

**VILLAGES UNATTRACTIVE  
IN STUDY BY GOVERNMENT**

Nearly 20,000,000 people in the United States, or about one-fifth of the population, live in villages, and 30,000,000 farming people use those villages for purposes of business, education, religion, health, and social well-being. Yet these centers of rural population are usually unattractive and often very ugly. Villages in other countries are generally much superior to those of the United States in design, in the character of their streets and public buildings, and in their approaches and recreation spots. A start, however, has been made toward beautifying the American village.

Some examples of leadership in this respect are recorded by the Department of Agriculture, which has been studying the problem of village planning from the standpoint of its importance to the rural community and particularly to the farmer.

It is more as a buying than as a selling place that the farmer makes use of the village. In marketing his principal products he generally deals with some large distributing center. But he purchases his household supplies in the village. He goes there for amusement and for social purposes generally. His children often go to school there. An attractive village, says the department, is an important influence in stabilizing farm life and in counteracting the attractions which cities have for the young people of the farms. As the farmer's chief point of contact with outside interests, the village can make a big contribution to the happiness of farm life, even if it be considered from no other standpoint than the fact that it is the place where the farmer spends a large part of his income.

Where villages are being made more beautiful, the impetus has come in nearly every case from local initiative. Villages that have well-planned streets, attractive recreation spots, and pleasing approaches are nearly always indebted for these advantages to the energy and public spirit of some small group of citizens. Under such inspiration dump heaps have been turned into garden spots, unsightly shacks and dilapidated stores have been torn down and replaced by smart, substantial business buildings, and extensive programs of landscape gardening and tree planting have been undertaken. Villages that have embarked on this path are finding that beauty pays. It improves local business and attracts tourist business. It enhances real estate values, and has a powerful influence in raising individual standards of efficiency and enterprise.

**OREGON DAIRYMEN SEEK  
BETTER MARKET METHOD**

(From Department of Industrial Journalism Oregon Agricultural college.)

Dairymen of Oregon seeking a more stable and efficient means of marketing their cream than they now enjoy, are showing much interest in the organization of community cream pools, reports C. J. Hurd, college extension specialist in marketing. Such a pool is in process of organization at Hermiston. Another is being talked of in Grants Pass.

In speaking before a mass meeting of dairymen at Hermiston, Mr. Hurd gave what he considered to be the necessary requirements to the successful organization and operation of such a pool.

Binding one year contracts covering a daily production of at least 500 pounds of butter fat was the first essential. A manager should be employed, competent not only to weigh and test the cream and sell it to the best advantage, but to buy it on the basis of standard grades as well.

The pool should be organized for the purpose of selling the cream wherever it can be disposed of to the

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best advantage, subject to the judgment of the directors, rather than for delivery to any one particular creamery. Other things being equal, the local creamery doubtless would be favored with the business, but the association should not be bound to any one outlet.

The final provision necessary to success is that a small amount be deducted from the sale price to pay operating expenses and create a reserve to enable the dairymen, if necessary in the future, to buy and operate a cooperative creamery.

**ALL-STAR CAST  
IN "THE FEMALE"**

Betty Compson is supported by a unique cast in "The Female," her new Paramount starring picture, directed by Sam Wood. The story is an adaptation of Cynthia Stockley's "Dalla, the Lion Cub." All of the scenes are laid in South Africa.

Heading the strong supporting cast are Warner Baxter and Noah Beery, Dorothy Cumming, Helen Butler, Pauline French, Edgar Norton and Florence Wix also have important parts.

There are other featured players who get no credit in the advertising, but they don't care. They are an assortment of lions, fourteen in number, ranging in size from tiny cubs to grown-ups. All the zoos in Southern California were scoured by Director Wood and his assistants to find African lion of just the right size and temperament.

"The Female," which will be shown Sunday night at the Liberty Theatre is a story of a beautiful young Boer girl who knows no life outside the African veldt. She meets and falls in love with a handsome young Englishman far above her station in life. Men before always flocked to her, but this one is different. He is strangely cold and ignores her, and his people, the "Englishers," insult Dalla (Miss Compson.) The result of the picture is a gripping and unusually entertaining story of the carrying out of this girl's plans for revenge—against all the ultra-smart of the English colony in general. The picture closes with her completely winning over the young Englishman.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Mrs. Volmer returned to her home at the Experiment Station on Tuesday's train after spending a short time at Salem with Miss Emma Peterson, who died of tuberculosis on last Saturday at the hospital there.

Nelson B. Higgs has been spending considerable time in this city during the past couple of weeks at work with Leonard Locher in checking up the Eastern Oregon Live Stock Co. taxes in connection with the recent settlement agreement made with the county court.

**Speed Her Forte**



Margaret Ravoir of Philadelphia, a member of the American Olympic team last year, is shattering records every week now. Recently she broke four records in one week.

The rain and snow of yesterday has given us more moisture. We've been suffering from lack of water for so long that it will be a hard matter for old Jape to give us to the extent that we'd holler enough. Come on—you!

The 40 day scrap between Governor Pierce and the legislature ends tonight. It has been more or less spirited at times but late reports indicate the Governor's a little "groggy" with overtures of a peaceful ending of the affair.

It's all right. Even though the water has come down from the high hills for lack of a storage system it isn't all wasted for some of it will be pumped up for irrigation—and then the ducks have been having a rather dry time in the bird reserve, so they'll get a good swim again.

Martin Harkey is in receipt of a letter from his sister, Lena, which announces the death of her husband, W. U. Scott, at the home in Eagleville, California on Monday, Feb. 9. Mr. Scott had been ill for almost a year. Mrs. Scott said he had suffered much during the last days of his illness, although he was unconscious

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for four days before his death. He was a man of affairs during his robust days, operating largely in the sheep and ranch business. He was a success financially in this line.

Mrs. Geo. Young and son Joe took their departure last Monday for California where they will remain for an indefinite time. They were passengers out on the train and were routing by way of Salt Lake.

Road Master Frazier has been giving his attention to the roads in the northern part of the county recently. He says the roads are improving in the southern part where the snow has disappeared and they are becoming dry.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Henry were in from Catlow Thursday. They report the road good until they came into the Hanley lane this side of Wright's Point. The snow has disappeared in their part of the country and the roads are therefore in good shape.

We are informed that Felix U'izar, who recently lost his hotel at Andrews by fire, has purchased the property of Joaquin Berdugo in Burns situated on the block east of the Levens hotel, and will erect a hotel building on it at once. The building will be of stone.

Archie McGowan of Burns is one of the foremost highway boosters of eastern Oregon and is president of the Harney County Good Roads club. He is in Portland working for improvement of 14 miles of the Bend-Burns highway, the strip being known as the Glass butte cut-off. There is also a movement under way to construct a north-south highway from Burns connecting with the John Day highway, he declared. "Burns is anticipating a prosperous future," Mr. McGowan said. "A new sawmill will be constructed this summer and railway extension into the timber is progressing rapidly. Burns will be in the center of a great farming district when it is developed. Three irrigation projects are under consideration."—Oregonian.

**ANNUAL MEETING MASONIC  
BUILDING ASSOCIATION**

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Masonic Building Association of Burns, Oregon, will be held at the Masonic Hall on Saturday, March 14, 1925.

LEON M. BROWN,  
Secretary.

**GETTING IT STRAIGHT**

Judge: "Are you the machinist in this case?"  
Witness: "Faith no sir, I'm MacCarthy!"

**ED PURDY'S PHILOS**

"The world owes you a living, alright, but I've found one has to specialize in collecting to get it."

**JUST LIKE DAD**

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