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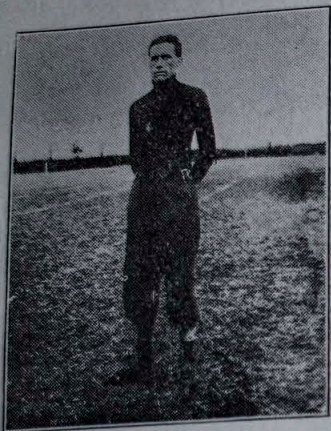
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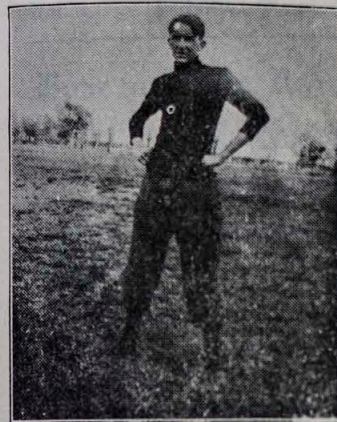
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No. 5

How to Make Rural Life More Attractive to Boys and Girls.

By Miss Preswick Chandler.

 CAN you imagine anyone's being in a worse predicament than that of a school teacher who has been asked to tell an organization of experienced farmers how to make life more pleasant for the boys and girls? And that same teacher a person who has lived only a very few years on a farm at a tender age when her powers of understanding were not very well developed?

However the man who stands on the sidewalk is very often in a position to be a better judge of the parade than the man who is driving the band wagon. Did it ever occur to you that many people everywhere from the president down are deeply interested in the the farmer, his progress, success and the welfare of his family, as they are concerned in men of no other profession.

Who ever heard of any one's discussing, "How can life be made more pleasant for the family of the merchant or lawyer?"

It is because of the prominent place which the farmer occupies in this country, not only as a grower of corn, but as a factor in public welfare.

This world's one relentless, rude scrimmage,
Mad mortals amuck for the dough;
But when God made a man in his image,
He set him to work with his hoe.

Mother earth can dispense with some classes,
Brush wielders, ink slingers may go,
But she can't spare that friend of the masses,
She must have the man with the hoe.

To have all the farmer boys remain forever on a farm with no other interest than that of raising a crop is not a thing to be hoped for. Who would manage affairs in this country if that were the case? First: Do you know that out of every 100 men classed as leaders, 70 of them were farmer boys?

Second: That over 55 percent of the railroad presidents were farmer boys and that a majority of those who were not, inherited their wealth?

Third: That last year, of the fifty six cabinet officers, 47 were farmer boys?

Fourth: That 64 percent of the U.S. representatives and 70 percent of the U.S. senators were farmer boys?

Fifth: That of the 45 governors of states, 41 were farmer boys?

Sixth: That out of 25 presidents of the United States, 23 were farmer boys?

Such conditions do not merely happen to be so. There is a cause.

Were you to consult these persons, you would find them all stanch friends of the farm, and many of them living in hopes of some day going back to the old life.

A contributor to one of the late magazines said:

"Every farmer boy hopes to become a teacher. Every teacher hopes to become an editor. Every editor hopes to become a banker. Every banker hopes to become a trust magnate and every trust magnate hopes to live on a farm where he can have his own horses, cows, pigs and chickens." Thus we end just where we began. There was a time when man was thought to be educated if he could spell

all of the words in the speller and work all of the problems in the arithmetic and give all the dates in history, but the standard has changed. "The making of men and the building of character are now admittedly the ends of education and few places are superior to the farm for these needs" says W. J. Spillman of the United States Department of Agriculture, a man who is very deeply interested in the lives of the people living on the farm. Indeed, he is so actively interested that he wrote to a number of prominent men asking their opinion about the farm as a place for the boy. I will read some of the answers which he received:

From Lucius Tuttle of the Boston and Maine railroad-- "The country boy learns methods of economy and the value of money. He is a part of the business machinery of the farm. He learns methods of trade. How to buy and sell. As a general rule the city boy has no connection with his father's business. The father may be successful but the boy knows nothing about it."

