

# HOME TOWN HELPS

## CITY MANAGERS IN ILLINOIS

Plan Is Growing In Favor—Eight States Now Have Laws Dealing With the Matter.

Glencoe and Winnetka have operated successfully for some time under the city management plan, in spite of handicaps. They have felt the need of specific statutory authority and have been somewhat embarrassed by the presence of certain elected minor officials who are not under the jurisdiction of the village trustees. For this reason many cities and villages wish to adopt the commissioner manager form of government.

The plan is to be made applicable to cities or villages not exceeding 500,000 population—that is, to all municipalities of the state except Chicago. Under its terms the city or village council would consist of the mayor and four commissioners, to be elected. All administrative and executive powers would vest in a city manager appointed by the council for an indefinite term at compensation fixed by the council and subject to removal at the council's pleasure.

Eight states now have laws of this sort in successful operation. They include New York, Massachusetts, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Kansas. Notable instances of successful use of the manager system are found in Dayton and Springfield, O., and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Only one feature appears to vex the student of municipal government. This relates to the payment of a salary to the mayor, whose functions would be largely ceremonial—although he is to be a member of the council and its presiding officer and fees to the other four commissioners for each meeting attended and for time spent on city committee work. Yet it is quite possible that the absence of such emoluments would tend to make available for these positions men of high class and marked ability.—Chicago Daily News.

## GUARD AGAINST ROSE SLUG

Good Idea Now to Devise Means for Combating Deadly Enemy of Successful Flower Garden.

One of the greatest drawbacks to a successful garden is the ravages of the rose slug, which renders an entire bush unsightly in a short time. But this enemy may generally be combated if the work is begun in time.

If given, early in the season, a good spraying once a week for several weeks in succession with the full force of the spray from the garden hose, this pest can easily be kept down. If you do not have a hose make up the following solution and use it full strength from the ordinary watering can: To one bucketful of boiling water use a good-sized cake of whale-oil soap and one teaspoonful of nicotine. Apply this mixture four nights in succession.

Commence to combat all garden enemies early in the season, before they have rendered the plants unsightly.

Climbing roses grow luxuriantly in almost any sunny situation. They are strong feeders and care should be taken that their growth is not interfered with by being planted in too close proximity to the roots of trees or strong shrubbery. While many varieties are very hardy, yet they will flower longer if planted where they can be protected from strong winds.

### Man Who Must Vanish.

He still breathes, the "man with soul so dead" that he can say, not only to himself but publicly: "What was good enough for my father is good enough for me," says a writer. Mercifully for human progress there are signs abroad that give us hope of his ultimately becoming extinct. He will be survived for a time, but not indefinitely, by his mate whose marvelous prehensile tenacity lends her to believe—and act accordingly—that what was good enough for her great-grandmother is good enough for her. Undoubtedly, the least violent modernist would be willing to deal the blow that should rid us of them, but there is a strange resilience in both the male and female of this species that makes them rise unscathed after the sharpest attacks on their benighted tenets. We shall have to wait the slower end that must befall them. Evolution by exclusion, or the killing off of those who persistently go the wrong way is a sure process if not a swift one. So knowing him to be doomed, let us not waste energy in hopeless argument with him.

### Describes an Ideal Dwelling.

"A home is not properly a show place," says Noble Foster Hoggson. "Rather, it is a house and a plot of ground that, together, bring rest to the aged, peace to the strong, and joy to the hungry, riotous spirit of youth. It is a creating—not a mere fulfillment of an order, the result of a contract well or ill kept, a thing to be bought and paid for by money.

"Money cannot buy a home," declares Mr. Hoggson, "but," he adds, "he who hungers for a home may, by taking counsel with those who are practiced in giving expression to human desires in terms of houses and their environments, achieve a result quite as happy and as truly as if he were to sit to a great portrait painter."

