

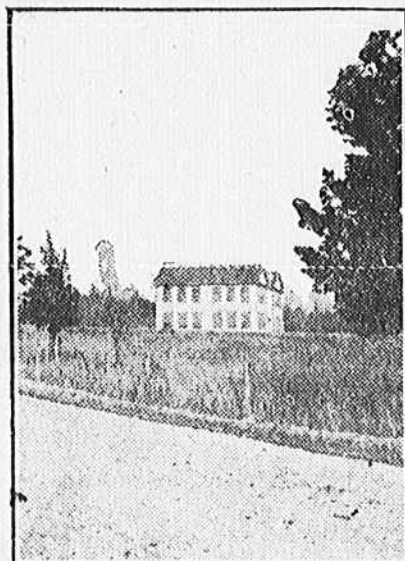
ORGANIZATION IN RURAL LIFE

More Thoroughly Appreciated
Than Ever Before.

A SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT.

The United States Department of Agriculture Seeks to Promote the Welfare of the Farmer by Advocating Concerted Effort Along Many Lines.

The value of organization in rural life is now more thoroughly appreciated than ever before, and the United States department of agriculture is devoting much attention to assisting co-operative farmers' associations of various kinds. In an article on this subject published in the new year book of the department some of the purposes which may be served by organized activity among farmers are stated to be the introduction of new crops, the maintenance of standard strains of seed, the control of plant and animal diseases, the development of established industries, such as dairying and cattle raising, road improvement, the marketing of farm produce, the im-



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS MAY TAKE THE PLACE OF THE ONE ROOM, ONE TEACHER VARIETY.

provement of credit facilities, the securing of better facilities for insurance and communication and the improvement of rural social life.

Two general types of organizations are now being utilized in the agricultural extension work. County organizations, often called farm bureaus, are being formed to take the initiative in securing local support for the county agents. Many of these organizations include business and professional men as well as farmers. It is clearly apparent, however, that the farming people themselves should control and in the end determine the character and work of these organizations.

Another type of local organization is the small community club. Where a considerable number of these clubs exist in a county they are often federated to form a county organization of some kind. In the southern states about 500 communities were organized during the year ended June 30, 1915. These community organizations are engaged in the promotion of some special work, such as the co-operative breeding of live stock, purchasing and selling things required or produced on the farm and studying and demonstrating better farm practices. In the northern and western states the county agents were instrumental in forming 875 local organizations during the same year. These included farmers' clubs for general purposes and associations for the improvement of crop production, the breeding of live stock, cow testing, purchasing and marketing.

The value of organization in the development of established industries is best illustrated by the department's work with dairymen. One of the essentials for profitable dairying is the keeping of accurate records of the milk and butter fat production of individual cows. The department of agriculture therefore furnishes information to farmers who wish to form what are commonly known as cow testing associations to determine which cows are yielding a satisfactory profit. In co-operation with certain states the federal department maintains a number of dairy extension specialists, who not only aid in the establishment of these associations, but give assistance to farmers who are not obtaining adequate returns from their animals. There are now over 200 of these associations in the United States, with a total membership of more than 5,500 farmers, owning not less than 100,000 cows.

Co-operative bull associations have also been found of great value in the improvement of dairy herds. The dairy division of the bureau of animal industry is prepared to give farmers information on how to organize and conduct the business of such co-operative associations. This division also assists farmers in the organization of co-operative creameries by furnishing them with advice in regard to buildings, equipment, operation and management. Blue print plans for suitable buildings with estimates of the cost and a list of the necessary machinery, etc., are furnished when circumstances make it appear that a co-operative creamery would be successful.

IT ISN'T YOUR TOWN, IT'S YOU.

If you want to live in the kind of a town
Like the kind of a town that you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike,
You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new.
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town.
It isn't the town—it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead.
When every one works and nobody shirks
You can raise a town from the dead.
And if, while you make your personal stake,
Your neighbors can make one, too,
Your town will be what you want to see.
It isn't the town—it's you.

FERTILIZERS FROM WASTE.

Garbage is Valuable When Returned to the Soil.
[Prepared by United States department of agriculture.]

