

**BEATS JEWELRY**

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"Well, mother," said pretty Grace Merrill as she settled herself down to breakfast Saturday morning, "what do you say to a trip to Boston this afternoon to see the Liberty Loan parade. That British tank must be some sight, and just think, I have not been in town since I did my Christmas shopping."

"Grace, dear," answered her mother, "you never could stand the jam of the crowd that will be there."

"We can stay until we get tired and then come home," persisted Grace. "It is such a beautiful day and such a big parade, I'd hate to miss it."

Grace Merrill had been taken ill! New Year's day with pneumonia, and although nearly a month now since she had been allowed out of doors, she still remained pale and weak, her strength returning very slowly.

"No, dear," finally responded Mrs. Merrill. "I think we had better stay at home today. Get that sweater you started for Jack Ellis before you were taken sick and see if you can ever finish it."

"Jack will never wear that sweater," emphatically declared Grace. "I am going to send it to the Red Cross."

"Now, Grace," said her mother, "you know you like Jack Ellis even though you did give him his walking papers just because he sent you a bunch of violets for a birthday gift."

"Well, mother," answered Grace, "it was not as much as I expected from Jack, but I had my mind made up long before my birthday to tell him I intended to devote all my time to Red Cross work."

Two o'clock found them packed in the crowd, enthusiastically cheering, as the hundreds and hundreds of both men and women passed by. To Grace's surprise it was three o'clock before she realized it.

Suddenly her thoughts were turned from her tired feelings. What on earth was that? Could she be mistaken? No, there it was again. Someone's hand so soft and warm gently pressing hers. There, it pressed her hand again. The color which had once been absent from Grace's cheeks now dyed them a crimson red as she mischievously pressed back on the hand now tightly clasping her own. Finally she released her hand, thinking it best to find out to whom the hand belonged that had so affectionately been pressing hers.

Carefully turning, there to her overwhelming surprise stood Jack Ellis. Words failed her as Jack's hearty laugh revealed the pleasure he had taken in the flirtation. Mrs. Merrill's surprise was almost equal to Grace's, as she warmly greeted Jack, whom she had always thought to be a mighty fine fellow.

"Well, Grace," said Jack, "who ever dreamed of such good fortune as to see you. I've been down South on a business trip for the past three months and just got back this morning. How are you, anyway?"

"Quite well now, Jack," replied Grace.

"Yes," spoke up her mother, "quite well now; but this is her first trip to Boston since New Year's. She has been laid up with pneumonia and is only recovering from its effects."

To be sure, Jack felt badly to think he had not known Grace had been ill, as he could have written to her.

"Well," said Jack, "you are surely fortunate to have recovered so well."

"And now," added Mrs. Merrill, "I think we had better start for home."

"In my auto," said Jack. "If we can make our way out of this crowd, it will only take a few minutes to get it here. I will phone the garage and have them send it right along."

In a short while all three were comfortably settled in Jack's big car speeding homeward. Mrs. Merrill and Jack enthused over the parade, while Grace, lost in her dreams, forgot all else save that Jack was with her again. What awful long months they had been—but now it was all explained. He had been too far away to hear of her illness. The violets, too, were enough for a birthday gift, considering that they had been only friends. Before she realized it her home was reached, and as the auto came to a stop Jack asked if he might call the following evening. Grace readily consented, and as he helped her from the auto, again the soft hand pressed hers and the two laughed heartily.

Needless to say, Jack's sweater was soon finished, and it was not long until Grace had said "Yes" to that all-important question.

When Jack spoke of the customary engagement diamond, Grace, beaming with delight, said: "Jack, dear, I have a wonderful surprise for you. Something better than diamonds. I have chosen—a Liberty bond is what I wish for an engagement gift."

"You dear girl!" exclaimed Jack, as he affectionately embraced her, "how did you come to think of that?"

"Well," replied Grace, "you know the Liberty Loan parade was instrumental in reuniting us, and while the whole country is conserving I thought we should do our 'bit' too."

"Well done," said Jack. "It shall be as you wish."

The next morning he presented her with a \$100 Liberty bond. Proudly Grace hastened to share her joy with her mother, who profusely complimented them on their patriotism, and today all three are planning for a mayflower wedding.

**HOME TOWN HELPS**

**PRESERVE THINGS OF BEAUTY**

**Citizen Loyal to His Home Town Will Constitute Himself Guardian of Other People's Property.**

People are often wantonly destructive with what costs them nothing. It's a vicious habit that tears out a plant by the roots when all that's desired is the flower. That's bad enough in the woods where God's bounty produces in riotous profusion. But even there rare specimens are found and the species may be easily destroyed. The same barbarity practiced near a man's home is contemptible. For a passing whim you destroy for yourself and him the thing that gives you pleasure. You are in a meaner class than the fellow who killed the goose that laid the golden egg. He was a fool for destroying what was his own. You are all he was and more besides, for you take in addition what does not belong to you.

