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Neighbor Nights

we hope will hold reader interest.

The title "Neighbor Nights" calls for an explanation. It has been used extensively in the Central States describe a rural technique, which has had wonderful success, briefly it is this.— The family is taken as a unit and eight or ten families meet one home each week. A social hour or so is spent in games, and sing song in an effort to revive the old neighborly spirit, which is rapidly slipping away. One of the number acts as leader, and briefly outlines the community problem they wish discussed. Then the meeting separates into two small groups of not more than seven, each group appointing a leader and secretary.

In these small groups the question is discussed thoroughly without political or religious bias. The mee ing reconvenes and a forum is held. where the various secretaries bring in the findings of their groups out of this most democratic demonstration has grown a strong farm movement in the States, which possibly doing rural people a great ter service, than government aid in the New Deal.

In Ontario the rame Neighbor Nights has been applied to an educa tional programme by the extension department of Pickering College. Newmarket, with splendid response North York being especially favored in having a brilliant headmaster like Mr. Joe McCulley, sympathetic to ward community improvements.

In Kent County the United Farmers' Co-operative Company last spring carried oi a six weeks' intensive educational campaign, which resulted in a fertilizer mixing plant near Chatham.

fertilizer mixing, health insurance sociations, So let's have er Clubs, etc. beautification? 'Neighbor Nights" in Grey.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FO COMMUNITY LEADERS

the year based on the needs of the community.

. I will have one community ser-

vice going at all times. 3. I will have every member participating in the year's program.

vance of meeting time. 5. I will start all meetings on time 6. I will have fewer and better

speech€3.

Planning Councils

As a result of the rapid development of our transportation and communication facilities, the changing or comfortable parlor. and expanding educational program and system, the shifting economic and social picture the increased amount of leisure time, in many instances the lagging church program and the interdependence of town and country, agriculture and industry, the currents of influence that enter our homes from the ends of the earth make it imperative that we delvelop a generation of social and cultural engineers.

whether he plans to span a river, es; plant muddy spots; make a sidebridge, or chasm. With a clear pic- walk: landscape, home grounds ture in his mind of what he has set plant ornamental trees remove signs; out to accomplish, he makes surveys drain or fill swampy areas; of the obstacles he has to overcome cut dead trees. and the resources and materials at his command.

So the social engineer must have a clear picture in mind of the kind of a society that needs to be develop-

ment human beings crave and need better service. to share in vigorous progressive and Of the population of 57,699 in French leader satisfying group and community life. Grey County 33,551 are rural and wounds. How can these desired goals be at- 24,148 urban. Of the total pop-

ers-farms, business, church, school, community spirit, government or citisocial and economic cultural and recreational organization of the com-

To bring about cooperative an planned action in community, one more people are elected to present he different phases of the life the community such as church school, farms, business, etc.

WANTED-A Spruce-Up Campaign Particular interest has been foments by the Farmer Magazine. They have sponsored Farm and Home Im provement contests in five centres in Ontario, the first of which was sponsored by the Unionville Junior Farmers' Association.

Sometime ago, in New York State the citizens of Compkins County or ganized the Compkins County Development Association which sponsore spruce-up Campaign.

THE OBJECT - to develop the scenic beauty and home attractivene's of the rural and village areas of Compkins County.

HOW TO ACHIEVE IT-Through voluntary efforts on the part of each citizen of the county; through united efforts of neighborhoods, communities, and organizations. A Speaker's books was \$34.98 and could do to improve their livelihood, lowing organizations cooperated in they had the books to read? in the way of buying and selling, the campaign Young Women's As-

a similar venture.

Could Do

Beautifying highways. do roadsid planting; eliminate auto graveyards remove signs; promote front yard cleanup: promote a flower promote school essay contests 4. I will plan all programs in adimprovements: landscape green or park drain or fill swamps areas; build a lookout parking area; promote demolition of unsightly structures: plant ornamental trees.

people prefer a neat manure pile or root house to a beautiful flower bed.

Would you like to boast about your home? You could if you did some of the following: Clean front yard: make a flower bed: paint house or buildings; paint fence; plant hedge: build a rose trellis; burn brush: build rock garden: repair front steps; straighten and beautify driveway; tear down un- HISTORICAL SITES sightly buildings; grade and seed the lawn: improve appearance of mail box; remove rubbish; clean An engineer has in mind a purpose hedge row; rake up sticks and leav-

