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**WAIT FOR TOWN TO GROW**

Criticism Made That Too Many Small  
Communities Are Slow in Mak-  
ing Improvements.

It has been figured up that there are about 12,000 small towns in the United States, half of them with populations of 500 or less, says the Thrift magazine. It is these small towns that the rural people are intimately associated with. They sell their produce there, buy the things they need; in fact, these are a part of the rural community. Some of these small towns will become cities, but a very large percent of them will remain as they are. It is no disgrace to live in a small town, but the rule is that these people are waiting until next year or some future year to improve their schools, put in sidewalks, a water system or a sewer system to safeguard the health of the people, or before taking any step to improve the social and living conditions of the children.

**Proper Town Planning.**

Scientific town planning takes into consideration the direction of streets and orientation of houses from a sanitary standpoint. There has been a tendency to make streets run north and south and east and west, but in a paper to the Royal Astronomical society of Canada, H. L. Seymour lately showed that they should run northeast and southwest and northwest and southeast. Houses correspondingly placed have sunshine in all rooms instead of having it cut off from northerly walls for more than one-half of the time. Also houses shall be so placed and of such height as to shade others as little as possible.

**Theater and Church.**

The problem of how to supply the community with both a church and theater on money sufficient for only one building has been solved in a small western town by building one large auditorium with a stage at one end of the hall and a pulpit at the other, according to a Y. W. C. A. dramatic director who visited the town recently. This novel arrangement diplomatically meets certain apparent objections and at the same time gives the proper setting for either. The seats are reversible.

**City Planning Worth While.**

City planning of the right kind is strictly a business proposition. Its function is to aid in facilitating business and maintaining property values. Its activity means a better looking city, a better city for business and a better city for homes.

Furthermore, city planning is not a matter of concern to the few. It will work to the interest of the large and the small property owner, and to the interest of any person who expects to make the place his home.

**Indian Cattle in the South.**

Some years ago it was discovered that the zebu, or humped cattle of India, are immune to the deadly "Texas fever" which was poisoning the herds of the south. A few of the Indian cattle were imported and did well, though without gaining any great popularity. Then more were imported, and now there are quite a number of them in Texas, and one cattleman values his chief "Brahmin" bull at \$30,000.

**Electric Wires Kill Trees.**

Electric wires which touch trees can easily kill the most beautiful shade tree. This may be due partly to the work of the electric current or to the wearing through the growing surface of the tree by the wire, which deprives the tree of its sustenance.

**Worked for One.**

In a little settlement upstate a number of the property owners had been talking about incorporating and making a town. So they called a mass meeting for the people to voice their opinions.

Only one man opposed it. He said: "Gentlemen, I am not in for making a corporation of this place. My reason is this: I worked for one of them corporations once." — Indianapolis News.

**Slight Saving.**

"The upkeep of an automobile is expensive."  
"But there is one advantage," said the optimist.

**"What is that?"**

"In the old days you had to feed a horse, whether you used him or not, but now when forced to economize you can at least keep your flivver in your garage and patronize a trolley car." — Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Coffee Imports.**

Nearly 1,500,000,000 pounds of coffee were imported during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920.

It is reported that the bolshevik in Poland order the execution of every person found wearing a white collar. This is quite characteristic of the bolshevik turn of mind.

**What Will My Great Grand Son Be Doing.**

I am not a profit nor the son of a profit—Neither am I an artist nor the son of an artist—Nor am I a preacher; but the son of a Baptist preacher who wore himself out preaching the gospel in Appalachians mountains of East Tenn. and Western Carolina—But I want to paint a picture of what I see for our great-grand children who fail to keep interest in the farm and remain on it—of course, the big end of every road leads away from the farm, and the nearer you approach the city—the bigger and broader grows the road, consequently every one's back is toward the farm and their face toward the city—As soon as the boy is large enough to do his Daddy any good on the farm; he hikes for the city and takes a position in some kind of employment—The girl as soon as she completes the 7th grade—teaches about two years and then finds a place in the city any where from a waiters place in a cafe, to the position of type writer in a 2x4 law office, and occasionally one gets higher up—After awhile there will be fewer places than there are applicants—Then there will be a scuffle for the place—then many will find no place and will return to the country home to find the old folks dead and the old home place in the hands of thrifty people who have come in and transformed the country, and these same great-grand children of ours who became infatuated by the glare and splendor of city life will find themselves hewer of stone and carriers of mortar for the man who will not know "Joseph." There are thousands of land owners in the south who have abandoned their broad acres of land and gone to the towns and cities; leaving these lands in the hands of poor white tenants and negroes and raising up their children in idleness and thriftlessness—who will not be able to intelligently take over these lands—and at their death these lands will go into the hands of intelligent incomers who know a good thing when they see it—O, if I could only sound a note of warning to the young men and young women who are leaving their fathers home-steads and influence them to stick to the old farm and introduce modern machinery, lights and power plants and water system—And those men who have these broad acres that are now so able to leave the towns and cities and return with their children to rural life—who are able now to install all modern conveniences in their homes and so interest their sons and daughters in the old or rather the New Home that their land would go down from father to son, and remain with the southern old time Anglo Saxon stock. It is coming and time will bring it all around. And unless there is a lot of right thinking done, and done now; which will lead to right action. Many the present generation great-grand children will be left just as I now predict.  
Respectfully, J. R. SAMS.