A survey of the nation's resources in fertilizer materials has drawn attention to the large supply of these to be found in the accumulation of garbage in cities. This waste material contains nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, which are recognized as essential to the production of large crops. Valuable as these elements are to the farms of the country, the garbage in which they are found is a source of trouble and expense to the cities. It seems, therefore, that this garbage can be disposed of most advantageously by returning it to the soil in the form of fertilizer.

In cities of 100,000 people or more the reduction of garbage by methods which furnish a residue fit for fertilizer use has proved to be a profitable municipal enterprise, and in smaller communities it might well be self-sustaining. Numerous analyses of raw garbage show that on the average grease constitutes 3.5 per cent and of the fertilizer ingredients, potash 0.3 per cent, bone phosphate 1 per cent and nitrogen in the form of ammonia 1 per cent. On this basis the value of a ton of raw garbage is about \$5, the grease being worth \$3 and the fertilizer ingredients about \$2.

Since the grease is of more value than the fertilizer the reduction process is primarily designed to recover the grease. There are three principal methods of doing this. The garbage is cooked and steamed and then pressed dry and decreased in gasoline, or the garbage is dried directly in rotary hot air kilns and then decreased in gasoline, or it is dried and decreased in one operation.

As raw garbage contains 70 per cent water and 3.5 per cent grease, the yield of the tankage residue or fertilizer should be about 25 per cent. Thus four tons of raw garbage should be made to yield one ton of dried tankage and \$12 worth of grease. In the retail market the dried tankage sells for about \$10 a ton and at wholesale for \$7.50.

At present, however, only six cities in the United States operate their own reduction plants and about twenty send their garbage to privately owned plants. These produce in the course of a year 100,000 tons of tankage or fertilizer, made from 1,015,000 tons of raw garbage. If all of the 130 cities in the United States which have a population of 30,000 or over should adopt this method of garbage disposal the total yield should be from 637,500 tons to 937,500 tons of fertilizer per year. This would be worth from \$4,780,000 to \$7,000,000. Additional fertilizer material could also be obtained in the cities from dead animals, street sweepings and stable manure.

Back Yards and Character.

"Back Yards and Character" is a theme State Health Commissioner Dixon of Pennsylvania selected recently for one of his weekly talks on health and hygiene. Dr. Dixon said:

"Bret Harte once wrote a story in which he pointed out that for an insight into the occupant's true character one must look at the back and not at the front of a man's house.

"This brings us again to the question of back yards. Is yours as clean and well kept as you can make it, or is it littered with trash, cans, kindling and other rubbish? Are the garbage and waste properly covered and free from flies? Are the stable and outhouse fly breeding centers for the neighborhood? You have work ahead of you for your health's sake and for the sake of decency if any of these conditions exist.

"If there are children in the family the back yard should be their playground. A doll house, a turning pole, a swing or a tent will provide almost unlimited entertainment and help to keep children off the streets."

Hoboes as Cleanups.

If you have tramps or vagabonds you don't want, just put them on the train for Bellevue, O. They'll be cheerfully received. The new official system in that place makes the advent of a few "hoboes" a joyous occasion.

The "bum" is a municipal asset to Bellevue. Here are a few of the things they have done for this town of 6,000: Polished the streets, carried off the rubbish from every back yard, put the baseball diamond in fine condition and started a sewer system for the city. After the sewer is completed they'll be put to work paving new streets.

The hoboes do these things willingly, cheerfully—after they've seen the stone pile. They are given their choice of the two.

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Last week's rains interfered somewhat with our big sale on summer goods, but many wise shoppers took advantage of the bargains and came despite the rain.

THE SALE CONTINUES

Remember that the bargains we are offering will hardly be duplicated for a long time to come. Goods are going up and there is little hope of their coming down. The wise shopper buys today.

