

## STATE FORESTER URGES SCHOOL TREE PLANTING

Says Purpose of Arbor Day to Inculcate Knowledge and Love of Nature.

### PROGRAM IS SUGGESTED

The planting of trees on Arbor day, Friday, April 15, this year, aside from an aesthetic view, has great economic value by reason of the many possible clubs possible later on, says Charles J. Dean, forester under the State department of conservation, who appeals to all citizens, especially school children, to observe Arbor day of 1921 by an extensive tree planting program.

The spirit of Arbor day, as conceived by its founders, was to inculcate in youth the love and knowledge of trees. The work rightfully belongs in the school of the land, and in a bulletin the State forester urges that pupils gather en masse on this day and observe it generally throughout Indiana.

Mr. Dean suggests that schools arrange programs in advance, decide on the number of trees to be planted, and the time and the trees should be selected, and on the ground ready for planting on the day of the exercises. He points out that it is unnecessary to confine Arbor day plantings to the school grounds. In some instances no room is available. However, there are plenty of places in need of trees, and in the country villages can easily be seen to plant trees along the roads, cemeteries along roadsides, and especially roadsides paralleling streams where they are a source of beauty and comfort. In the cities it is suggested they be planted along streets, about churches and in parks and contiguous to public buildings.

### PLANT TREES AT HOME.

In addition to universal planting by school, each pupil should be encouraged to plant a few more trees at home. The pupil can call it his or her tree, or plant it in honor of a new born or in commemoration of a deceased friend or relative. Then a personal and aesthetic reason prompts the child to watch the tree

## COBBLER MEETS WATERLOO IN HARDING SHOES

Says President Wished Repairs Made in Impossible Way.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—A pair of shoes worn by the president of the United States means nothing in the life of F. Sumner. Positively not, Sumner emphasized.

He made a statement to this effect as he stood in his office, but busy shoe repairing shop a square away from the White House after the sensational fact had become known that he had declined to fix President Harding's golf shoes.

He is the first shoemaker in the history of the nation to "turn down a president's shoes."

Although not officially designated as such, he may be called "shoemaker extraordinary to the White House." He has repaired the shoes which have shod presidential feet since Cleveland's term.

"I have no objection to repairing Mr. Harding's shoes and any one else's," said Mr. Sumner, "but Mr. Harding wanted his golf shoes fixed in an impossible way."

There was a pause and then Sumner, who is a swarthy complexioned little man with a moustache like H. G. Wells', said rather apologetically, "I can't do the impossible."

Mr. Sumner, "but Mr. Harding wanted his golf shoes fixed in an impossible way."

"Presidents are nice folks, all right, but as customers they are no different to me than any one else," Mr. Sumner continued.

He disclosed the following facts to be recorded for posterity:

"President Harding has the biggest foot of all of the seven Presidents who have patronized Sumner, beginning with Grover Cleveland.

"His foot's the longest and Taft's the widest," said Sumner, by way of explanation.

Also his shoes are the 'neatest.'

Roosevelt was the hardest on shoes.

All of Mr. Harding's six immediate predecessors in the White House, "ran down" their heels.

all through life and take added interest in its welfare.

While the planting of trees for many years was considered only from a cultural standpoint, today such work has great economic aspect in view of the de-

picted timber stocks of the nation and parts of the world where the bulk of timber used is imported.

The commercial aspect looms big when one considers that if each of 500,000 school children would plant one tree and all these trees lived to maturity, the lumber these trees would produce in fifteen years would have a market value of at least \$900,000. It should be remembered also that during the lives of the trees they would be constantly a source of comfort and benefit.

CAREFUL SELECTION IS IMPORTANT.

In planting trees great care should be exercised to select trees that are long lived, free of insect enemies and disease and that possess a high commercial value.

Of the shade tree type, the sugar and black maple are among the best. In addition the sycamore, pin and white oak may be used. Away from the smoke and heat, especially the heat arising from paved streets of cities, the tulip, white ash, lime, oaks, white and red elm, black

walnut, and sweet gum in southern Indiana should be first choice.