From another: "I believe that farm life lays a good generous foundation for a healthy, vigorous manhood in both mind and body."

From a third: "I am inclined to think that boys brought up on the farm have better constitutions and are less liable to temptations."

It seems to be a general conclusion that the farm is a good place for the boys. Why then does he not stay with it more faithfully? We know that many of them are successful in the cities, but there is no denying the fact that many who leave the farm would make more useful citizens if they would choose agriculture as their life's work. Up-to-date farming is a profession. Roosevelt referred to it in one of

his messages to congress as a "technical and scientific profession."

The agriculturist of today may be a great deal more than "the man with the hoe" if he chooses to be. He owes it to his family to take an active interest in the world outside of his own few acres. He ought to be interested in public affairs. The starter of the Postal Savings Bank idea and the President of the Postal Progress League of California is a farmer. Not a wealthy, retired gentleman, but an active worker, who with the help of his two sons supports himself and his family by means of the produce raised on his land. On being questioned about his plans for managing his affairs he said that in their home the first thought was to make life enjoyable for the children. The money side was a poor second. The best food was saved for the home table. The children were allowed to make pets of the calves, colts, pigeons and pigs. Everyone had his own duties and occupation. Not everyone works but father, but that father worked with a will and had joy in his work. The children were paid five cents an hour for all outside work and each one kept his own account. A personal interest was taken in education and when the boys were ready for college each one had savings enough, which with money earned during vacations were enough to take him through. And each child after taking a college course, came back to the farm. All up to date improvements that could be afforded were bought for the house as well as for the outdoor work.

Once when this man was attending a public meeting, some one in the discussion of automobile travel remarked in his hearing; "We are advancing beyond the period of the horse and beyond the period of the farmer." The retort was: "When you

have advanced beyond the period of the farmer, you will have advanced to the period of Kingdom Come."

If the family living on a farm does not find life pleasant, there is a reason. It is not the locating of the home, so much as the way affairs are managed.

In our Manual Training school here in Pittsburg with its 800 students, nine states are represented: Kansas, Iowa, Arkansas, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Many of these young people have lived the greater part of their lives in the country. Some are here to get a good practical education, after which they expect to return to the farm. Others, after graduation prefer to enter some other profession.

I asked a number of these people to write short sketches about life on the farm as they had lived it.

I shall read some of these papers in order that you may get the views of the boys and girls themselves on this subject.

By a girl: "I have lived on a farm the greater portion of my life but I would not like to go back to it. The work is too hard, too monotonous and too continuous. I liked the people. They were free and full of kindness, but they did not read enough about what was going on in the world. The country is beautiful and healthful, but I prefer to live in town because there I can have more company and can have a day's pleasure once in a while."

Here is another:

"I like being a farmer's daughter very well, but I do not want to be a farmer's wife. There is too much work, or rather, not enough to work with. If people have the best they can afford, that is all right, but the men get more things to help with their work than the women do. There are amusements enough

in the country but there is never much time to enjoy them."

Still another:

"The majority of girls living on farms find that almost every moment of their time is taken up by hard work. In most country homes the simplest devices for making house work easier are lacking, hence, it takes hours to do work that could be done in a short time. There is little or no time left for reading or for music. The social conditions are usually not those a girl striving to improve herself would care for.

"City people seem to think that the farm is a Garden of Eden and peaches and cream, fried chicken and strawberry shortcake, on hand at all hours of the day. Not so in my experience. The butter and eggs must be sold to buy overalls and socks for Dad and the boys. The fruits gathered in their season to pay for cultivators, plows and post hole diggers. To occupy the leisure time a large patch of sugar beets was provided by a thoughtful father. In this verdant field of need, many weary hours were spent on bended knee. Your face and hands become sunburned and your hair remains continually in the state of a deserted bird's nest.

