

**THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY**  
call upon the citizenship of the County to enter into  
the spirit of "BETTER HOMES WEEK".

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The Board of Commissioners of Durham County take this opportunity to call to the attention of the entire citizenship of the County the observance of "BETTER HOMES" week, April 25th to 30th. This is an occasion that furnishes to each citizen of the County the opportunity to take annual inventory of his home and surroundings, with a view towards making his home an outstanding example of beauty, cleanliness and orderliness, both for the sake of the members of the home and the people of his community. Each home should do its part towards the making of a better community. One unsightly, ill-kept home can spoil the beauty of an entire street. None of us wants to be a community slacker.

A fine sense of community pride is a valuable community asset.

Beauty, orderliness, cleanliness and attractiveness are a part of good business. To make your bit of the world in which you live brighter and more beautiful is to make a brighter and more beautiful world. Beautiful surroundings are a part of character. Character will build such surroundings, and such surroundings in turn build individual and community character. Character is built largely through what we see. Constant association with beauty builds beauty. Tumble-down premises usually spell tumble-down character. Cleanliness is next to godliness. John Keats, the poet of beauty, once wrote: "Beauty is art, art beauty; this is all we know and all we need to know."

The home is a miniature universe. The universe is beautiful and orderly and peaceful. So should the home be. A home should be far more than a house, but a beautiful house goes far toward making a beautiful home.

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Each citizen can make his community home-conscious by making his own home beautiful. Pretty lawns, flowered gardens, clean white walks, shapely trees and well kept fences bring a satisfying sense of a well-planned and well-

ordered home, and give character and distinction to any community. There is no better index to the type of community citizenship than its homes. The home is the unit of the community. The whole is no better than its parts. For North Carolina to be beautiful and inviting, its homes must be beautiful and inviting. The thrift, intelligence and character of your state will be measured largely by the kind of homes it has, inside and out. It is ~~true~~<sup>true</sup> that clothes do not make the man. Neither will a house and furniture and paint make a home. There must be cleanliness, orderliness and beauty; but to make the real home, there must also be music, recreation, family cooperation, love, unselfishness, sacrifice and sympathy. These light up the home and give soul to the house. Without these the house is worse than empty.

So, during "BETTER HOMES" week it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of your County that every citizen shall do his part towards building a larger appreciation of beauty and orderliness in making Durham County more beautiful, more orderly and more satisfying, thereby making North Carolina and the United States a better home for the present and future generations.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY.