into the farm houses all over the United States.

In appreciation of their voluntarily undertaken work, Director Braddock has written a letter to each worker, of commendation, which reads in part: "Thrift is primarily the people's concern. If thrift is to become a permanent national asset, the people's agencies and organizations must definitely assume their share of responsibility for inculcating thrift by including it in their program for action. Schools, churches, business and labor organizations, fraternal societies and women's organizations, as well as agricultural workers and agencies, are already undertaking this work and are in close co-operation with the treasury department."

According to Mr. Braddock's letter, plans for the creation of savings facilities in the home are outlined as follows:

- "1. Habit of saving first some part of income for future needs and of spending wisely for present needs.
- "2. Home betterment fund, to secure, for example, running water in the house.
- "3. Savings plan for every boy and girl.
- "4. Savings fund in government securities for every family.
- "5. Keeping of accounts to promote wise spending and to increase savings.
- "6. Safe investment of savings (Nos. 2, 3, 4) in government securities until money is needed; War Savings Stamps as a desirable investment."

EASY TO SAVE

By the same token that the best way to have anything is do it yourself, the best way to get ahead in the world is save regularly and invest wisely. Your children may be buying Thrift Stamps but the nickels and dimes and quarters they are able to save won't buy a new automobile or a home or a cultivator. The money to do that will not be saved unless you save it.

It's easy enough to save if you do it the W. S. S. way. Quarters planted in Thrift Stamps grow into War Savings Stamps and the interest makes them grow like rain does a summer flower. Save for that happy opportunity. If you're not in a War Savings Society—get in one. Be with the crowd.

Did You Ever Say:
"IF I HAD THE MONEY"
Then consider
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SELECTIVE BUYING, which saves you still more money, besides getting you just what you want and provides funds for
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