The loyal citizen becomes a guardian of other people's property. The more he can encourage his neighbor the more attractive will his property become and the more beautiful the environment in which he will live. And you will help enjoy it. Without cost to you there will be created a community beauty that will uplift humanity. His lawn and flowers should become dear to you and you should help him defend them. This is no whim of an enthusiast. It's law that's old as the decalogue. If you aren't sure about it take the old book off by yourself and look it up. You may show your ignorance if you do it in company. And if such a thing was a recognized law in those distant barbarous days it surely is more so now. He who deliberately despoils for a passing gratification is not a citizen worthy of the present century.—Pennsylvania Grit.

**TREES AND SHRUBS FOR PARK**

**Those That Produce Colored Fruits Should Always Be Given Preference, for Many Reasons.**

The guiding principle in park planning should be beauty, but it should not be a temporary or one-seasonal beauty. Hence it follows that shrubs and trees which produce colored fruits, and retain them for long periods, are preferable to plants whose chief decorative contribution is a short burst of bloom. Such shrubs are handsomer at all times after flowering and are particularly valuable in winter when every bit of color in the landscape is precious. They are valuable moreover in supplying bird food.

A few suggestions as to the use of fruit-producing plants are not out of place. The ideal American park is natural woodland, modified and embellished, or a planting that follows natural lines. Informal treatment is almost universally preferred to formal. From the standpoint of bird attraction this is fortunate, since clipping shrubs either prevents or reduces the production of fruit and causes the plants to form such solid and dense surfaces that they are uninviting to birds.

**Proper Receptacles for Rubbish.**

We are all agreed that dust, dirt, garbage and other rubbish should be kept as far as possible from the dwelling house, yet it is surprising how often we find the rubbish receptacle as close as possible to the doors and windows of the house. It is to be regretted that in so many towns these receptacles are open wood boxes, pails or old baths. We find a grand selection, but it is a difficult matter to secure the provision of a proper bin, and the official often does not obtain the support he should. If only we could press upon the people the necessity to secure for themselves a proper galvanized bin with cover, which appears to me to be the most satisfactory if properly used!—Architect and Contract Reporter.

**Wood Resists Fire.**

The fire-resistive quality of wood is shown in a recent issue of Scientific American, which discusses the advantages of wood block floors for industrial purposes. The article states that there have been many instances where crucibles overturned and molten metal poured out upon the blocks with little damage. In a recent fire which destroyed pier No. 29 at Philadelphia and warped and twisted the structural steel, the creosoted block floors were only slightly charred.

**Keep After the Weeds.**

Weeds result not only in big financial loss but also in great annoyance. Diseases, such as hay fever, could be eliminated almost entirely by adopting efficient methods for controlling the incidental weeds found along roadsides, in vacant fields, and in waste places.

**Proof of His Quiet Life.**

"Do you wash your own dishes while your wife is away?"  
"No, sir. I just stack them in the sink."  
"I should think you'd be ashamed to have her come back and find them in that condition."  
"I'd rather have her find them that way than have her suspect that I'd eaten all my meals in the downtown cafes."

**Treasurer's Notice.**

The County Treasurer's office will be open for the purpose of receiving taxes from the 15th day of October, 1918, to the 15th day of March, 1919.

All taxes shall be due and payable between the 15th day of October, 1918, and December 31st, 1918.

That when taxes charged shall not be paid by December 31st, 1918, the County Auditor shall proceed to add a penalty of one per cent. for January, and if taxes are not paid on or before February 1st, 1919, the County Auditor will proceed to add two per cent. and five per cent. additional, from the 1st of March to the 15th of March, after which time all unpaid taxes will be collected by the Sheriff.

The tax levies for the year 1918 are as follows:

	Mills
For State purposes	8 1/4
For Ordinary County	7
For Constitutional School Tax	3
For Antioch	4
For Bacon School District	7 1/2
For Blocker	2
For Blocker-Limestone	4
For Colliers	4
For Flat Rock	4
For Oak Grove	3
For Red Hill	4
For Edgefield	8
For Elmwood No. 8	2
For Elmwood No. 9	2
For Elmwood No. 30	2
For Elmwood L. C.	3
For Hibler	3
For Johnston	11
For Meriwether (Gregg)	2
For Moss	2
For Ropers	2
For Shaw	4
For Sweetwater	4
Talbert	2
For Trenton	8 1/2
For Wards	2
For Blocker R. R. (portion)	15
For Elmwood R. R. (portion)	15
For Johnston R. R.	3
For Pickens R. R.	3
For Wise R. R.	1 1/4
For Corporation	11

All the male citizens between the ages of 21 years and 60 years, except those exempt by law, are liable to a poll tax of One Dollar each. A capitation tax of 50 cents each is to be paid on all dogs.

The law prescribes that all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 55 years must pay \$2.00 commutation tax. No commutation is included in the property tax. So ask for road tax receipt when you desire to pay road tax.

