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A Home For Every American

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PART I.

Somewhere, before the dawn of civilization, a man and a woman sought a safe place for a little child. It may have been a cave, a crevice amid the rocks, a tangle of grass in a jungle, or a dark recess in the forest. It may have been furnished only with matted leaves or the skins of animals, but it was a place where the family could find comfort and companionship; a refuge in which the children could grow and develop—the one spot to which they laid absolute claim of ownership, over which the mother watched with tender care; for which the father fought and would have died. It was the world's first home.

During the millions of years since then, worlds have been destroyed, continents have disappeared, nations have been overthrown. But the home has survived.

Many millions of men, women and children inhabit the earth. The children outnumber the adults by the ratio of three to two, and the home and the school shape the destiny of boys and girls.

The real home is not simply a place to stay. It is a place the children will always remember; a place to which they will love to return, in which they will rejoice to live. Because it belongs to and is a part of the family, it is a real home.

The rented dwelling, the apartment house, the flat, can never be a true home. It can never center within itself the affections of a generation. It can never impart that stimulus which the pride of ownership inspires. More serious than all else, it cannot cultivate, to its fullest maturity, the love of the parents for their children.

The home is the institution for which and by which all other institutions exist. It was the birthplace of liberty. It is the shrine of patriotism and the abiding place of love and peace and true and lasting friendship. There must be a home for every American and an acre of ground with every home.

Unless we want to go thru the red fire of anarchy that has destroyed Russia, we must adopt some plan that will result in making a large majority of our people home owners.

The greatest problem facing America to-day is that of a higher standard of citizenship, and the greatest elements in the development of that higher type are, first, the owning of some property, especially a home second, the forming of the habit of industry in our future men and women. Given these two things, America need not worry about anarchy or anarchy. The expensive but unsanitary apartment house, the wretched hovel, the overcrowded tenement—these impair the physical and moral health of the tenant. They are unfit for living or homemaking. They are damaging to the community.

Every family has a right to sunlight, fresh air and pure water, yet in many cities, only those who can afford to pay for these things have them.

America has vast forests, mighty hills and mountains, broad plain

with only here and there a cabin. We have unbroken prairies where the homes of men are far apart. Thousands of farms are so large that their owners cannot cultivate them as they should be cultivated; the fertile fields are lonely for the pressure of a human foot, and yet in the great wilderness of tenement house, where it is too damp and dark for even grass to grow hundreds of human beings live upon a single acre.

In the suburbs of every great city there is room for every family to have a home and a garden. Even in Rhode Island, the most densely populated of all our states, there are at least two and one-half acres of land for every family.

For 6,000 years humanity has been building—and we have not learned how to make homes.

Children from hundreds of families are crowded together in dark, damp places. There is no sunlight; the air is foul; seeds of moral and physical infection are sown. Unless we plant something worth while and cultivate carefully, only weeds will grow.

Tuberculosis is frightfully common; typhoid is everywhere. There is always sickness in the tenements. The only wonder is that more do not die.

Disease, defectiveness, delinquency and dependency—these form the shame of the cities.

Humanity Our First Consideration

We expect human plants to thrive where vegetable plants wither and die. We grow our crops and herds in the pure air of the open fields and our boys and girls in the darkness and dirt. And the most valuable thing on earth is humanity.

We maintain breeding places for diseases and crime and then build hospitals and jails, organize settlement houses and charitable societies to care for those who are afflicted and those who have gone wrong.

We boast of our prosperity while 60 million of us are homeless.

We multiply our wealth and build steel walls around our treasuries to protect them from poverty and crime. We boast of our national strength and maintain hot-houses of national dishonor, national weakness and national danger.

We do not need to educate any man to want a home. We need only to cease making it impossible for him to own one.

Give Labor Fair Play

When men build a factory they select a location close to raw material. They make sure that transportation will be good; that fuel will be plenty; that the market will be handy. But often they do not give a thought to the welfare of labor. And labor is the most valuable thing they use.