SOME EXTRA SPECIAL BARGAINS

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 - 10 doz. Ladies Black and White Hose, well worth 65c, now only 45c
 - \$1 Silk Hose all kind, Summer price 90c
 - 5 doz. Ladies Silk Gloves, worth 75c, only 45
 - Warner Rust-Proof Corsets worth \$1.25 but we will sell for \$1.00
 - 15c Ripplette, fine for school dresses, only 12c
 - 10c Colored Lawn and Batiste 8c
 - 15c Colored Lawn and Flax-on only 11c
 - 20c Colored Voile, striped, only 15c
 - All 25c Summer Lawns, Voiles and Batiste only 19c
 - All 35c Summer Lawns, Voiles and Batiste only 25c
 - All 50c Summer Lawns, Voiles and Batiste only 35c
- Be sure and get new dresses for your summer trip.

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- 36-in. Standard Percale, worth 15c 11 1-2c
- 27-in. Dress Gingham, worth 12 1-2c 9c
- 17-in. and 31-in. Dress Gingham, worth 15c 11 1-2c
- 27-in. White Stripe Waist-ing, worth 15c only 11c
- 27-in. White Stripe Waist-ing, worth 10c and 12 1-2c 8c
- 27-in. Crush Suiting for skirts and Boys suits, worth 15c now 11c

Sale Prices on all Mens Oxfords

- All \$4.00 value tan calf, tan vici, patent or dull leathers, broad or English toes, only 3.49
- All \$3.50 value black vici, gun metal, tan calf, good styles. Ask to see them, only 2.95
- All \$3.00 value gun metal, button or lace, tans, button or lace, only 2.49
- All \$2.50 value dull leathers, lace or button, only 2.19
- White canvas Oxfords, English last 2.19
- Palm Beach Oxfords, English last 2.19
- White canvas Oxfords, stub toe 1.19
- Palm Beach Oxfords, stub toe 1.19
- Men's Shirts, \$1.25 value, only 95c
- Men's Shirts, 65c value, only 45c

- Men's Union Suits, B. V. D., only 89c
- Men's Union Suits, 50c value, only 42c
- Men's Sport Shirts, \$1.00 value, only 89c
- Men's Sport Shirts, 50c value, only 42c
- Men's Suspenders, 50c value, only 42c
- Men's Suspenders, 25c value, only 19c
- Men's Sox, black Silk, only 22c
- Men's Sox, tan and black, only 09c

Sale Prices on all Ladies Oxfords

- All \$4.00 values, grays, browns, straps and pumps, only \$3.49
- All \$3.50 values, patent pumps, dull kids, 5 straps, beautiful styles, only \$2.95
- All \$3.00 values, 5 straps, dull kid, patent, pump or button, extra special, only \$2.45
- All \$2.50 value cloth top pump, patent pump, patent 3 straps, gun metal 1 strap, low heel, only \$2.19
- All \$2.00 value Baby Doll patent or gun metal, low or high heel, only \$1.69
- All \$1.75 value patent 2 strap, gun metal or vici, only \$1.45
- \$1.50 vici, button or lace; ask to see these numbers, only \$1.19
- All white Oxfords, during this sale, your choice only \$1.00

- 1 lot of Children's and Misses' Oxfords, tan, button or lace; vici, kids and patent leather, any style you want, worth \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75, extra special, only 89c
- 1 lot of Ladies' Oxfords, small sizes 2 1-2, 3, 3 1-2 only; good styles and shapes; too many small sizes, worth \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00, extra special \$1.75

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South Carolina.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

Whereas, petitions signed by a legal number of the qualified electors and free-holders residing in Waterloo school district No. 1, Laurens county, South Carolina asking for an election upon the question of voting an additional 2 mill tax upon the property in said school district to be used for school purposes, have been filed with the county board of education, an election is hereby ordered upon said question, said election to be held on the 2nd day of August, 1916, at Center Point School House, in said district, under the management of the trustees of said school district.

Only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in the general election shall be allowed to vote.

Those favoring the 2 mill additional tax shall vote a ballot containing the word "YES" written or printed thereon. Those against the 2 mill additional tax shall vote a ballot containing the word "NO" written or printed thereon. Polls shall open at the hour of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and shall remain open until the hour of 4 o'clock

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in the afternoon when they shall be closed, and the ballots counted. The trustees shall report the result of the election to the county auditor and county superintendent of education within ten days thereafter.
JAMES H. SULLIVAN,
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