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CO-OPERATION IS NEED OF THE DAY

MOVEMENT MAKING THE RURAL SCHOOL THE SOCIAL CENTER HAS BROUGHT NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD RURAL LIFE

United Press Service

CHICAGO, July 11.—Herbert Quick, editor of Farm and Fireside, speaking before the National Education Association on "The Social Center and the Rural Community," said:

The conscious demand for social centers is a thing of rather recent growth, and has been most pronounced in cities. It has taken the form of public promotion of debates, literary exercises, moving picture shows, dances, socials and various other assemblies, but it is broader than any of these. It is at bottom an outgrowth of the need for co-operation among the people. Not co-operation for amusement, or sociability, or instruction—but co-operation in its deepest sense. This is the great need of the day.

If the social center movement is to take root and grow in rural communities, it must be different from the same movement in the cities, save in this basic factor of co-operation. The farm communities of the United States will not come together for mere amusement, nor for mere instruction. The American farmer is rather hard-headed and cynical, and strongly objects—because he is self-respecting—to the operation of being "uplifted." His modes of thought are rather predominantly economic. The making of money and the making of a living to a very great extent preoccupy his mind. The ideal social center, if it is to succeed, must have a basis in the idea of co-operation, but it must be co-operation along economic lines, rather than lines of amusement or mere instruction.

This economic basis for social centers is offered by the new kind of rural school which is coming into existence—the school which is in all its teachings correlated with rural life. The word has gone forth that the rural school must be ruralized. Our arithmetic must deal with the quantities of soil constituents, farm inventories, and the like. Every problem must be one in scientific rural life. Our nature studies must deal with the cow, the hen, the hog, the horse and the sheep, rather than with the tropical wonders. Geography must deal with the plant food in the farm before it strays to the capital of the state. History must relate to the movements in agriculture.

The rural school must become the laboratory of the district. Farm accounts must be kept there for the district farms by the advanced pupils. Comparisons will thus disclose the sort of farming which is most profitable. Cows, hens, feeds, seeds and soils must be tested in this laboratory. Domestic economy must engross the girls. And this school will become a continuation school for all the parents in the district. This it has already become in such communities of the nation as have begun this work. When the schools take up work which is seen by every patron to be of clear economic value, the pupils will remain longer in school and the relation of the work to the farms themselves will not only encourage meetings of the parents, but require them. The social center will come into being because the work of the schools will demand it.

This is not a dream. In such rural communities as Page County, Iowa, the new kind of rural school has brought the social center, whether the people know it or not. And it has brought a new attitude toward rural life. In Wright County, Iowa, three years of teaching of agriculture and domestic science in the rural schools turned the sentiment of the pupils so that instead of the pupils voting forty to one against farming as a life work, they declared themselves by a majority of twenty to one in favor of it. So far as I know this result always comes with real vocational teaching in the rural schools.

The work of the schools which

PEOPLE YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

WARM WEATHER AND FLIES BOTHER A WELL KNOWN MAN

Notable among the prominent Klamath Falls citizens who are suffering as a result of the heat of the past few days is I. S. Voorhees, assistant to Project Engineer W. W. Patch of the reclamation service. In addition to the inconvenience of carrying around considerable avoidable Mr. Voorhees is further handicapped during the warm weather by the considerable facial surface he is required to defend from the ravages of flies.



You see, Mr. Voorhees is inclined to be a trifle bald.

For some reason or other hair has failed to appear on the top of his head, and during the warm days the dipterous insects in the vicinity of the reclamation office have made the discovery that this is a field for activity, greatly to the discomfort of Mr. Voorhees.

Any movement advocated by scientists and looking toward the complete extermination of flies is sure to be enthusiastically favored by the genial government engineer, who has resided in this community for several years now, and is regarded as a resident.

Originally from the Empire State, Mr. Voorhees has been identified for years with government works in the West, and may now be rated a Westerner.

have indicated, instead of being less cultural than the curriculum so generally followed which makes the rural school a bad copy of a poor city school, is vastly more so. The highest culture is acquired by the application of thought to life.

GARDENING IN COUNTRY SCHOOL

IMPLANTS IN THE BOY RESPECT FOR THE FARM AND RESULTS IN IMPROVED AGRICULTURAL METHODS

United Press Service

CHICAGO, July 11.—Speaking before the Educational convention President Van Evrie Kilpatrick, of the School Garden Association of America, said in part:

Gardening in the country school will never be made interesting and profitable until we fully realize its most primary objects. Rural school gardens should aim to idealize agricultural work. The school that habituates the farmer's boy to the fine arts and letters teaches him to look down upon farm life, if not to despise it. The second great purpose of the rural school garden is that it leads directly to improved agricultural methods. The boy can raise corn at home, but he should raise better corn at school.

The objects of the city school garden are primarily to give the city child an opportunity to be educated, in part, at least, out of doors, to give him a taste for more open living, and to occupy his idle time pleasantly and profitably. The city child needs first of all an opportunity to work in the open air and the sunlight. He is not learning so much to be a gardener or an agriculturalist as he is to utilize the manifestations of nature to become an educated being.

Through creating in the mind of the boy an ideal, the farmer's son is saved to develop the farm. He is not made ashamed of his birthright. His education trains for greater efficiency. The city child, on the other hand, although he does not become a farmer, is trained for a greater citizenship. In the open air and sunshine he must grow to become a stronger man. Surrounded with plants and flowers, he must become a better man; and busy in their cultivation, he is ever out of the malevolent mischief of the city streets.

PRESENCE OF MRS. TAFT SAVER PRESIDENT ROAST

United Press Service

HELENA, Mont., July 1.—Robert Rose, private secretary to W. J. Bryan at the Baltimore convention, said that Bryan eliminated from his famous Ryan-Morgan-Belmont resolution a hot denunciation of President Taft because Mrs. Taft occupied a box in the hall.

Miss Eva Dorfman and Mrs. J. Rosenthal of Dorris are visiting here.

Mix 'n' Up

By Joe Bush

The spectacle of an automobile tied down with ropes to keep it from moving around when it should be enjoying a well earned and peaceful rest, was witnessed in the White Pelican garage last night.

Yesterday there was an unusually heavy influx of outside cars in the city, and there was a great assortment in every garage in the city. About 11 o'clock J. Gordon, manager of the White Pelican garage, made a tour of his place of business to see whether everything was in shape for the night. His sensitive ear was attracted by the purring of an auto engine.

Inasmuch as not a car had come into the garage for about four hours, he was puzzled. For a time he could not locate the place from whence came the sound, but after going over every machine in the place he found that the engine of a big touring car just arrived from San Francisco was the offender.

It was established beyond a question of doubt that when the car was left in the garage the engine was stopped, but that particles of dust had lodged under the valve in the air starter and had resulted in the engine turning over and starting. To be on the safe side and pending repairs today, a piece of rope was brought into service and the refractory engine was tied up for the night.

Notice for Publication

(Not Coal Lands)
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, June 17, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that James Briscoe, whose postoffice address is Klamath Falls, Oregon, did, on the 3d day of January, 1911, file in this office sworn statement and application No. 65237, to purchase the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 29, Township 38 S., Range 10 E., Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at a total of \$100, the timber estimated at 90,000 board feet at \$1 per M., and the land at \$10; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 30th day of August, 1912, before C. R. De Laip, county clerk of Klamath county, Oregon, at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

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