Ninety per cent. of the value of an article is labor.

What is iron worth in a hill? It takes labor to dig it—labor to melt it and cast it—labor to make it into a plow. It takes labor to plow the ground and sow and cultivate and harvest the grain—labor to grind the grain into flour and make the flour into bread to feed labor. It is labor all the way thru.

A town is not built of factories and mills, of houses and land. A town is built of men and women and these are made of boys and girls.

If we compel labor to live under crowded and unhealthful conditions, it cannot be efficient. If labor is sick, weak, indifferent, absent day after day because of illness, there is an awful loss—loss in time; loss thru irregularity and inefficiency; in nursing and care; loss in doctor bills and life itself; loss thru discomfort and dissatisfaction; thru strikes and lockouts. Human waste; human leakage—it is appalling. It means courts and jails, paupers, charity seekers, crime, disease and death.

NOTICE OF BOY SCOUT MEETING

The regular weekly meeting of the Troop of Boy Scouts will be held next week on Saturday morning, May 6th. The boys will meet on the school grounds and, after baseball practice, will assist in measuring off a mile exactly on the state road. There will be practice in walking the mile in the scheduled time required. The Troop investment service will be held on some date in the very near future.

ROYAL E. MACGOWAN, Scoutmaster.

Waiting to buy it "right" To-day may be the right day—so consult the ads with care

I. O. O. F. BOYS PAY THEIR DEBTS

Entertain Sister Rebekahs at Dinner Party, on the 103rd Anniversary of the Order

Andover Lodge No. 786, I. O. O. F. delightfully entertained the members of the local Rebekah Lodge after their regular meeting, Tuesday evening. The occasion was the 103rd anniversary of the order of Odd Fellows.

An exhibition drill, put on by members of the third degree team was thoroughly enjoyed by the ladies and brought forth rounds of applause.

A hot roast beef dinner, prepared and served by a committee of the gentlemen, and the following splendid program were also admirable features of the evening.

The proclamation of the Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, setting the date of the 103rd anniversary, was read by Toastmaster Fay E. Boyd.

Selection by the Bio-Ro-Ba Orchestra. Dialect Reading by E. D. Baker, who responded to an encore.

Tenor Solo, R. K. Hammond, accompanied by Forest Gee.

Humorous Reading, Mrs. W. N. Rice, who also responded to an encore. Remarks by T. J. Gilbert, and Mrs. Forest Gee, Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge.

Closing Selection by the Orchestra. Following the program an hour's dancing was enjoyed by all desiring to do so, in the lodge room.

C. OF C. BANQUET THURSDAY EVENING

A. J. Deer, of Hornell, Will Be Speaker, and Buffalo Vaudeville Troupe, the Entertainers

The biggest and best social feature of the local Chamber of Commerce is this village ever attempted is to be had at the forthcoming banquet Tuesday evening, May 4th.

Mr. A. J. Deer, President of the A. J. Deer Manufacturing Company of Hornell, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Deer has not only made a great success of his business, but is known far and wide as a speaker and entertainer of rare ability. This is Andover's first opportunity to hear him and the business men are looking forward to a real treat.

A high class vaudeville troupe from Buffalo has been engaged for the occasion and will give an entertainment rarely seen outside the big cities. It is not a cheap show but very high class and something to help make the evening just what the committee is trying to make it, an evening of feasting and pleasure and an all round good time.

The committee of arrangements, B. S. Brundage, A. D. Fuller and W. S. Calhoun, have been hard at work for the past three weeks, getting the stage set for their annual gathering, and now announce that everything is ready and in apple pie order for the big event only awaiting the word "go."

The banquet is to be held in the new commodious Masonic dining hall and will be served by the ladies of the Eastern Star which insures a most delicious repast.