COUNTY LIBRARIES

Library Facilities in Grey County

Grey County which has a popula The social engineer needs to have tion of 57,699 has 14 Public Liban appreciattion of the needs of the raries. Five of these are Free Libwhole man and not just a segment raries and nine are Association Lib of man's life. It must be very clear raries. Free Libraries are maintainin his mind that normal happy hu- ed by a grant each year from the man beings have, physical, social Town Council after a bylaw has mental and spiritual needs and that been passed by a Municipality auth the lack of meeting any one of these orizing the organization of a Free needs is like driving a four cylinder Public Library. This grant may be car with one or two or three cylin- 50c per capita. No fees may then Pre, Nova Scotia, commemorating Then too, the social engineer must Municipality. Association Libraries place on February 11, 1747, when have an appreciation of the fact are maintained by fees paid by bor- New England troops, under Colonel that normal happy human beings are rowers and by money raised in the Arthur Noble, were surprised and in need of a happy healthy, satisfy- community for the upkeep of the defeated by French and Indians uning home life, and certainly every Library. There is no compulsory der Coulon de Villiers, who had made the Haggis, must be falling from its efficient social engineer will appreci- taxation for funds for the Library. a forced march from Beaubassin citadel, when a big department store

In this column during the follow- Sunday Schools, Women's Institutes, already been established — Owen Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Bay of had the misfortune to break his arm ing eight or ten weeks will be found Junior Farmers, U.F.Y.P.O. Clubs Sound, Meaford, Hanover, Durham Fundy was the chief means of comitems which should be of interest and other institutions and agencies and Markdale. Out of this 36% only munication between Quebec, Isle to all readers, articles on rural probare making an effort to meet the 34% of the population of those muni- Royale and Chignecto. needs of individuals, homes, groups, cipalities are using the Libraries. A cairn at Fort Alexander, Manito to be presented shortly. and communities without any clear Leaving out Owen Sound with its ba, marking the site cut picture and very little apprecia- much larger population there are Maurepas, one of La Verendrye's Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs. tion and a great lack of understand- 43% using the Libraries. Only 5% trading posts. Both the Hudson's Jno. Sherman, Lamlash. ing of what needs the other agencies are within reach of the Association, Bay Company and the North West Mrs A. C. MacDonald has been ill Libraries at -Badjeros, Hepworth, Company located here in 1792. Only and under the doctor's care, but we To meet this growing need in our Holstein, Maxwell, Thornbury. Of Fort Alexander, built by the former are pleased to say she has improved charging social and economic order the people in these communities only company, has survived. The unveil- in health. Miss Lolita Mighton we propose planning councils. We 22% are making use of the Libraries. ing of this monument formed part assisting in the home.

is obvious when the small amount Celebration. raries. Of this number 3,716 are in ment of Rupert's Land. are of course, not taken into con- in this vicinity. sideration. These figures are based venile reading since the new Course f Study has been issued. Any

This small percentage is due viously to the large number of people who have no access to Libraries bu it certainly does not give the whole County a very high standard so as books are concerned. people not using Public Libraries may be readers but it would only be a very small percentage who could afford to buy very many books

crease of any great amount would

mean juvenile reading.

There is only the one rural L'brary in Grey, at Maxwell, where there are 53 borrowers and a cirula-And so why not Neighbor Nights Bureau was developed to present 367 volumes in their Library. Does 658 period. It was decided to send in Grey County? Is there nothing the details of the campaign to each this look as though the people in Wilkerton Y. P. S. an invitation to that groups of intelligent people community in the county. The fol- the rural districts would not read if spend a social night on St. Valentine's

Institutes, needed but the new Course of Study Christian culture. Miss Margaret community Church, Sunday Schools Junior Farm- for schools requires so many more Williams read the scripture lesson books than most rural school boards Mr Allie McGirr gave a paper on We submit these two ideas for the feel they can possibly afford to buy. hymns and their authors. Miss Jean improvement of rural life, for we be- The children want books but the McGirr played the selected hymns lieve that every self-respecting cit!- supply is not there. The intellects of and the members sang them. Mr Dan zen and community should undertake these bright youngsters in rural dis Ritchie gave an interesting paper on tricts are being dwarfed because of the newer Canadian hymns and their 1. I will plan a program of work for Something a Wide-Awake Community the lack of books. They are being origin taught to read and advised to read more books but nobody is taking the trouble to supply them with books beyond the meagre supply rural school board feels it can afford to buy each year. of these are not suitable for the young people who have left school and are still at home. The result they lose interest in books.

Isn't it time some interest was taken the congregation were present in Grey to keep up with rural districts in other counties where meet the same need they have County Libraries?

Next week we will explain just what is meant by a County Library.

A FACT A WEEK ABOUT CANADA

More than 250 monuments and tab-

lets have been erected throughout Canada during the past sixteen years to mark points of historical interest which have been declared by the ed during September:

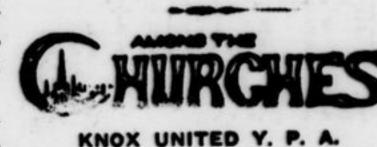
A cut stone monument at Grand be charged to residents outside the the Battle of Grand Pre which took ish Commander was killed and the to supply

than a skyscraper can be built with- cilities unless they make use of the Verte, New Brunswick, commemoraminds on our communities, counties, 41%, there are 36% living in muni- which connects Baie Verte and Mis-

have discovered that life in our The reason for this small percentage of the La Verendrye Bi-Centenary Many friends of Mr Don. McKech-

of Grey County outside of Owen Sound 5 was made here, whereby the Saul- ders, Mrs. Locker being her niece. are making use of Public Libraries teaux and Swampy Crees ceded their The small l'braries in rural schools rights in about 100,000 square miles A cairn at Fort McMurray, Alber-

on the latest report available and ta, commorating the historical events the back roads are not in very good does not take in the change in Ju-The earliest trade route between eastward and northward flowing a few weeks at his home here waters followed the Clearwater River and the Methye Portage. than a century by fur-traders and explorers, including Sir Alexander Mackenzie, Sir John Franklin and George