"Of course it is a girl's place to milk. Many a time when at this task has a cow gently submerged her foot in the milk pail. Under such circumstances I have been forced to say in elevated tones: "What use has a girl on a farm anyway? As for me, give me liberty or give me death!" "

From a boy:

"If you don't wish him to stay on the farm I can tell you how to manage it. Always buy his Sunday clothes two sizes too big so they will last for several years. Be sure that his boots are strong and heavy, the heavier the better. See that his hat rests on the roots of his ears, and that his hair is long enough to

be fanned by the breeze. While you drive to town in the top buggy put him to digging post holes. Never tell him anything about your trades or business plans. When he is at work in the field change teams on him every noon. Give him two cents every six months and tell him how to spend it. If you follow my plan the boy will cut the farm just as soon as he gets an opportunity."

A girl:

"When I lived on a farm we had neither phone nor free delivery and we were fourteen miles from town. I had two brothers and father made everything as pleasant for us as he could. We did not have to get up early and do a lot of chores before we went to school. Neither did we work late at night. We were poor and for a good while had only one team, but if there was anything special to go to, the work was done early and we all went. We were never kept out of school in the spring or fall to work and when the weather was bad father always took us and came after us.

"We each had our work to do, but could always get to school on time. We went to church and Sunday school and got books from the library regularly. Whenever we were given an animal for our own we cared for it ourselves and when it was sold the money was ours not to spend foolishly. The spirit of the home was for the farm and not the city. We did not get rich on the farm but I have a love for it that I will never outgrow."

I have always lived on a farm in Shawnee county. There are four women to do the work and each one does the work for which she is best adapted.

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ample, in ability to work with the hands, as well as
to think with the head, and in every thing that
makes life large and lovely. I believe in beauty in
the schoolroom, in the home, in daily life, and out-of


doors. I believe in laughter, in love, in faith, in all ideals and hopes that lure us on. I believe that every hour of every day we receive a just reward for all we do. I believe in the present and its opportunities, in the future and its promises and the divine joy of living.---Edwin Osgood Grover.




THE SCOTT COUNTY High School has launched upon the sea of journalism. The first issue of "The Coyote" is on our table. We wish to congratulate the staff and management upon this first issue.



THE TURKEY upon our cover suggests Thanksgiving. The Manual Normal Light is in that mood. We are thankful for the help you have given to this new enterprise. Even criticisms make us thankful. We are thankful for the opportunity of trying to do something. We are thankful for the measure of success achieved so far and hope that this small achievement is only the beginning of greater things. Come, let us give thanks and go on.



Just as we go to press, the sad news of the death of Miss Ermine Owen's father comes to us. The Manual Normal Light and the whole school extend deepest sympathy to Miss Owen and family.



Athletics.

With the temperature of real fall weather, football is becoming of more interest to both the team and rooters. Coach Fuhrer is drilling the boys hard for the game with the Missouriians. With the new plays that they have, it is a hard matter for the "Scrubs" to hold them.

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The Ft. Scott Y. M. C. A. came down for a game on the 21st of October. The game was marred by the continual wrangling of some of the Ft. Scott men. Williams was their star man. Mr. Williams, who is to be the Y. M. C. A. athletic director here, proved himself to be a good athlete and a fine fellow. The game resulted in a Normal victory, 6 to 5.

Some changes have been made in the regular line-up. Capt. Kaemmerling is at his old place at center; Morrison, a new man, is playing tackle; and Dudley is playing his usual good game of fullback.

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Coach Fuhrer accompanied a number of the football men to Joplin, the 28th, to view the Missouri-Oklahoma game. They had the opportunity of seeing a fast game of old style football.

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Our team gave us a fine exhibition of real football in a fast game with the Parsons High School team on the 29th of October. After a week's hard scrimmage and with a number of additional new plays, they were well able to administer the defeat. Long distances were covered with the forward pass. Good gains were made through the line and around the ends. Householder's punting was exceptionally fine; in fact the team as a whole are to be given

credit for their gritty work. The score was 19 to 0. This makes three games out of four for us this year already.

