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WE WANT BETTER

COUNTRY ROADS

THERE is a persistent and growing demand sweeping over the United States for better country roads.

This demand does not come alone from the man in the city or town who wants more comfort when touring with his car. It comes also from the farmer, who demands the same degree of comfort when touring or going to market with his car.

We have the automobile to thank for this much, for without the automobile we would have drifted along in the same old muddy ruts for years to come.

Talk the necessity for better country roads wherever you go. Talk it in season, between seasons, and out of season. Talk it all of the time. Some people may not want to hear so much good roads talk, but they are the very ones we want to impress with the necessity of better roads.

Be a good roads booster and you will be boosting your own interests.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

SOMETIMES we hear some thoughtless person make a disparaging remark about Andover — and it hurts.

This may not be the best town in the United States, but it is a certainty that there are hundreds of thousands not as good in proportion to population and natural advantages.

When you hear a person kicking his home town, ask him a few pertinent questions.

Ask him why it is not to his liking.

Ask him what he has done to correct the defects of which he complains.

Ask him if he has ever done anything to make this a better town.

Ask him why he continues to live and earn his money here.

Ask him to think it over and see if he is not mistaken in his judgment.

You may convert a pessimist into an optimist.

ONE MINUTE A DAY

ONE minute a day isn't much time for you to spare from your daily occupations or your personal pleasures.

But one minute a day, properly applied, will work wonders for this town if each citizen will become a party to the working.

One minute is all of the time required to study up some improvement we need. If each citizen devotes that one minute each day to this study, it will be but a short time before our defects are well known to us and we will be insistently demanding their correction.

When that is done we have started something.

And people never get anywhere without first making a start.

Try it for better results.

ON THE WRONG FOOT

IT makes a difference which foot the shoe is on.

Not a great while ago a subscriber walked into our office and demanded to know why we do not publish all of the news. He referred to a certain matter of an unsavory character.

We have omitted many such spicy stories during the years that we have been in the newspaper game. Possibly we have deprived certain people of the exquisite pleasure of reading them, but we have at the same time saved many a torn and bleeding heart from unmerited mis-

WORK

ONE of the greatest blessings on this earth is the privilege of rendering some useful service which will help our fellowmen, keep our own mind busy and give exercise to our body.

It is good for a man to be out of work once in a while; it teaches him what a real blessing work is.

Prison keepers tell us that the worst punishment they can inflict upon a man is that of solitary confinement, where he is shut off from light and from WORK.

We have a notion that this sort of punishment would lose much of its cruel sting if the victim were permitted to work, even tho he could not see what he was doing.

When a man comes to himself and finds work for which he is best fitted — the work which he loves best — he has found also, life's greatest gift, happiness.

No man can be happy unless he is engaged in some sort of work that he likes. The idler may seem to be happy, but he isn't. If he smiles at all it does not come from the heart.

A great many have the mistaken notion that money brings happiness. It doesn't; at least it doesn't if the person who has it quits working on that account. Happiness comes not from HAVING, but from DOING. It is not the mere possession of wealth that makes a person happy — it is the enjoyment he gets out of pursuing, working and achieving; from using wealth in the endeavor to multiply it; it is the game and not the tool with which the game is played, that brings happiness.

There would be mighty little fun in a long hardwood stick which tapers from one end to the other if it were not for the baseball that goes with it, and the game which is played with it.

Likewise there would be mighty little fun in owning a wheelbarrow full of gold if it were not for the great game of WORK that one could play with such a treasure.

What a wonderful blessing it would be if human beings could learn to quit skimping, sacrificing, cheating one another and resorting to every stealth known to the human mind to get hold of a few paltry dollars in the belief that this is essential for happiness.

Find happiness in your daily work, whatever it may be, and it will make but little difference to you whether you succeed in piling up a few or many dollars.

You believe you would like to be wealthy, do you? About how wealthy do you think you'd like to be? A million dollars or so? Perhaps if you had a chance to trade places with Rockefeller or one of the other very wealthy men for a few days, and had to think their thots, assume their responsibilities, wear their dress suits, attend their social functions and do exactly as they do, you might change your mind and decide that your own humble little place in the world is good enough; at least good enough until you can WORK your way into a higher station.

We have never had great wealth thrust upon us suddenly, but we imagine that a "newly-rich" who had not had the joy of building, creating, developing, would be mighty uncomfortable until he had adjusted himself to his new environment

ery and shame, for the sting is felt more keenly by the innocent relatives

It was quite a time after the subscriber took us to task that he himself was involved in a similar episode.

This time he did not demand that we publish the facts. Instead, he pleaded with us not to make them public.

The shoe was on the wrong foot.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

EVERYBODY is ready to advocate town improvement — and it is a good thing to do, too.

But why not advocate country improvement, also?

The farmer is the backbone of every community. Without him there would be no cities or towns, nothing to eat or wear, nothing to do but do nothing.

The farmer needs better roads. He needs better school facilities for his children.

He needs more social and recreational diversions for his family and his employees.

He needs to be more in contact with that large volume of life which he alone can sustain.

Boosting our town is commendable, but let's boost the farmer, too, and make our act doubly commendable.

THE columns of this paper are open to any citizen who has a plan or suggestion to offer for the good of this town and countryside.

in their heads, but are timid about letting them out.

They should not be backward in this respect.

The people need those ideas for development, for it is an established fact that development seldom results from idle and indifferent street talk or home dreams.

The people will listen if you will make a noise.

NUMEROUS men of distinction are grooming themselves to succeed President Harding in the White House, but we seem to have missed your name in the list. Step up and don't be stepped upon.

BOXING, wrestling, ball playing, races, and other clean and manly sports should be fostered and encouraged, especially on the part of our young boys.

They are efficient aids to that physical and mental development which produces strong, healthy and virile men.

The young girl just budding into womanhood is just as much in need of such physical exercise.

She may be constitutionally prohibited from keeping up with the furious pace set by the boys, but there are many ways in which she, too, may strengthen the mind and fill her veins with the red blood that makes nations and people great.

YES, we are always delighted to meet strangers face to face. That is the surest way of being able to

extract the price of a subscription from them.

SPEAK a good word for the church. It never speaks an ill one for you.

Do a good deed for the church. It never does a poor one for you.

Pay the debt that you owe to the Lord. He is never indebted to you.

WHEN a fellow offers you something for less than it is worth, buy from the other man. That is an age-old dodge practiced by people who want something for nothing.

Oil upon the waters? No, put it on the roads.

Some men are self-made and others are made for self.

When murder gets out sometimes the murderer gets in.

Work never bothers the man who doesn't look upon it as work.

It is the province of a hog to grunt. Don't be in his class.

Gold is soft metal, but it makes many a person as hard as nails.

An ideal woman is one who doesn't try to convince you of the fact.

Some people are strong advocates of charity — when it comes their way.

There's no place like home until a fellow gets married and get another one.

The wise man never butts in without being sure that he is able to butt out again.

Some people can never be induced to take the lead — and it's just as well.

Mr. Edison is very old in experience, but young in his determination to gain more.

There is plenty of room for you at the top, but the top isn't the place to start.

The fellow who forgets his friends in prosperity doesn't have any to for-

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