TO C. OF C. MEMBERS

Just a word about the banquet and entertainment Thursday night. It is free to all members whose dues are paid to May 1st, 1922, and in addition each member may bring one guest, his own wife, if he has one, if not some other man's. No questions will be asked or answered.

The committee has not had the opportunity to call on all the members so if you have not already advised the committee that you expect to be present kindly see B. S. Brundage not later than Monday evening in order that arrangements may be made for you.

If you are not a member and wish to enjoy this treat, see either B. S. Brundage, Henry Stephens or W. S. Calhoun at once.

At Masonic Dining Hall, Thursday evening, May 4th, at 8 o'clock. Committee of Arrangements.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the courtesy, the kindness, the sympathy and friendliness which the people of Andover have extended during the day of our bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Atwood.

THE PROPOSITIONS BOTH CARRIED

West Greenwood Street Will Be Paved Entire Length and New Top Put on Rochambeau Avenue

Both paving propositions, submitted to the voters of the Village of Andover, at the special village election Tuesday afternoon, carried by overwhelming majorities.

The first proposition, that to raise \$11,660 to pave West Greenwood Street from Main Street to Third Street, received 179 for and 35 against.

The second proposition, to put an asphalt top on Rochambeau Avenue at a cost of \$1,800, received 168 votes for and 36 votes against.

It will be seen that there was very little opposition to either proposition. The News moves that the vote be made unanimous.

We have been asked why it is that Andover Village always votes yes on all propositions submitted for the betterment and improvement of our village. The only reply that we can make is because they are never asked to vote upon any other than needed and just improvements.

The carrying of the paving proposition last Tuesday will bring a full summer's work to Andover laborers and teamsters, as it has been decided by the Village Board to give all of the work possible to local men. The work will be put under way at the very earliest possible moment.

The outcome of the election reflects the progressive spirit of Andover people.

FLUID MILK TAKES ANOTHER DROP

Price of League Milk for May \$1.75 to \$1.25, Less Than Cost to Produce by Farmers

Utica, April 21, 1922. The directors of the Dairymen's League Co-Operative Association meeting in Utica on April 19th and 20th, voted to offer milk of the association for sale to the dealers for May at the following prices:

Class 1 milk, that is, milk sold in fluid form, is offered for \$1.75 per hundred pounds. This includes both the fluid milk sold in bulk and that sold in bottles.

Class 2 milk, that is, milk used chiefly in the manufacture of cream and ice cream, will be offered for \$1.50 per hundred, the same as last month's price. These prices are for three per cent. milk at the 201-210 mile zone. Prices to each individual farmer vary according to distances from the market and amount of butterfat contained.

For Class 3 milk, that which is manufactured chiefly into condensed and evaporated milk, the price will be twenty cents a hundred above the butter quotations.

For Class 4, milk manufactured chiefly into butter and cheese, price will be determined on market quotations.

The Class 1 price of \$1.75 is a reduction from \$2.30, the price for April milk. There is a five cents a hundred reduction in the Class 2 price from the price for April milk. The other prices for May are the same as prevailed during April.

These prices to the farmer are discouragingly low, being considerably under the cost of production, but there is a considerable surplus of milk which will increase during May, and it is the purpose of the Co-Operative Association to sell a larger amount of pooled milk in Class 1 by reducing the price of this class rather than keeping the price up, thus causing the pooled milk to be sold in the power priced classes.

ANOTHER OLD LAND MARK CHANGES HANDS

The Trainor Grocery changed hands Wednesday of this week, Miss Agnes Trainor, the proprietor, selling to O'Neill's Cash Stores, Inc., of Hornell. F. J. O'Neill, of Hornell, has been in Andover several days making the transfer, taking inventory and making arrangements for the big opening advertised in another column for Saturday of this week.

Trainor's Grocery has been one of the landmarks in Andover over fifty years. It has always done its share at any rate of the grocery business here, and has always been a most popular store. O'Neill Cash Stores, Inc., run a chain of grocery stores, two in Hornell and one in Canastota. This makes their fourth store.

