

# THE BEE'S HOME BUILDER'S PAGE

## RIVER HIGHWAY OMAHA'S CHANCE FOR MEMORIAL

### Pride of Cities Lies In Civic Improvements, Says Schreiber —“Century Road” Best Project.

By ERNEST SCHREIBER.  
FOURTH ARTICLE.

The city of Omaha is the stronghold of its citizens. They gathered together for mutual protection against a common danger. It was only natural that a feeling of pride in his home should mark each citizen. This evolved into a feeling of jealousy toward other cities which grew faster or became more homelike and beautiful. Competition between the larger cities developed, leading to improvements and beautification, or engendered wars.

That same feeling of pride in one's own city survives down to the present time. It is good that this is so. The citizens who take pride in their home city are always the most progressive and the best citizens.

The Pride of Cities.

Chicagoans are always ready to argue that Chicago is the most progressive in America in civic development. Des Moines boosters never fail to talk about the Des Moines plan of city government and their river front development; the residents of Kansas City will tell you of that city's park and boulevard system and railway station on every occasion; and the people from the Twin Cities will talk of boulevards, lakes and parks by the hour.

All of these boosters could speak of their industries or manufactures instead, but do they? No, they invariably dwell longest on their civic improvements. Why? Because the home life of the city is more closely affiliated with its improvements than with its business assets, and a man's home is ever closer to him than his business.

Omahans Talk Business.

Every Omahian takes a natural pride in his city. We can talk of our business supremacy, our trade territory, our manufactures, our bank clearings, the growth of our packing houses, our hotels, banks and business blocks without ceasing. But when it comes to city planning, have we a good argument?

The Chicagoan's city planning is far advanced over ours; we have no river front development to speak of, although our river front is far more beautiful than that of Des Moines or any other city; the Kansas City man will ask about the paving of the boulevards and we cannot answer him; and we haven't a chance for competitive argument as regards roads, boulevards and lakes with the man from Minneapolis. Every visitor from any one of the other towns will agree with us on our magnificent opportunities for development, on our beautiful scenery and its chance for development, on the natural layout of Omaha and its possibilities for making a wonderfully attractive city. But all are possibilities. None have so far been developed. Why not get busy at once.

**River Boulevard Best Bet.**

The river boulevard as proposed by the city planning commission is our opportunity. If it is built as proposed, the boosters from Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis or Des Moines will have to take a back seat, for the river boulevard, according to some of the big men in city planning in nearby large cities, will be far ahead of anything in that line in America.

As a memorial it would be unsurpassed. The old Romans built roads in honor of their victorious armies, that have brought the name and deeds of their armies down to the present day through all history. What would be more appropriate than a road that would last down through the ages as a memorial to our soldiers who offered their lives that liberty might triumph. The road itself would be a memorial and a mother of many memorials. The scheme is to embellish the route along the road with parks, open spaces for the people to congregate, and in each of them, at the summit of each hill and at various points of interest, to erect smaller memorials to the men who have helped make Omaha what it is today.

**Call It “Century Road.”**

As a historical boulevard—the “Century Road” has been suggested as a name. The monuments along the road would link it indelibly with the history of the city. The route itself lies along the very road over which General Atkinson and his soldiers traveled just 100 years ago to establish Fort Atkinson. On the route may be historical reminders of a century's upbuilding in this section of the country, the northern end of the road reminiscent of our holding, conquering and using the land, with old Fort Atkinson at the northern point, and Fort Crook at the south, symbolizing the improvements made in the 100 years and giving the visitor a glimpse of the latest advance in navigation of the air.

As a civic improvement it would be unique. No large city has a similar opportunity for such a road. None has the Missouri in such beautiful form; none has the undeveloped land in such a location that may be utilized for the road and none could obtain the land at such an insignificant cost. The opportunity is here, the time is ripe for the undertaking. Will the people of Omaha seize the opportunity? (The next article in the series will take up the possibilities for improvement along the route of the proposed boulevard.)

**Union plumbers in Wichita Falls, Tex., who have been receiving \$12 per day and are asking for \$15, will have to return to work at the old scale or be outlaid by other crafts.**

## GASOLINE ALLEY—PICNICKERS.



## Grower of Wartless Cucumbers Worried; His Seed Don't Work

Cedar Grove, N. J., July 17.—A little farm running alongside the Erie railroad near here is owned by Peter Dink, and of late Peter has received 2,000 letters, more or less, the greater part of them registering a “kick.”

