

**SAVE WILD FLOWERS IS ANNUAL APPEAL**

**"Nature Lovers" Asked Not to Despoil Woods.**

Washington.—Help save the wild flowers—especially the dogwood! Each spring an appeal is being made to the chivalry and thoughtfulness of the public in behalf of America's vanishing and defenseless wild flowers.

For some obscure reason there are countless Americans of both sexes who would scorn to attack the little animals of the woods and fields, but who do not hesitate to wage relentless warfare on the flowers. When spring trustfully sends out the most delicate blossoms these thoughtless "nature lovers" go out to pluck, tear and cast aside. Clumps of pale-colored bowers that made a picture in their original setting of grass, trees and sky soon lose their freshness when carried off in bouquets. Most people know this. Yet toward the close of a spring Sunday every suburban road every street car is strewn with wilted flowers tossed aside by tired holiday makers.

**Despoil Spring Beauty.**

These flowers might have bloomed for another week to give pleasure to many more people. But that is not the real tragedy of the wild flowers. The worst of the situation is that in so many cases the flower pickers are permanently despoiling the beauty of spring.

Take the dogwood, for instance. This is not a tiny plant to be easily pulled up by children. It is a tree, generally about the size of a fruit tree. Yet the dogwood is being more ruthlessly destroyed than any other native tree or plant. Botanists say that at the present rate of destructiveness the native American dogwood will be extinct within twenty-five years.

The Wild Flower Preservation society, which campaigns every year to save the American flowers, emphasizes one particular plant each spring. This year dogwood is given the spotlight because it is so rapidly disappearing.

The dogwood tree is one of the most beautiful trees that can be found, and it is a native American. It once grew in our woods in profusion, and the common flowering variety is still found from Canada to Florida along the Atlantic coast and quite far to the west. Another variety grows along the Pacific coast. It is a rather sturdy tree, resistant to disease and adaptable to a variety of growing conditions.

When the wild dogwood blooms in early spring the tree becomes a mass of white. Each white petal has a distinctive notch in the edge which makes the dogwood blossom one of the most attractive motifs for artistic design. The so-called blossom, by the way, is not really the flowers of the tree at all. The white petals are technically called bracts or the involucre. They are only modified leaves. The flowers are the little bunches of light green which cluster in the center of the white involucre.

**Dogwood Blossoms Perishable.**

A dogwood tree in bloom against a background of other foliage transforms any country road or garden. The same may be said of the dogwood when it bears its crop of red berries in late autumn. At both seasons the dogwood branches seem to shriek, "Carry me home," to the country tourist. At least, that is how he—or she—interprets the message of the tree. The result is, generally, that the passer-by goes up to the tree and tears off a few sprays. The tearing process strips down the bark, leaving open wounds. If the wounds are large fungus disease may set in and the tree may die. This happens only too often.

The Wild Flower Preservation society is urging motorists and hikers to enjoy the dogwood on the tree, carry away a mental picture of it in all its freshness, and leave it for others to enjoy. If branches must be taken home, they should at any rate be cut clean with a sharp knife, so as to avoid injury to the tree.

That so much dogwood is destroyed is particularly unfortunate because the sprays are so perishable that the cut branches are of little use. Florists know how to pack them in moss, but the Sunday excursionist simply trails along in the hot sun with the branches over one arm, or else he lays them down in a jolting, dusty automobile. The white petals become brown and crushed, and once faded cannot be revived.

There are a number of wild-life preserves on which the wild flowers, as well as animals, birds, and insects, receive protection. These shut-off areas, each covering from 50 to 500 acres, are guarded by watchmen, to make sure that the flowers and wild creatures have a chance to grow and multiply unmolested.

**Robs Quakes of Terror by New Warning Device**

Spiez, Italy.—Earthquakes need no longer cause loss of life, according to Professor Caselli, seismologist, who claims to have constructed an apparatus, already patented, whereby earthquakes are announced at least 15 minutes before they occur.

The scientist also claims to be able, with very slight possibility of error, to locate beforehand the centers of telluric phenomena, their intensity and the situation of their most intense manifestations.

Signor Caselli's telluric prophesies for last March, which were deposited with a notary here some time in advance of the expected disturbances, were confirmed by subsequent events.

**NEGRO FARM OWNERS**

(Lincoln News Service.)

Washington, D. C., June 20.—Colored farmers own and operate farms in every state and in about three-fourths of all of the counties in the United States. In the north, the state of Missouri leads in the number of acres owned by them, and is followed by Kansas, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Colorado, California and Indiana, in the order named.

**PROVIDES HOME FOR CONVICTS' CHILDREN**

**Sophie Lyons, Former Criminal, Leaves Fund.**

Detroit, Mich.—A perpetual trust fund, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the establishment of a home for children whose parents are prison inmates, is created under the will of Sophie Lyons Burke, former international confidence woman, who died here recently. The will, discovered in a safe deposit vault, drilled open in the presence of court attaches, does not indicate the amount to be devoted to the creation of the home, but leaves the residue of Mrs. Burke's estate to that purpose after numerous bequests to relatives and friends.

In providing for the children's home, the will specifies that any child between two and four years of age, one or both of whose parents may be a prison inmate, shall be eligible to admittance to the home. Provision also was made for 375 annual subscriptions to a popular weekly periodical to be distributed among prisons throughout the country.

Mrs. Burke, who gave up a career of crime to preach observance of the law and the futility of crime, left an estate valued variously at from \$150,000 to \$200,000, mostly in Detroit real estate, where she made her fortune by investing and speculating in land.

When the safe deposit vault was opened it was found to contain besides numerous deeds and other papers, considerable jewelry knotted in the bottom of an old stocking. The jewelry was estimated to be worth \$25,000, and included one ring set with 12 diamonds, which was identified as the engagement ring given her by "Jimmy" Burke when the couple were at the height of their career.

**Swedish Nobleman Works as Deckhand on Steamer**



Count August Svensson, twenty years old, and heir of Duke Charles of Sweden, was discovered hollystoning the deck of the Grace liner, Santa Louisa. The count, who will inherit the title and vast estate of Duke Charles, is rated a quartermaster on the ship and is considered a real sea-going shipmate by the crew.

**New Pneumonia Serum May Cut Deaths One-Half**

Boston.—Discovery of a new treatment for pneumonia in the form of an improved serum which it is thought may reduce the death rate from this disease by 25 or possibly 50 per cent, was described by Dr. Lloyd D. Felton, assistant professor of preventive medicine at the Harvard medical school, in an address at the New England Health Institute.

The treatment consisted, he said, of a method of precipitating and concentrating the antibodies in anti-pneumococcus serum. The original serum, which has been known for some time, was weak, he added, and its value was diminished by the fact that it produced violent reactions in the form of chills, serum sickness and rashes.

Doctor Felton said he had been able to eliminate the harmful substances from the serum.

**Police Delay Arrest Until Bread's in Oven**

Lyon, Mass.—Lynn police went to the home of Mrs. Mary Brown to arrest her on the charge of keeping and exposing liquor for sale. Mary was in the midst of a bread mixing and, at her plea that the batch would spoil unless kneaded, the officers waited until the dough was ready for the oven. Then they arrested her.

**TUSKEGEE ALUMNI TO EXTEND INFLUENCE**

Tuskegee, Ala., June 20.—At the recent meeting of the Tuskegee Alumni association here it was decided to reorganize the work of the body so as to be able to function more effectively nationally. Jesse O. Thomas, Atlanta, Ga., was elected president; Alvin J. Neely, Tuskegee, secretary; and John L. Webb, Hot Springs, Ark., treasurer.

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