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WHAT EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS

In the upbuilding and development of a community there are no "set rules" to follow, because each problem presented for solution by the entire citizenship has its little problem within the big one, that must be solved with a view to fairness and in the light of existing circumstances.

However, there are certain clearly defined principles which, if applied rightly, will bring the most desired results for the greatest number concerned; and if applied wrongly or not at all will retard progress and fail to be productive of the general good.

What does every community need? Necessarily, all public undertakings are carried out by two main factors—people and institutions. Institutions are groups of people working for the common purposes of their organization. A community is the living monument of co-operative effort, just as an institution is the lengthened shadow of one man. The "monument" may, indeed, be but a lowly marker, pointing sadly and solemnly to the town that was or wanted to be, but which has died from civic starvation. Or it may be a towering shaft, gilded and glittering in the sunlight, emblazoned with the words, "Here lives a community with a vision and Purpose!" Such a monument exists because of life and activity; while the former is the shadow of hopes.

A community is its people. A community is not merely wealth, not merely population, not merely climate or scenery. A community is men and women who can say "No" when that is to be said, and "Yes" when that is to be said. Every community needs people who investigate and then co-operate. No half-baked community project ever meets with success.

Every community needs a sense of loyalty on the part of its citizenship for home institutions and home business. Every community needs townspeople who believe in the agricultural and industrial environments, and a corresponding sense of responsibility and dependency of its rural populations upon the business of the town.

Every community needs conditions of law, order and morality that will attract the kind of people who have like ideals, and that will disinterest the law violator and elements of the morally depraved.

Every community needs opportunities for a richer, fuller and more abundant life for all of its people, young and old, weak and strong, rich and poor, white and black, through wholesome recreation, public parks, music, drama, art and handicrafts.

Every community needs good schools for its children and opportunities for peaceful and enjoyable social contacts for its grownups as well.

Every community needs churches where men and women may worship God—THEIR GOD—without molestation, without intolerance and according to the mandates of individual consciences.

Every community needs politics and public officials free from taint of fraud or suspicion of graft—a condition where even honesty is paramount to efficiency if both cannot be had in the same persons.

Every community needs not only sanitation, health and beauty in home, yard, street, store and public place, but a spirit of civic responsibility and love of the most out of life that WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY OTHER CONDITIONS; where these things come as a matter of course and not as the result of force. Every community needs vision, not only for the things they may acquire selfishly, but as a perspective for the world of communities that reach out to county, state and nation beyond the precincts of home. Every community needs things that cost so little to have but cost so much if done without. This is the fine thing about co-operation in community life.

The business of building a greater town is realistic as well as idealistic. Nothing is impossible. In fact, most of it is within our reach and much of it is our present heritage, handed down from those who have lived and worked and gone before.

Just because a fellow has a long head is no reason why he should go around wearing a long face.

What's become of the old-time candidate who thought it was too high-toned to campaign in an automobile?

Many a hard-working farmer has learned to interpret a prediction of "bumper" crops as something that will enable him to buy the bumpers this year for the car he hopes to be able to buy next.

TIGARD.

The ladies of the Grange drill team will give a 500 card party on Saturday evening March 31st. All are assured a good time.

The grade school is planning an operetta to be given April 13th. The actors will be chosen from the first four grades.

Mrs. Buehl is very ill.

F. P. Keniston and family have returned to Tigard.

Mrs. P. E. Lewis entertained at luncheon last Monday. Covers were laid for six. Guests were Portland friends. The table was pretty with a color scheme of orange and white. Delicious viands were served.

Baby Roshak, of Tigard, swallowed some creosote Sunday. He was rushed to St. Vincent where Dr. Thatcher used a stomach pump and he is now recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Biederman drove to Corvallis Sunday to visit relations.

Lyman Harlow was able to leave the hospital last week and is visiting with his sister. He had a severe attack of pneumonia and was very low for a while.

O. H. Butler and Mrs. Geo. Arnold drove to Seattle Saturday. Mr. Butler visited with the Butler family Sunday, returning home Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Arnold is very much improved in health.

John D. Schroeder, lawyer of Portland, broke his leg in three places last week when his car collided with a truck near Tigard.

O. H. Butler laid the cement for the floor of J. Binkley's garage and the walls for another building last week.

Clarence and Francis Scheckla, who have been ill with inflammatory rheumatism are improving.

Mrs. R. Parker and two children who have been visiting her aunt, Miss Carlotta Gilbert, returned to their home in Bethel, Minnesota, this week.

Edna Frewing, Esther Brelin, Gladys Junkins and Mabel McDonald attended the older girls conference at Albany. They went up Friday evening, returning home Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. Retzlaff and daughter Dorothy, visited with her daughter, Mrs. John Pleith, over the week end.

A Schurbring received word Saturday of the death of his brother Herman Schurbring at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He had undergone an operation recently and seemed to have fully recovered, so the news of his sudden death was a great shock to Mr. Schurbring.

Rose Eickmeyer is rapidly recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. Efforts to find where she contracted the disease has failed. The milk and water supplied the family have been tested but no typhoid germs have been found.

Mrs. John Bottom is ill in a Portland hospital.

Mrs. Bert Hoskins is leaving Wasco, California, this week and expects to reach Tigard about April 1st.

MAPLEWOOD.

The Regular meeting of the P. T. A. was held in the school Auditorium Thursday night, a short program was given by the 4 H sewing club girls. Asst. Superintendent E. H. Whitney of Portland Schools gave a talk on 4 H club work. O. M. Plummer, president of the International Livestock Association presented to Alice Ingram and Ranfrid Skare each a medal they had won in club work. Candy was sold by the girls. The proceeds will go toward sending delegates to summer school at Corvallis in June.

A surprise party was given Mrs. A. Garen Saturday night by a group of their friends. Everyone had a delightful time.

Mrs. Wheeler who recently returned from a trip to Alaska spent the week end visiting Dr. and Mrs. G. Arneson and Oliver Thomas.

Maplewood residents are happy over the new bus service.

Elder and Mrs. J. A. Rippey have as their guests their daughter and family who returned last week from South America where they have served as missionaries for five years.

The Maplewood Sunday School has purchased 2 lots, and in the near future expect to build.

A birthday surprise was given Miss Clara McDonald on her birthday Monday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames V. Day, A. Norsell, H. Reynolds, Brunson A. Holm, J. Martin, H. Simpson, H. Zimmerman, E. Partlow, E. Smith, M. Baker. Salad, sandwiches, cake and coffee was served.

A surprise birthday was given A. Norsell Monday evening.

Mrs. F. Olsen returned Monday from a week end trip to Seattle. Mr. Olsen returned Wednesday.

Well, what do you think about it now, Hickman?

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