

—Conservation—
**FORESTS ALONG
RIVERS WOULD
BENEFIT MANY**

Places for Vacations at Little Expense Among Points Cited.

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Stop to consider a moment the value to the state of Indiana of acquiring over a long term of years the river banks in the state. Up to the moment practically all of the public forests in the nation have been acquired in block form and more or less remote from the centers of population.

This was not due to chance. Remote areas are less expensive and usually having been at the tag end of the nation's demand for agricultural land were least considered by the farmer or farm land promoter. I will have to confess that not many areas escaped the farm land promoter, but there are a few where even he could not bring into an agricultural vision.

Block forests in remote areas do not benefit many persons. Those who can afford it travel to the most famous ones in the west. Fifteen thousand Hoosiers go to the Brown county forest in the fall when the leaves turn color, and 1,300,000 Hoosiers visit the state parks, mostly forest, every year. That is about one-sixth of the state's population.

Greatest Number Affected

What is the matter with the idea of establishing an Indiana venture in acquiring our river banks and then grow a continuous line of forest. On the five major streams of the state live more than four-fifths of our population. No river forest would be farther than a few minutes' drive from most of our people.

Would it be more desirable to have a state forest intersecting the habitat of the most of us than to have it somewhere out in the hills near but few of us? You will have to answer that question.

Let us assume for the time that we already have a river forest starting from Winchester and running along the banks of White river to Greene county or beyond. Any other stream will answer for the same assumption, but it so happens that White river lies close to many persons and for the sake of illustration we take first.

Youth Would Benefit

The first groups benefited would be the local Boy and Girl Scout troops. Close by would be a long stretch of forest land in which to indulge in their outdoor activities, their map making, trail and campfire tests and water sports to carry out their programs. Not every organization of Scouts in Indiana has its own grounds as has Indianapolis in which to practice.

Then come the fishermen. With the river forest would come the stream purification. Popular demand would take care of that. Less pollution, more fish would result.

The hunting follows. Hunting would not be permitted in the river forest; it would be a reservoir of wild life that would overflow the borders to enrich the surrounding fields.

The trail hiker would have a long pathway to wander over through shaded forest land. At no point of the hike would it be necessary to retrace his steps. New vistas of the state's best scenery would always lie ahead.

The horse-back rider would have, as they have now in Westchester county, New York, and in the Chicago environs, through the Cook county forests, an unparalleled opportunity to extend rides into something worth while.

State Would Control

The water sportsman, the boater and the canoeist would have at their command, as they have in the Missouri Ozarks, mile after mile of river on which to enjoy vacations, free from the stench of the open road and the Sunday congestion of motor traffic.

All of these groups would be served by wayside or rather, riverside resting places owned or controlled by the state as the state controls its hotels in parks.

In these inns, one would find boats, saddle horses and other equipment for hire or sale and a long vacation could be planned with the minimum of trouble and expense. The boater or the rider could turn over his mount at the last point of call and it would be redistributed along the trail to meet the demand.

Dumps Became Parkways

Perhaps I am drawing a long bow; perhaps this is all too visionary, but if it is, then the Appalachian Mountain Club was too visionary when it planned the long trail twenty years ago from Mt. Katahdin in Maine to Stone mountain in Georgia, now completed. Over this trail pass the hikers of the eastern states.

Then also was the vision of the residents of Westchester county in New York too ephemeral when they surveyed the stream banks of their community long since relegated to the realm of garbage dumps.

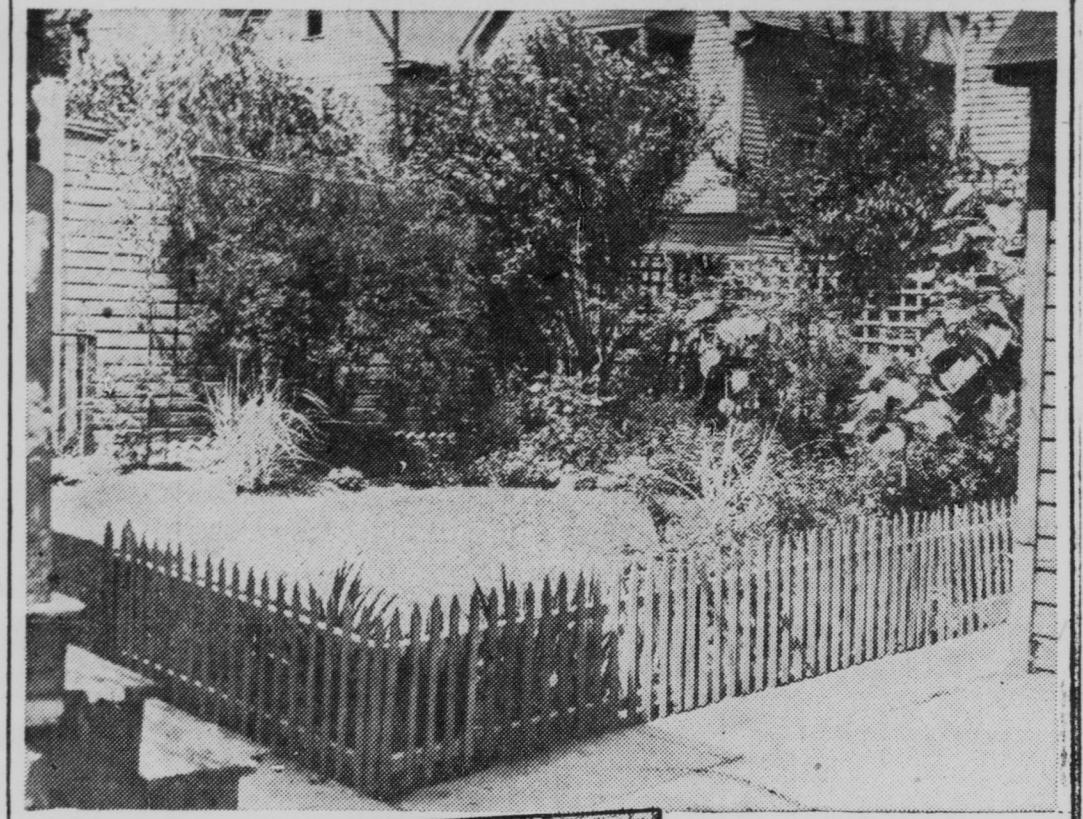
These dumps all have been cleaned up and converted into parkways, and the increase in property values along the streams, due to the advantages offered to persons who want to live, has provided the taxes that paid for the improvement.