Dink is the man who discovered the bumpless cucumber.

Last year scientists and agriculturists from all over the country came to view these incipient pickles, and the owner reaped a small fortune from the sale of seeds.

It now appears that others have been unable to raise bumpless cucumbers from Dink's seeds.

An investigation this week has shown that Peter Dink is still producing bumpless cucumbers in his garden alongside of the Erie. Some of the letters have asked if it is the jar from crates that keeps the bumps from Dink's cucumbers.

## R. C. Peters to Be Chairman of New Bank Directorate

Officers are announced for the Peters National bank which will open in the Peters Trust building probably in September.

The bank will open when the remodeling of the Peters Trust building is finished and when the trust company moves into its own building.

Officers will be: R. C. Peters, chairman of the board of directors; M. D. Cameron, president; J. R. Cain, Jr., C. J. Claassen, W. S. Weston, vice-presidents; Elmer Lindquist, cashier; Royal D. Miller, assistant cashier.

## Houses in Minne Lusa Addition Keep Market Active

Several sales of houses were announced last week. C. W. Martin company announces the sale of houses in Minne Lusa amounting to \$50,500.

Payne Investment company sold three houses, Monday, for \$7,000, \$8,000 and \$9,000 each.

There has been considerable activity in the Dundee district particularly where new houses are being built.

## Omaha Zoning Ordinance Attracts Much Attention

Omaha's adoption of a zoning ordinance already has attracted considerable attention in parts of the country.

The ordinance was not effective until last Wednesday but since that time the real estate board has received inquiries from the real estate boards of Baltimore and Rock Island, Illinois, asking for copies of the ordinance.

## Inspect Des Moines Property.

H. A. Wolf, Herman Auerbach, and the attorney for the H. A. Wolf company went to Des Moines Saturday to look over the retail district there with a view to investment in business property of that city. The Wolf company is considering establishing an office in Des Moines.

## Drives to Minneapolis.

President Shuler of the Omaha real estate board started to Minneapolis Friday morning in his automobile. Mr. Shuler will spend two weeks at Paynesville, a few miles from Minneapolis.

## Lots Going Good.

Sale of vacant lots and acreage continues active. Twelve tracts were sold last week in the West L. street section, six in Benson, and several in East Omaha and Caldwell acres.

## Farm and Garden

By FRANK RIDGWAY.

**Buckwheat**

A backward season crop that can be planted this late is needed this year. Buckwheat is a good backward season crop which will mature seed in from 10 to 12 weeks after it is planted and it fits in nicely where early crops have failed to make a stand or on poor strips of ground that is sour and would not be worth planting to corn.

Buckwheat is particularly suited to the climate in the northeastern part of the country, as it does best where it is moist and cool. It frequently does well in places not adapted to it. The difficulty is during hot, dry weather, or excessive rain at blooming time, when the flowers may become blasted. Even then the seed and labor are not always lost, for the plants furnish a good covering of green manure to plow under, and the land will be left mellow.

There is little danger of buckwheat being damaged to any extent by insects or plant diseases. The rank growth of the crop is excellent for killing weeds, renovating the soil and putting it in good condition for the next season.

In Wisconsin and Michigan farmers consider it one of the best crops for land that has been under cultivation for many years. On the light, well drained soils, such as sandy loams and silt loams, where many common field crops do not do well, buckwheat is well suited.

**Flowers**

Decorative hollyhocks may be planted in this section as late as July and reach blooming size the next season. Gardeners find that self-sown hollyhocks send up a blooming spike their second season.

The hollyhock has long been an inmate of the old fashioned flower gardens, but now it has been remarkably improved, and has a fine range of color through various reds, crimsons, to almost black, with a beautiful array of pinks, roses, salmon, chamois, and yellow shades. Both single and double varieties may be raised. The double varieties have a little longer season of bloom, but are less striking in the graceful outline of the single sort. On the other hand, the doubles furnish wonderful spikes of color.