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Winfield on October 8th gave us an exhibition of fast football. On the average they were heavier than we were, but considering line work our boys were their equals. Winfield has the forward pass down to perfection, and it was, indeed, a pleasure to see them work it. The final score resulted in a victory for Winfield 32 to 6. Our team is the only one that has scored against Southwestern this year.

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The second team went to Girard the 14th. A special car took the enthusiasts to Raymond Park with their colors flying. The game was called at 3:30 with but a small crowd on the grounds. The Normals did fine work in the line but owing to the inability of the safety men to return the punts we lost ground every time they punted. The line up was as follows: Hendricks (Hare) quarter; Reaveley, center; Morrison, Stillwaugh, guards; Andrews, Benton, tackles; Hunter, Smith, ends; Woodward, McGinnis, halves; Chenault, fullback. Girard won the game, scoring on two drop kicks. The score was 6 to 0.

Organizations.

Y. W. C. A.

Miss Flora Miller of New York City, one of the National Secretaries of the Y. W. C. A., who was to

have been here Oct. 21st has postponed her visit until some future date. The local Y. W. C. A. is in a flourishing condition, and is anxious for Miss Miller to spend a few days with us on her return trip thru Kansas, that she may suggest to us how we can best help the "good work on."

Our devotional meetings are held on Sunday evenings at 4 o'clock, and while not so well attended as they should be, they are growing. The girls who have led the meetings are to be complimented upon the ability, which they have displayed, to make their subjects interesting. The association is fortunate in possessing some good musical talent. We have especially enjoyed the beautiful solos rendered at our afternoon meetings by Misses Verna Klauser and Rena Nichols.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. wishes to express its thanks to the members of the Y. W. C. A. for their help in the sale of Lecture Course tickets.

The city Y. M. C. A. has decided to allow all members of other associations in and near Pittsburg membership for one-half the regular price, and allow the membership fee of the smaller association to

First Students' Musicales.

The first recital of the year by students of the Department of Music will be given on Dec. 13th, the program consisting of solo and ensemble numbers by private students, the Male Glee Club and the Polymnia Club.

to apply on the half price. This should be an inducement to the fellows of the school to join our association.

Our devotional meetings are held twice each week, on each Wednesday during the noon hour and on each Sunday afternoon. Mr. Chas. W. Whitehair made us a short visit the first part of October. Plans for our work this season were discussed, and it was decided to hold a few evangelistic meetings during February, at which time either Mr. Whitehair or Mr. Dadisman will be with us.

Societies.

The New Society.

THE Athenian society, with 32 charter members, was organized October 14, 1910, under the direction of Miss Lora Leach. Al-

though this society is the youngest member in the family of literary societies of the S. M. T. N., we hope when it is thoroughly established it will be a strong society and prove to be a great benefit to the school. Its motto is: "Religio, Liberta et Scientia." Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold.

Porterian.

IT is rumored that Professor Wollank and Miss Owen are to be our guardian angels in the near future. x x If you enjoy life, laugh, And if you would laugh, hear one of Miss Coleman's sketches. She writes after the style of Washington Irving and gains the praises of Miss Ermine Owen. x x Miss Krentel, Miss Owen, Miss Leudeking, Dr. Dellinger and Professor Yates have visited us this month.

Why "Caesar" is a Porterian: "I have always believed in striving for what is best. I am a Porterian because I believe that it is just a little better than any other society in the school. There is a spirit among us that is to be found only among Porterians. Energy and invincible determination are our commanding levers, and 'but give us space' -- saith the Porterians--- 'and we'll move the world. We dare, we do, and we know how to meet defeat and how to welcome success.' "

**Manus
Verez**

THE Manus Verez gives welcome to our new school society, "The Athenians." x x Prof.