JAMES T. MIMS,  
Co. Treas. E. C.

**COULD HARDLY STAND ALONE**

**Terrible Suffering From Headache, Sideache, Backache, and Weakness, Relieved by Cardui, Says This Texas Lady.**

Gonzales, Tex.—Mrs. Minnie Philpot, of this place, writes: "Five years ago I was taken with a pain in my left side. It was right under my left rib. It would commence with an aching and extend up into my left shoulder and on down into my back. By that time the pain would be so severe I would have to take to bed, and suffered usually about three days... I suffered this way for three years, and got to be a mere skeleton and was so weak I could hardly stand alone. Was not able to go anywhere and had to let my house work go... I suffered awful with a pain in my back and I had the headache all the time. I just was unable to do a thing. My life was a misery, my stomach got in an awful condition, caused from taking so much medicine. I suffered so much pain. I had just about given up all hopes of our getting anything to help me.

One day a Birthday Almanac was thrown in my yard. After reading its testimonials I decided to try Cardui, and am so thankful that I did, for I began to improve when on the second bottle... I am now a well woman and feeling fine and the cure has been permanent for it has been two years since my awful bad health. I will always praise and recommend Cardui." Try Cardui today. E 78

**Notice of Final Discharge.**  
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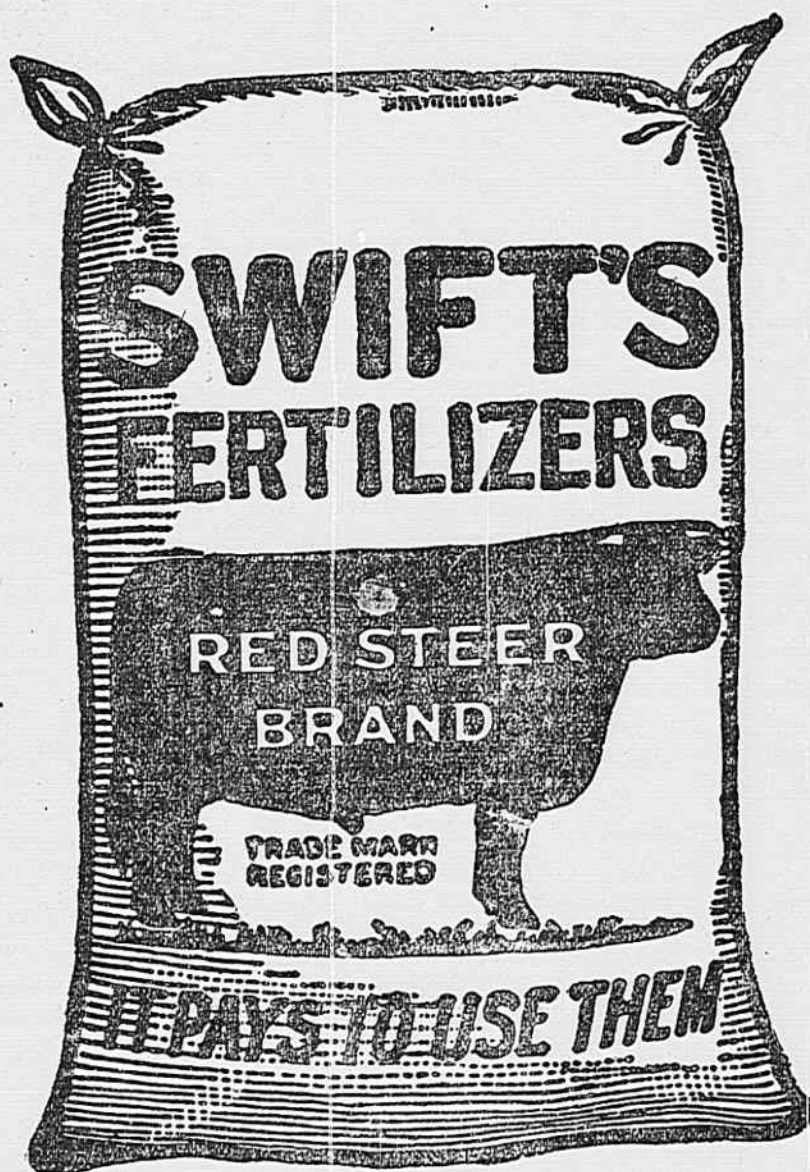
WHEREAS, J. R. Moss has made application unto this Court for Final Discharge as Administrator in re the Estate of T. J. Booth deceased, on this the 30 day of January, 1919

These Are Therefore, to cite any and all kindred, creditors, or parties interested, to show cause before me at my office at Edgefield Court House, South Carolina, on the 21 day of February 1919 at 11 o'clock a. m., why the order of Discharge should not be granted.

W. T. Kinnaird,  
J. P. C., E. C., S. C.  
January 30, 1919.

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