**Practice System.**

Be systematic—the thought, the plan, the energy, the success of your day is measured in value by your application of each—of system.—George Matthew Adams.

**Folly of Selfishness.**

To be selfish is to be ignoble—to repose on a lower platform for lower gain, when you might choose a higher. To be selfish is to sacrifice the nobler for the meaner ends, and to be sordidly content.—H. R. Hawels.

**Just Like Home.**

Mother and I went into a drug store and ordered chocolate sundaes. When finished I piled up the dishes, as I had been taught to do at home, and carried them to the counter. Of course, everyone smiled and I realized what I had done. It didn't take me long to get out of the store.—Exchange.

**Foolish, Indeed.**

When Billy returned from inspecting the new twins next door he looked admiringly at his birthday cake that auntie was frosting, and remarked: "Wasn't them kids foolish to be in such a hurry to go and get burned the same day! Now they kin only have one birthday, an' they might have had two."

**Little Bennie's Note Book.**

I was setting on the frunt steps this aftir noon, and pop came up saying, Well Benny, wats now? and I sed, Its Noras day off and ma's making suppir and she berned the stewed tomatoes because I smelt them on my way out.

O well axsidents will happen in the best regulated families, lets jest eat the tomatoes and pretend we dont notice enything unusual about them, sed pop. Cant I pretend I dont notice enything unusual about them without eating them? I sed, and pop sed, Serenty not, be a spoart.

And wen ma called us for suppir she gave me and pop tomatoes in 2 sawsers without taking eny her self and without giving my sister Gladdis eny on account of stewed tomatoes being one of the things Gladdis dont eat, and pop ate a spoonful of his and and made his face look as if he thawt he was going to heaven or some place, saying, mother, these tomatoes are perfectly delicious.

Wat, do you mean it? sed ma, and pop sed, O, no reason, of course, And I ate a spoonful of mine saying G, ma, these stewed tomatoes are grate, I've ate stewed tomatoes before, but not like this. Being glad I never had, and ma took a spoonful on her plate and tasted them, and pop sed Wat are you making sutch a face about mother?

Did I make a face, said ma, and pop sed, you made one of the worst faces Ive seen this yeer, wy dont you finish your tomatoes, mother?

Willyum Pots, you know these tomatoes are bernt, you must think Im awfully dents, said ma.

Wich pa picked up his sawser and smell it, saying, Well, so they are. And I picked up mine and smelled it, saying, Darn if they aint.

Which they certenty was.

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**Average Length of Human Life.**

The average duration of human life is about thirty-three years. Statistics show that one-fourth of the people of the earth die before the age of six years, one-half before they reach their sixteenth birthday, and only one person of each hundred born lives to be sixty-five.

**Life's Preparation for Death.**

Life is more important than death. In fact, the work of death can only be safely done in life. The practical truth is that which touches us at once, the most sober and solemn view of life, that every single thing we do is actually making death either harder or easier.—Faber.

**Southern Railway System**

**Improved Winter Season Passenger Train Schedules Between Hendersonville and Lake Toxaway:**

Effective Tuesday, October 26, train No. 5, leaving Hendersonville 10:40 a. m., arriving Rosman 12:07 noon, and arriving Lake Toxaway 12:50 p. m., and train No. 8, leaving Lake Toxaway 2:25 p. m., leaving Rosman 3:00 p. m., and arriving Hendersonville 4:25 p. m., will be discontinued between Roeman and Lake Toxaway on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, but will be operated between Rosman and Lake Toxaway on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays on same schedule as at present in effect. No change will be made in daily schedule

of train No. 6, leaving Lake Toxaway 8:20 a. m., arriving Hendersonville 10:25 a. m., or of train No. 7, leaving Hendersonville 4:50 p. m. and arriving Lake Toxaway 7:00 p. m.

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