

Beautifying Rural Villages Urged

Many Communities Have Set a Splendid Example for Others to Follow

By CALEB JOHNSON

A 36-square mile rural township should have within its borders 1000 families if it is going to have the larger community life which rural conditions at their best provide.

Common sense and a little foresight applied to community planning in rural areas can make them many times as profitable and attractive to live in as they are now.

These are the twin gospels of sociologists who have devoted years to a study of the circumstances of rural life. And they can cite you example after example of what community action can do when it is in earnest about making an attractive town.

The merit of community betterment however, is not the 36-mile square township of the average state. Rather it is the village which can function effectively for social purposes.

General propositions with regard to this work are easily stated. Villages ought to be easily reached and their approaches direct, durable and enjoyable. Housing conditions should be sanitary, convenient and economical. Public buildings should be built with a view to their relationships to each other and the needs of the community, both from a viewpoint of doing business and of attractiveness. Points of historic interest should be preserved and restored. Dump heaps and congested places should give way to open spaces, and recreation spots in abundance should be easily accessible.

Above all, a community plan which the majority wants and will help to make effective, and one sufficiently flexible to allow for growth and change.

One instance of community improvement in Wamego, Kans., a "farmers town" where big summer picnics and Chautauqua courses attract hundreds of people from a large territory. Although Wamego has a splendid modern hospital financed by local contributors, its pride is the city park.

Since 1901 this little city of 1709 persons has spent \$2500 for a 4 1/2 acre lake, 4 1/2 feet deep; \$225 for a children's wading pool; \$1900 for an electric fountain with three basins of stone gathered from nearby hills; \$1400 for a woman's rest house and about the same for one for men; \$950 for a circular band stand; \$600 for playground equipment; \$111 for three drinking fountains; \$150 for three stone dining tables; \$100 for two stone ranges; \$125 for mounting a granite glacial stone hauled in from nearby; and varying amounts for a dancing platform, athletic fields, camping grounds, benches and walks. The average annual maintenance cost is only \$1500 a year.

Over a period of 25 or 30 years such expenditures impose no great strain on such a community and in many indirect ways the resulting park returns direct financial benefit which will perhaps equal the expenditures.

Even more striking in some ways is Fairy Dell Highway Park in Sauk county, Wis., where only \$200 of actual money was spent in opening the park and a negligible maintenance sum is contributed every year by the county. A persistent highway patrolman who organized working bees and aroused the interest of the neighborhood resulted in creation of a beautiful natural park there. The work involved clearing of underbrush, construction of a dam, bridge pavilion, tepees, paths, and piping of a spring. It has drawn visitors from all over the United States and from foreign countries.

The Armada, Mich., community fair furnishes another instance. The plant at Armada is valued at \$16,000 and draws about 10,000 persons when the fair is on, although Armada contains only 700 souls. The Armada Agricultural Society bought the grounds in 1878 and has conducted more than 50 annual fairs. Membership fees in the society are about \$1.50 a year.

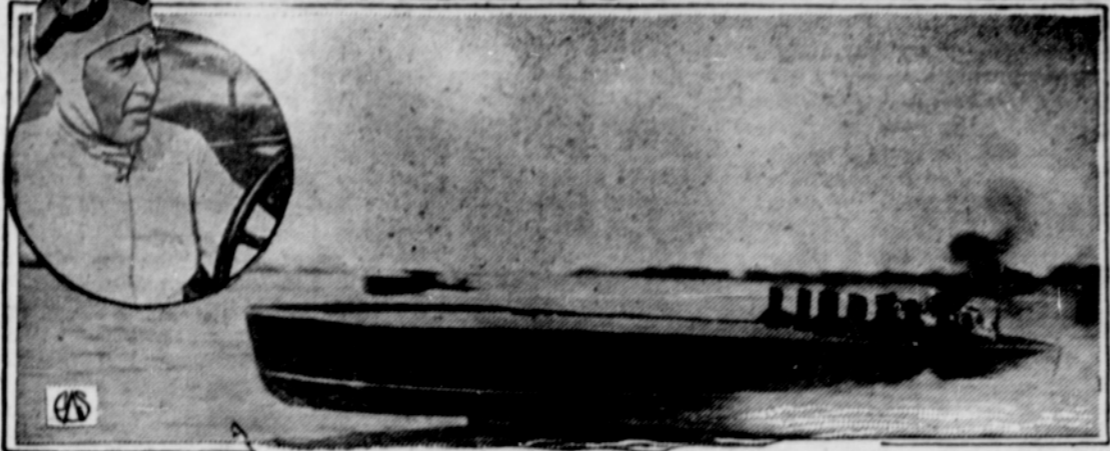
Few states have profited more by village planning distinct from strictly county or rural planning, than Massachusetts. Among the Bay State towns which in recent years have re-arranged civic centers, town halls, libraries, parks, and other community adjuncts into new patterns are Weston, Hadley, Cohasset and Stockbridge.