# FARM ANIMALS

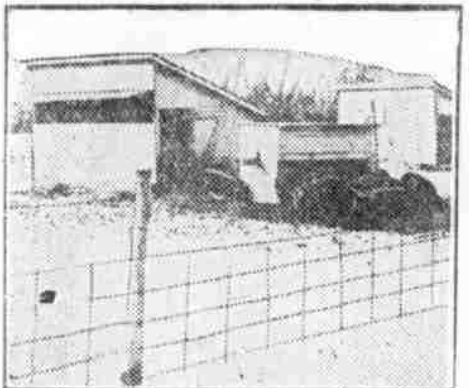
## GIVE BROOD SOWS GOOD CARE

Proper Exercise and Protein Feeds in Winter Will Aid in Production of Strong Litters.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

If the sows that are to farrow in March and April produce good strong, vigorous litters and get their pigs through successfully to weaning time they must be properly cared for from now until the day of farrowing. One of the biggest hindrances to the sows' farrowing good strong, vigorous litters is lack of exercise. During the cold and snowy weather hogs like to lie around the sleeping quarters and be comfortable. That, however, is just what they should not do all the time, advise the specialists of the United States department of agriculture.

The proper exercise for a brood sow is that which she will take voluntarily and not through force. They should get their corn ration by hustling for it in the stalk fields and not by getting it fed around the sleeping quarters on feeding floors or in troughs. Feed them ear corn during the winter months and scatter it out in the stalk fields. The manure spreader is a good implement to use in scattering this corn. Don't be afraid it will be wasted, for it won't. You can readily regulate the amount



Pigs at Self-Feeders.

fed so that it will be picked up clean, and you will find next spring that there is not a bit of the corn lying around to go to waste.

Protein feeds in the form of shorts, tankage, oilmeal or alfalfa hay should be supplied. Self-feeders can be used for these feeds, and it is quite successful to grind the alfalfa hay. Sows will eat a larger percentage of alfalfa hay fed in the ground form than when fed in racks unground. This alfalfa is generally cheaper on the corn belt farms than any of the other protein feeds and is a good balance to the corn ration.

By following a few of these simple methods the sows will be brought to farrowing time capable of producing good strong pigs. Every hog grower knows that if he is going to have pigs that do their best from the start they must necessarily be strong and vigorous at farrowing time. The proper care of the brood sow is not difficult and should be carefully looked after by every hog grower.

## SHEEP ARE MOST PROFITABLE

Produced More Economically on Farm Than Any Other Live Stock—Pick Up Much of Living.

Sheep, in proportion to the value of their products, are produced more economically on the farm than any other live stock; the feed and labor requirements are less. They fit in with general farming, get much of their subsistence from forage from grazing weeds and grass that would not support other stock. They eat little feed that has a value as human food, and need less grain than other animals. They add materially to the farm revenue but add very little, relatively, to the farm expense.

## BRAN AND CLOVER FOR SHEEP

Nothing Better for Ewes With Lambs During Winter Season—Supply Best of Hay.

Feed straw, fodder and stubble grasses during the winter, but toward spring ewes with lamb should have the best of first-crop clover hay, say, one feed per day. Nothing is better for them than bran and clover hay.

## BEST FEED FOR YOUNG PIGS

Skim Milk and Middlings Are Excellent Just After Weaning—Feed Four Times a Day.

Skim milk and middlings make about the best feed for young pigs after weaning. When first weaned they should be fed four times a day, giving only a small quantity each time. When well started, three feeds a day are enough.

## OUTDOOR EXERCISE FOR PIGS

Animals Should Be Protected From Cold Winds or Hot Sun—Limit Range for Sows.

Outdoor exercise is beneficial, but pigs should be protected from cold winds or from very hot sun. If the sow is turned out with her pigs, do not give her a very large range at first, as she is likely to travel too far and unduly tire the young.

# The KITCHEN CABINET

Give us to go blithely on our business all this day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undisturbed; and grant us in the end the gift of sleep.—R. L. Stevenson.

## MORE GOOD EATING.

Chicken is one of the foods we may eat without fear of breaking the food pledge.



**Potted Chicken.**—Cut up a well-dressed chicken and fry in hot pork fat made from frying three slices of salt pork. Roll the chicken in well-seasoned flour and fry until well

browned, then add boiling water to cover, with one carrot, one onion, one head of celery, a small potato, all cut in small cubes. Cook until the meat is tender, then add a half can of peas just before serving.