The Country Newspaper Has Its Troubles

M. V. Atwood in the Dairymen's League News

Play Fair With Your Hometown Paper and Watch Results—Find Out Before You Find Fault.—Communities Must Help Solve Problems.

In a certain New York village around 2000 in population, is published a local weekly which is perhaps better than the average for the state. The publisher is honestly endeavoring to serve his community well. He is, in reality, making a better paper than the financial return justifies.

Not long ago a home talent play was to be given. For a month before the play the editor of this paper printed weekly articles, or "stories," about the play, given them front page position and prominent heads. Then came the week before the performance. Two prominent citizens of the village died. The editor worked late to get these facts and present complete accounts of the lives of these men. He went to a large expense—large at least, for a small paper—to get good pictures of them.

During the week another story regarding the home theatricals was handed in. With the story was the complete cast of characters. Because of the great amount of other copy, the editor reluctantly blue-penciled the cast, but used the rest of the story, again with a large heading.

Hardly was the paper printed before the person in charge of the play came to the editor's office and proceeded to tell what she thought of him. Explanations only added fuel to the flames. Her intemperate language gave way to abuse.

Again, a chamber of commerce was organized in a town which had a newspaper. The paper, naturally supported the chamber in every way possible. When the chamber needed some printing, however, it went to neighboring town where it could be done a trifle cheaper.

failure even of many community leaders to have any understanding or appreciation of the editor's difficulties and problems, are rapidly making it a business which is shunned rather than courted.

Long after other lines of business had been forced, by mounting production costs, to increase their prices, the country publishers timidly began to suggest that they, too, could not get along much longer on a dollar-a-year subscription price and a ten-cents-an-inch advertising rate. In some few cases readers and advertisers said, "Sure, you ought to have done it before." But in by far a greater number of cases the increases, if paid, were paid grudgingly, and advertising spaces were decreased.

The country newspaper business—and by this we mean the publishing of a weekly paper in a territory of two or three townships and a small village in which the paper is printed—is essentially a small business. And this is an age of big business. To meet increasing costs, the small publisher cannot expand his business as can other business enterprises. There is only one thing for him to do, therefore, and that is to increase his charges materially.

You folk who may read this who still have your own little local newspaper, listen to this word or warning: Unless you are willing to pay \$4 per \$5 a year for your paper and say 50 cents an inch for your advertising, you cannot expect long to have your paper.

Your paper to be good enough to satisfy you, now that every day you have the big and attractively-made papers and magazines from the city, must be a better and brighter paper than it has in the past. It must be intensely local, but in its local appeal must be something of the cleverness and sprightliness—not spiciness—with which the city paper is made. That is going to take men of more training than the men who have made country papers in the past—and men with a bigger vision who will not tolerate the pettiness which was exemplified in the three incidents which preceded this article.

This trained editor of the future will not be willing to work, further, for the precarious living most editors of country papers in New York even now are getting. A survey of some hundred country papers of the state showed a difference between income and outgo for running the shop of about \$2,000. And when it is considered that the publisher has had an investment of \$7000 or \$8000 in his plant and in only a few cases had figured any depreciation or interest, it will be seen he might better have locked his door and gone to the city where a printer can get his \$40 a week for an eight-hour day.

Some country publishers, like some farmers, are becoming business-men and they are studying their costs. They are seeing how much they have been losing year in and year out. Many of them have found that what profit they supposed they had made, they had made on their job work. Others, who have had political patronage, of which the late-lamented session laws was the juicy plum, have had that to make up what they lost in subscriptions and advertising.

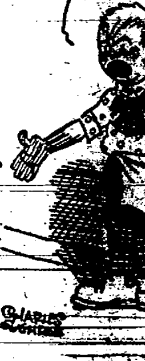
City Dailies Are Competitors. Some country editors like to make themselves believe that the daily

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