Hollyhock seed planted between now and the first of August and given a little cultivation may be expected to furnish a fine display next summer. The seed germinate quickly. The little seedlings should be transplanted to the permanent location as soon as two true leaves have formed. When cold weather comes on cover them with a mulch. After the first year they will take care of themselves and grow into big clumps.

Bachelor buttons have been greatly improved. They have been almost doubled in diameter. It is one of the hardiest and easiest annuals to raise.

Bachelor button seed may be planted this month with a reasonable degree of certainty that blooms will appear the latter part of September. They range in color from white to maroon, though pale and light blue to a rich dark variety.

**Shrubs**

Early flowering shrubs, such as Black spiraea and similar plants, should be trimmed and cleaned up during the next week or two. Cutting these shrubs back now will get them into shape for next year, and the pruning encourage new growth which will produce blooms next spring.

Hacking off the branches wherever the knife falls often does a deal of harm. The pruning should be done with great care to insure the most natural shaped shrubs and the most normal growth. Old and neglected bushes can be changed into bright spots on the lawn by careful trimming now.

Never shear off the ends of the branches of early bloomers. Ex-

pects trim a shrub by cutting from the inside, thus maintaining a natural growth and allowing new growth to develop properly.

Fresh and husky shoots will come out on flowering almonds and golden rods if some of the old wood is cut from the bushes. Midsummer is the best time to prune early blooming shrubs if they have stretched out of their bounds or are branched properly. If the pruning is left until fall or spring it is done at the sacrifice of bloom.

The late flowering ornamentals, including such shrubs as the hydrangea, will not stand such treatment, for the operation is sure to remove flower bearing wood. Prune late bloomers in fall or spring.

**Spraying Cows**

Spraying cows in the fly season is a cheap means of keeping up milk production. Giving the dairy cow time to rest and chew her cud in the shade is about as essential as good feed and water.

Spraying materials may be mixed at home at a small cost. One that is cheap and successful is made of four and a half quarts of coal tar dip four and a half quarts of fish oil, three quarts of coal oil, three quarts of whale oil, and one and a half quarts of oil of tar. Soap is added so it will adhere to the cow's coat.

For this amount of material use about three pounds of laundry soap dissolved in warm water. Then pour in the above ingredients and after they have been thoroughly stirred, and bring the whole up to 30 gallons by adding warm soft water. Dairymen claim this spray will keep off the flies and prevent the cow's coat from becoming rough, and 30 gallons will be enough to spray 20 cows twice a day for 20 days.

It should be applied with an ordinary spray. This is usually done in the morning just before the cows are turned out in the pasture, and again in the evening when they are brought back to the barn. Spray all parts of the animal.

**Care of Pigs**

Heavy losses last winter have caused a careful study of the care and management of pigs.

“There's a leak in the pork producer's barrel somewhere,” remarked an Illinois veteran.

A group of Indiana farmers recently made a practical study of the problem, touring the state from one feed lot to another and comparing experiences. They found striking differences in the cost of handling pigs from farrowing to weaning time. On one farm they found it required more than 450 pounds of feed which cost \$11 to get a pig up to weaning age. On another farm this required only 137 pounds of feed, cost \$4.19.

The high priced pigs were from gilts bought last fall and the owner had no knowledge of their ancestry. They were grouped together in large bunches, and were not even given individual farrowing quarters. Litters were not kept separate when they were young and the strong pigs roared the runts. This is common and a costly mistake.

In the other lot there were only five brood sows, all daughters from one sow which had been an excellent producer, and 38 pigs were raised to weaning age from 41 farrowings. On the other farm 270 pigs were farrowed, but only 90 were raised.

It was noticed there would often be a difference of 25 pounds in the weight of pigs of the same age. The heavy pigs were fed corn and tankage from three to four weeks up to weaning time. The farmers found that feed costs mount high when the percentage of pigs saved is low, and that feed costs are relatively low when the percentage of pigs saved is high.

Coins placed in a money changing machine intended for public places complete an electric current and illuminate pictures or an advertisement.