**Baked Fish With Sour Cream.**—Cut raw fish into serving-sized pieces and place them side by side in a shallow baking dish. For each pound of fish allow a tablespoonful of butter, a slice of onion, a bay leaf and a third of a cupful of sour cream. Baste the fish with the sauce while cooking, adding hot water if the sauce becomes too thick. Remove the fish to a platter, add a dash of lemon juice or vinegar, with salt and pepper to taste, and strain it over the fish.

**Canned asparagus,** heated and served on points of toast with melted butter and parmesan cheese grated over the top, makes a most tasty dish.

**Punski, a Russian Dish.**—Fry fresh mushrooms rolled in seasoned flour in butter. Pour sour cream over some finely chopped chicken or veal. Cut circles of pastry from pie crust, place a spoonful of the mixture on a piece of the pastry, cover with another piece and pinch the edges together. Brush with egg and milk and bake in a hot oven. Serve with mushroom or tomato sauce.

**Eggless Cake.**—Take three cupfuls of boiling water, one package of raisins, one and a half tablespoonfuls of butter and two cupfuls of brown sugar, put all into a dish and boil eight minutes. Cool and add three cupfuls of flour, one tablespoonful of baking powder and a little salt. Mix, beat well and bake in a slow oven one hour. This makes two loaves.

In making corn bread, substitute a tablespoonful of molasses for every egg required in the recipe; it will make a most palatable johnny cake.

It is the practice of the multitude to bark at eminent men, as little dogs bark at strangers.—Seneca.

## SAVORY SAUCES.

A well seasoned sauce adds much to an otherwise very ordinary dish.



**Oyster Cocktail Sauce.**—Take three tablespoonfuls of tomato catsup, one tablespoonful of horseradish sauce, a teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce and served in lemon cups in a dish of crushed ice with oysters.

**Snappy French Dressing.**—Take two tablespoonfuls of olive oil, a tablespoonful of tarragon vinegar, a dash of paprika, a quarter of a teaspoonful each of mustard and salt; mix well and serve in the heart leaves of lettuce; sprinkle over a teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce and a tablespoonful of finely chopped onion and a generous sprinkling of red pepper.

**Roquefort Cheese Dressing.**—Take a quarter of a pound of roquefort, two cupfuls of French dressing, using one and a half cupfuls of oil and a half cupful of vinegar, seasoning well with salt and red pepper, with a teaspoonful of powdered sugar.

**Russian Dressing.**—Beat two eggs, add red pepper and half a teaspoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of finely minced parsley, two teaspoonfuls each of chopped green and red pepper, a half cupful of tarragon vinegar. Mix well and add two cupfuls each of chili sauce and mayonnaise.

**Mignonette Sauce.**—Chop three small onions, add seven tablespoonfuls of crushed whole peppers (not ground pepper), add three cupfuls of tarragon vinegar, put into a jar well covered and let stand for two days, when it will be ready to use. The sauce may be strained when ready to serve. Very tasty sauce for oysters.

**Emergency Salad Dressing.**—Use any left-over yolks or whites—both are better, and the more of the yolk the richer will be the dressing. Beat and measure and take an equal measure of mild vinegar—strong vinegar may be diluted with water; put over hot water to cook, stirring constantly with an eggbeater. When thick, set away in a covered jar. When wanted for use, take out a few tablespoonfuls, season with salt, pepper, onion juice, vinegar, cream, or olive oil, depending upon the kind of salad one is serving.

*Nellie Maxwell*

### Taking a Nap.

Nan was sitting on one of the smallest first-grade chairs with her legs crossed. After a while she extended them gingerly and exclaimed to the teacher: "Oh, my feet have gone to bed."

# IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR MARCH 17

JESUS SENDING FORTH THE TWELVE.

(May be used with missionary application.)

**LESSON TEXT.**—Mark 6:1-13.  
**GOLDEN TEXT.**—Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matt. 10:8.  
**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS.**—Romans 10:13-15; Isa. 40:3-9; Matt. 23:16-20; Acts 1:6-8; 21:4; 16:9-10.  
**PRIMARY TOPIC.**—Jesus feeding the hungry.

**MEMORY VERSE.**—Give ye them to eat. Mark 6:37.  
**JUNIOR MEMORY VERSE.**—Isa. 52:7.  
**INTERMEDIATE TOPIC.**—Messengers of Christ.  
**JUNIOR AND ADULT TOPIC.**—The power of the Gospel of Christ.