Sugar and black maple are adaptable to any section of Indiana and where a small round-topped tree is desired, the Norway maple is given preference.

After the trees are planted they should be protected and mulched. When planted the lower branches should be pruned off, or all or most of the side branches cut back. Never top a tree at planting, warns the State forester. In the event the tree is too spindly it may be cut

back but not further than where the diameter is less than one-half inch. Small trees at planting should be supported by a stake driven alongside.

Circulars giving full directions for planting and care of shade trees and forest tracts may be had free by writing to the State Forester, 107 Statehouse, Indianapolis.

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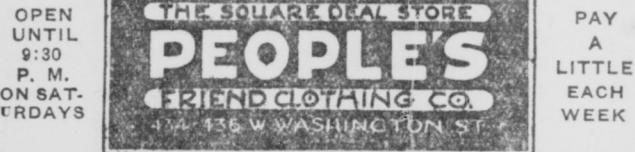
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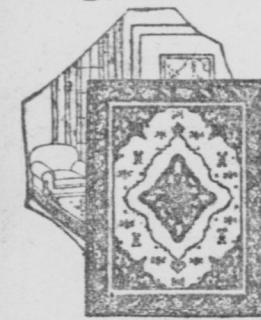
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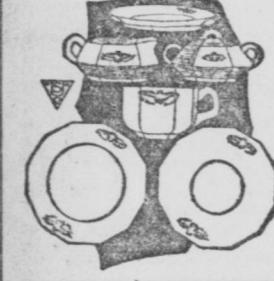
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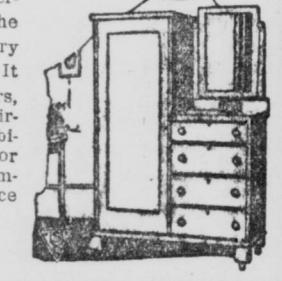


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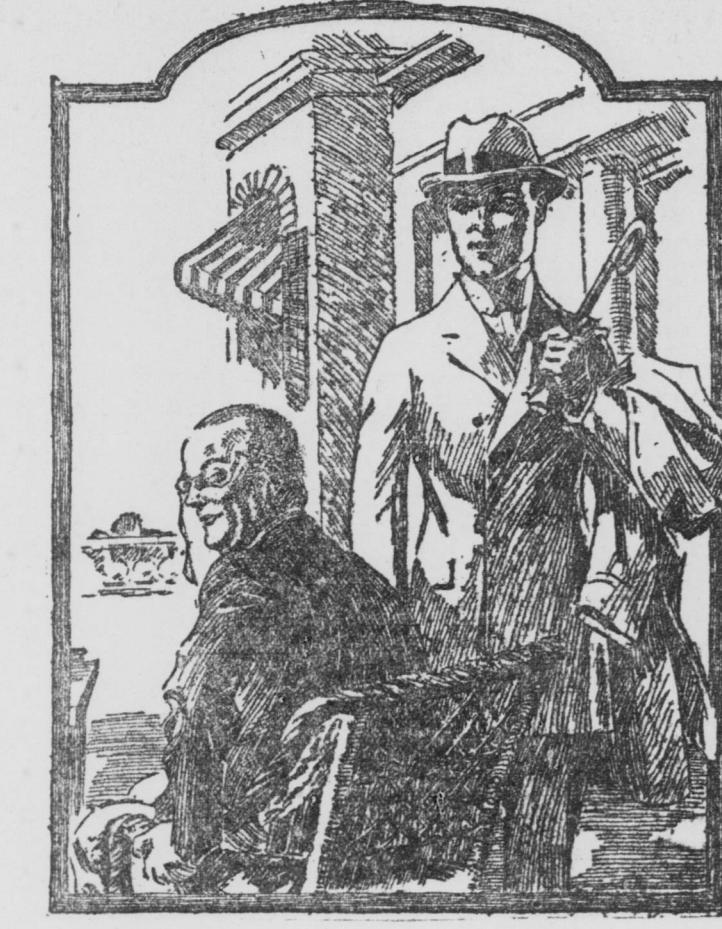


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