We were too visionary when we advocated restoration of the Kankakee swamps, but the vision is now a reality. We have had to be visionary to overcome the desperate indifference of the general public, which, in the main, inclined to take America for granted and supinely submit to the depredations of a careless and slovenly past.

Berlin Pastor to Speak Here

Dr. Ewart E. Turner, pastor of the American church in Berlin, will speak on "Understanding Germany" at the meeting of the Rotary Club, Tuesday noon, in the Claypool. Dr. Turner is paying a brief visit to the United States.

Home Garden Provides Pleasure at Low Cost and With Little Effort



Authority on Landscaping Explains Details of Beautification.

This is the first of a series of articles by Donald Gray, famous landscape consultant, on how to make a beautiful garden of your back yard.

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CREATING a garden is one of the real pleasures of having a home. Nothing equals the satisfaction of planting a sapling, caring for it, and watching it develop into a beautiful tree.

The making of a garden is even a greater joy. It does not take acreage and a lot of money. It can be done with a small expenditure on any sized lot.

How cheap and easy this is has been proven by one midwestern home owner who transformed his back yard into a beautiful garden within four months, and at a cost of less than \$30.

The plot of ground was twenty feet between garages and thirty feet from the house to the rear lot line. The soil was sandy and \$5 worth of fertilizer prepared the ground.

Permanent shrubs and trees at a cost of \$14.90 were planted along the sides and back. Another \$5 was spent for perennial flowers and \$1.20 for annual flower seeds.

The grass seed cost \$2, so that the entire cost of the material amounted to \$28.10. The labor of digging the ground, planting, and taking care of the plants afterwards is the big item of value, and this part of the work was the owner's contribution.

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SUCH a garden can be produced by any one, be he a gardener or amateur. All it takes is the desire, some direction of 'just what to do, and willingness to work in the soil.

It is a good investment to plant trees and shrubs for any home. Without the proper outside surroundings, a house is less desirable to a prospective buyer. With an attractive garden, the property becomes more attractive than others and hence is worth more.

So that, besides the joy of having a garden for its own purpose, the investment pays good dividends. Small plants are cheap and each year grow more beautiful and hence more valuable.

Furthermore, a garden need not be planted all in one year. A certain amount of money can be set aside each year and a certain number of plants purchased and planted.

At the end of a few years, the garden is complete and the expenditure, because it has been distributed over a period of time, has not been a hardship.

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Lifelong Resident Dies

By Times Special

FRANKLIN, April 14.—Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Mary E. Boaz, 68, wife of Alford E. Boaz, a resident of John-

son county.

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He Works Steadily

By Times Special

TIPTON, April 14.—Jack League

the week completed forty-three

years in the employ of the Tipton

canning factory. When he started

his long career, every operation in

the cannery industry was done by

hand; today every operation is done

by machinery.

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Man, 74, Asks Divorce

By Times Special

SHELBYVILLE, April 14.—Com-

plaining that his wife nagged him

to such an extent that his health

was impaired.

Plowing Well Advanced

COLUMBUS, April 14.—Spring

plowing in Bartholomew county has

been completed to a greater extent

than during several previous years.

Corn acreage will be about 40,000,

which is 8,000 less than the average

because of the crop reduction pro-

gram.

NEXT—Plan before planting.

Educator to Speak Here

"La Tapisserie de Bayeux" will be

the subject of Professor Clarence

Leavenworth, Wabash college, as

guest speaker of the Alliance Fran-

caise d'Indianapolis at its meeting

Thursday night in the Washington

An informal dinner at 6:30 will pre-

cede the session.

DRINK CRAZY Water CRYSTALS

Tune in WFBM Mon. Wed.

Fri. 12:45 noon—Daily 6:45

WLW Sun. 1:30

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