The time of this lesson was autumn, A. D. 28; the location Galilee.

**I. Marvelous Unbelief.** (vv. 1:1-6a). Jesus is rejected the second time at Nazareth. He entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his custom, and the people were astonished at his doctrine. His application of the scripture was similar to that of his first rejection. The significance of this visit is found in verses 5 and 6—the limitation of the mighty Christ through unbelief by those who knew him best.

**II. The Mission of the Twelve.** (vv. 6a-16). From the parallel account we find why Jesus sent forth these disciples (Matt. 9:36)—because the people were scattered as sheep without a shepherd. In the tenth chapter of Matthew we find the names of those whom he sent out (vv. 2-5), the fifth verse of which designates that only Jews were included in this mission. We need to remember that these disciples were sent out before his crucifixion. Their pilgrim character is shown in Mark 6:9, and the solemn manner of their dealing with those who reject them is indicated in verse eleven. They were being sent forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. They were to be delivered up to the council and haled before the rulers of the synagogues, but with them was to go an enabling power (Matt. 10:20). Meeting persecution was to be a part of their program. They anticipate the persecution with which Christ is identified, for he exhorts them (Matt. 10:28-31), to be of courage and to fear not, for are they not "of more value than the sparrows?" Their going forth was to bring divisions (Matt. 10:34), but also a reward to those who received them aright—a righteous man's reward. (Matt. 10:40-42.) Notice their obedience (Mark 6:12-13), and their achievements as the visible evidence of the power they had received.

**III. Malignant Hate.** (vv. 14-29). Mark gives us the most complete account of the death of John the Baptist. It is not a lesson that we need to emphasize to the scholars of the younger grades, but it has a deep significance to those of the more advanced departments of the Sunday school; and if we are going to get the scope of the whole Epistle of Mark, it must be considered. Herod thought he had triumphed, but he was defeated. Thus it is with the sinner always—he overshoots the mark. Germany's hatred of England stands in the way of its complete domination of Europe, and it was Germany's pride which caused it to make those military blunders which prevented it from capturing Paris. So it is with Satan and the sinner; just when the victory seems to be complete God intervenes. "They that be for us are more than they that are against us." The counteracting power of God offsets the devil's hatred so that we are made "more than conquerors through him that loved us."

It was because Jesus sent forth these disciples that they were called apostles, literally "sent ones." They had been called into him (Mark 6:7), then sent forth, not singly, but by twos, so today the lonely servant has with him the Holy Spirit. Our message is "peace," but we must have peace ourselves if we are to impart it to others.

If punishment is to be measured by the amount of light one sins against, the heaviest punishment must rest upon those in America and England who know the gospel but reject it.

It is evident that the disciples received great power (vv. 12, 13) as suggested by their return (v. 30). They acted wisely in telling Jesus "all things," both what they had done and taught. Although sent forth, they were not to spend time in visiting and entertaining, nor in seeking the hospitality of the rich. They were to be wholly dependent upon God, taking nothing with them in their journeyings, but staff and sandals, betokening their pilgrim character. The gospel of Mark gives us the picture of the ideal servant.

There are more temptations to break the commandments than there are encouragements to keep them. Resolve to help break the temptations and to help make the encouragements.

In material things it's not what we want but what we get that counts. In spiritual, it's not what we claim but what we've got.

Faith is the practical exercise of the spiritual eyes. Spirit is the only true substance. The spiritual body is the real man.—Henry Wood.

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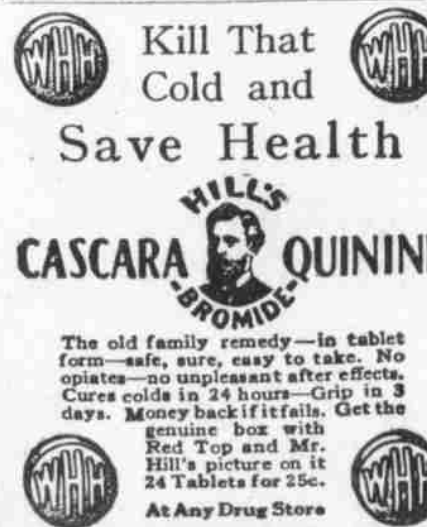
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