## MAY USE RAFTS TO GET LUMBER TO EUROPEANS

### Now Being Used to Tow Commodity From Sweden To England Across Baltic.

Vancouver, B. C., July 17.—Feasibility of rafting British Columbia lumber to Europe in rafts, or great ocean-going rafts, is being considered here. Raftmen are used in towing lumber from Sweden to England, a long voyage across the Baltic and North seas. The Raftmen Syndicate of London has sent William Olson, of Stockholm, to British Columbia to investigate the possibility of using rafts in British Columbia's lumber trade with Europe. Mr. Olson expressed the opinion that the great timber from the British Columbia forests might be rafted to Europe in much larger rafts than those now shipped out of the Baltic. Swedish rafts carry four or five million feet of lumber. Mr. Olson believes rafts containing 15 and 20 million feet can be shipped to Europe from British Columbia.

Since the end of the war with a tremendous demand in Europe for lumber for reconstruction purposes, the sawmills in the vast virgin forests along the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway have been working at top capacity and overtime. There is a shortage of ships for the lumber carrying trade and raftmen are not only would decrease freightage charges, but solve the problem of ocean transportation for British Columbia's rapidly expanding export lumber trade.

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## Sugar Bowls and Fruit Jars Hiding Fortune in Pennies

Cincinnati, O., July 17.—Even the fireless cooker has been utilized as a hiding place for pennies here.

The cooker, together with vases on the parlor mantel, the unused cracked jar on the sideboard and old Mason jars in the pantry, are held partly responsible for the penny famine existing here in the federal sub-treasury office.

“The man who gets pennies in change on the street car or at the restaurant is tempted to turn them over to the children's banks when he changes his clothing to go out in the evening,” declared David Reece, cashier at the local sub-treasury, pointing out the existence of a penny saving wave sweeping the country.

“It seems so easy to save pennies that they are just tossed into some receptacle and forgotten.”

“We have unearthed some very odd hiding places, selected by the penny-savers.”

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## Cats “Lead a Dog's Life,” 39 Tons Dead at Capital

### 11,762 Defunct Tabbies Picked Up From Streets of Washington—Poundmaster Gasses Odd Thousand More During Year.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—A cat “leads a dog's life” in Washington.

Thirty-nine tons of cats met violent deaths during the 11 months of the past fiscal year.

During those 11 months 11,762 defunct tabbies were picked up in the district streets, and the poundmaster made ghosts of 1,000 more during the same period.

Edward S. Schmidt, Washington bird and animal man, estimates that the average cat weighs six pounds. With the aid of an adding machine you can probably figure it out for yourself.

**Poundmaster Lends Aid.**

During the fiscal year ended July 1, 1919, a total of 12,979 cats gave up the ghost in the streets, and 2,128 departed officially, with the kindly assistance of the poundmaster.

Unfortunately the district has no authority to capture stray cats, so residents are denied the fun of seeing a persipating man with a long-handled net scale fences and climb trees in pursuit of the elusive felines.

All cats collected by the health department and committed to the tender mercies of the poundmaster are taken from homes where the tabbies have worn out their welcome.

**Fear Spread of Hog Cholera in Kansas**

Topeka, Kan., July 17.—Quarantine regulations against hog cholera are being put into effect in many Kansas counties, following the appearance of the disease. Carelessness of farmers about vaccinating hogs because of the low market price is blamed for the presence of the scourge. It is feared a widespread epidemic of the disease is imminent.

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## PLAN TO KEEP BOYS AND GIRLS OUT OF JAIL

### Prison Expert Declares Juvenile Delinquency Can Be Reduced in Every City.

Jamestown, N. Y., July 10.—A plan to keep boys and girls out of jail and reform schools was presented by Dr. O. F. Lewis of the Prison Association of New York, at this morning's session of the annual meeting of city officials of the state. Dr. Lewis asserted that juvenile delinquency can be reduced in every city through the study and understanding of local conditions, through the development of attractive and constructive substitutes and through the team work of local forces.

After declaring that good, clean constructive recreation is one of the best crime substitutes, Dr. Lewis said: “Let us never forget that in trying to combat delinquency that for the multitude of beginners in delinquency, delinquency is attractive. If these were not so there would not be so much delinquency. We cannot cure it simply by prohibiting it, or solely by saying ‘Thou Shalt Not.’”

“Cities are constantly getting larger, city life more intense. Streets are becoming increasingly playgrounds. Are we to continue to endure solely the reign of commercialized amusements for our children? Is it not time to make possible the proper gratifications of youth in our town?”

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