Stockbridge has probably had a greater influence for good on the beauty and cleanliness of other towns than any village in the country.

This town of about 1800 population is approached through an attractive stone railroad gateway, station and park. The visitor finds a broad, leafy main avenue more than a mile long. A 13-acre fenced field contains baseball fields and tennis courts. A 10-acre wooded knoll near the center of the town has been converted into a park and playground with a natural amphitheatre where festivals are held annually. There are triangular parks at street corners and intersections.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, IN AND FOR LANE COUNTY.

SUMMONS
The Pacific Savings and Loan Association, a Washington corporation, Plaintiff.

vs.
Frank Pierce, as Executor of the Estate of Loretta Pierce, deceased; Frank Pierce and Laura Pierce, his wife; Laura Yarnell and Ed Yarnell, her husband; Emma Parazoo and Charles Parazoo, her husband; Loretta Hodges; Paul Stewart and Mary Doe Stewart, his wife; Mary Elizabeth Stewart, and John Doe, her husband; John Doe Stewart and Jane Doe Stewart, his wife; and Richard Roe Stewart and Jane Roe Stewart, his wife, Defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you, are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so answer, for want thereof the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief as prayed for in Plaintiff's Complaint, to-wit: for judgment of and from Frank Pierce and Laura Pierce, his wife, and of and from the defendant Frank Pierce, as Executor of the Estate of Loretta Pierce, deceased, for the sum of \$1514.39 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10% per annum from Nov. 20, 1930, and for the further sum of \$374.33 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10% per annum from July 17, 1929, and for the further sum of \$1514.39 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10% per annum from Feb. 7, 1931, and for the further sum of \$306.78 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10% per annum from June 27, 1929, and for the further sum of \$72.74 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10% per annum from Feb. 7, 1931.

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Mrs. Inus Shough and daughter, Patty, are spending this week at The Dalles visiting her sister, Miss Mildred Price, who is teaching there.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jackson and sons, Lawrence and Byron, from Eugene visited Sunday evening and took dinner at John Edmiston's.

Mrs. A. W. Weaver attended the funeral of her niece's husband, Frank Jones, Tuesday afternoon in Eugene. He passed away in the hospital in Portland last Sunday.

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County Agent O. S. Fletcher has been assisting several farmers in Thurston and Cedar Flat in rodent control last week which has been pronounced a success.

Mr. and Mrs. John Calvert from Bear Creek spent Sunday at Ray Baugh's.

Miss Hazel Edmiston and Alex Mathews motored to Signal last Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Lum Mays.

A very interesting baseball game was played last Friday on the local grade school diamond. Thurston and Cedar Flat teams combined against Mt. Vernon and Maple Tree teams the Mt. Vernon and Maple girls won 13 to 9 while Thurston and Cedar Flat boys won 7 to 3.

Last Friday evening students from O. S. C. at Corvallis celebrated by distributing their fellow students along the McKenzie highway blindfolded and relieving them of all their money, even removing their shoes to make sure they had none concealed in them. Two of the Thurston high school boys came along in time to play the part of the good Samaritan, one of the boys picked up the student that was left near Vida and gave him a ride of several miles, the other being a little more sympathetic picked up one who was left near Walteville and learning his plight took

him to West Springfield, upon arrival at the station he sat down and removed his shoe and ripped the lining in it and removed a \$5 bill, and took the stage back to Corvallis.

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