Lee has been chosen adviser to the society. The members were deeply in need of his support. x x We regret very much that Miss Lora Leach cannot be with us this year. Miss Leach is now in charge of the Athenians. x x Lawrence Wheeler offered one of the best criticisms ever given by our student critics. Not all pie and vanilla flavoring but earnest, honest criticism. x x Several of the members are asking: "What is Dudley doing with all his oranges?" x x Canby Trout, the big center, was by reason of his position chosen sergeant-at-arms; the society believing him sufficiently strong to hold the door. x x The Manus Verez at last has a quartette. Music hath its charms, for already the sweet strains made us all sit up and listen: even the snakes in Dr. Dellinger's room are beginning to take notice. x x Miss Stanfield was appointed to fill the vacancy on the program committee, caused by Miss Martin who is now with the Russonians.

Inter- Society.

HURRAH for the picnic! We all joined hands---Porterians, Manus Verez, Russonians and Athenians on Oct. 13th and made

merry. Lincoln Park had on its gayest attire and welcomed us one and all. Even the moon smiled down upon us. We played and feasted together, hatchets were buried, bygone battles forgotten, and each remembered only that he was a member of dear old S. M. T. N.---out for a jolly good time.

The Porterian and Manus Verez Societies held their first Joint Program on the 7th of October, in the evening. The program was excellent, being made more entertaining by the kindly aid of the Polymnia and Male Glee Clubs.

Russonian

THE Russonian society was honored by the presence of Miss Eunice Bernard. She was called

on to make a speech and gave a very pretty little excuse. x x Jessie Staten was elected yell master, and threatens to be a rival of Mr. Tanner. x x A meeting of the society was called Friday, October 7th, the main object being the picnic. Measures were taken to do our share in making this picnic a success and it is supposed that we succeeded very well.

Miss Lena Martin is now an assistant and she is certainly very much appreciated. x x Our treasurer, Mr. O. Davis, beside being a good financial caretaker, is also a talented musician.

News of the Normal.

October 26th was a great day for us. At the chapel exercises we were favored with two speeches; one

by Judge Halliday who is candidate for representative in the next legislature, and one by Senator Hodges candidate for governor. Neither gentleman mentioned politics but made a splendid address which caught the student body. In the afternoon we were visited by the entire faculty of the Webb City (Mo.) High School. Prin. O. A. Harris, Misses Gibbons, Barber, Booker, Martha and Ella Helm, Marvin, Bruce, Sedgwick, Koch, and Thomas, and Messrs. Chapman and Mericly.

How to Make Rural Life Attractive.

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Our social life consists of going to church, visiting friends, entertaining company, going to socials and parties, fishing and picnicking.

One ought to go away to school if it is at all possible as an education helps to enjoy life more and to be of more use in the world. I love the farm with all my heart and hope I may never have to leave it.

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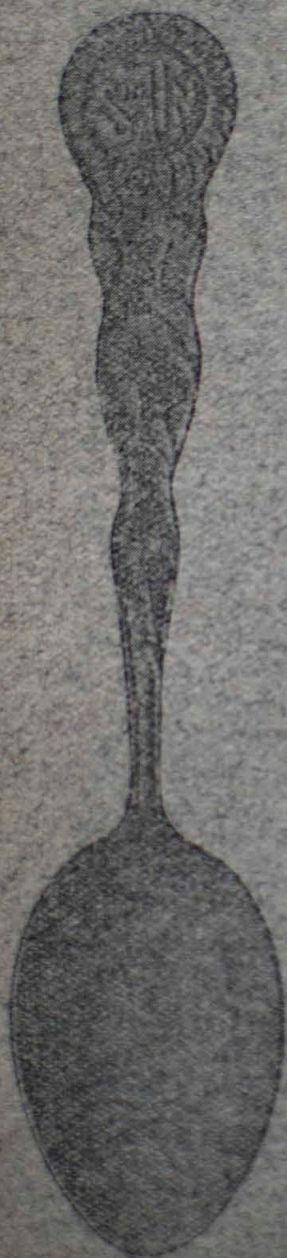
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