The regular meeting of Knox Unitevening. The president, Miss Anne they have Ritchie, presided during the busin-Not only for adults are books to Mr Dan Ritchie, convener

> CONDUCTS ILLUSTRATIVE TALK spending some time at the home of ON BHIL MISSION FIELD Mr Temmy Tiffany

The Senior Young People of the Durham Presbyterian Church held their regular weekly meeting on Sunday evening at the conclusion of the church service. A goodly number of members of the Society and

The meeting was opened by the president, Mr Gordon Greenwood who afterwards led in prayer. Miss Kathleen McMeekin read the scripture lesson. Following was a brief business period in which a letter from the Hanover P.Y.P.S. was read, informing the local society of postponement of the former's skating party ...

A very interesting illustrative talk sion Field was conducted by Mr Dan COMMEMORATED Firth. The meeting was concluded by prayer by Mr Firth.

GLENELG CENTRE B. M. C. The Glenelg Centre Baptist Mis-Historic Sites and Monuments Board sion Circle held their January meet- Scotland during a howling gust of a of Canada as being of outstanding ing at the home of Mrs Neil Macfar- January wind, 25th inst., 1759 in national importance. An honorary lane. The meeting opened with a Robert Burns. If howling guest are advisory board, the Historic Sites hymn, bible reading and prayer in responsible for genius, Canada is due and Monuments Board, ocmposed unison. After reading of minutes, one, for on 25th January, 1939, just of recognized historians, co-operates the roll call was answered with a such another storm was on her with the National Parks Bureau of favorite scripture verse. Mrs. Geo. the Department of Mines and Re- Whitmore read psalm 47, and it was sources in the marking and preserva- followed by a short season of prayer. tion of historic sites, and from the Our president, Mrs A. Beaton, read Atlantic to the Pacific stirring events a New Year's message from Miss in the history of Canada are recalled Jenn'e Pearcy, the president of our by tablets and monuments erected Home Missions. A hymn was sung On January 7th 1939, a Toronto by the government. The following and Mrs J. T. Priest gave a paper cleint wrote us in part as follows monuments and cairns were unveil- entitled "In the Beginning". Mrs W. "I would surely recommend you to G. Ritchie read the third chapter of anyone I know who has bills to coland prayer by Mrs Priest closed the lected, your Company can do it The February meeting will be held at with." Mrs Henry Beaton's.

> The one-time Scotch national dish. firm in Toronto received the order Established 1890

MULOCK

Mr. Carman Hopkins took a load As we focus our nearest Public Library. Of the other ting the pre-historic Indian portage of the B.Y.P.U. Thursday evening and our State we find that churches, cipalities where Free Libraries have naguash Rivers. This route from the evening with Mr John McLean, who

The B.Y.P.U. members are busy practising for two Valentine plays.

enced and in a large measure deter- that can be spent yearly on books A cairn at Norway House, Mani- doing as well as can be expected. is seen-\$20.69, \$43.46, \$45.43-which toba, marking the site of Norway though now in his 87th year, with a of course will not mean many new House built on Jack River in 1812— broken leg. Mrs. Wilson of Fleshbooks. Most of this will likely be 13, by the Hudson's Bay Company, erton, is looking after the aged genspent on very light fiction. Out of It was rebuilt on this site in 1825 tleman and daughter, Miss Mary. The the whole population of 57,699 only and was a frequent meeting-place of doctor and all speak highly of her 7,877 or 14% are making use of 1'b the Council of the Northern Depart ability as nurse and housekeeser. Here the Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Locker of

Owen Sound and 4,161 outside of Rev. James Evans invented the Cree Straffordville, Ont, spent their honey. Owen Sound or only 7% of the whole Syllabic System. In 1875, Treaty No. moon at the home of Mrs. Rev. Saun-

ROCKY SALICEEN

Mr Lance Rumble of Toronto a weekend visitor with Mr and parents returned home with

Miss Georgie Miller has a position in Owen Sound and will spend sometime there.

Mr Bill Sheuremann has been busy with his sawing outfit on this line on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 9th at 2 o'clock in the church

(intended for last week To-day. Tuesday is very frosty,

Mrs Neil McLean spent a day recently with her father in Hamilton Mr and Mrs Malcolm McKechnie were in attendance at the funeral of

on Saturday. Mrs Lance Rumble of Toronto, is pending this week with her mother, Robert Lawson who was on the sigk list the past week. Pleased to hear she is much better again

friend, Mrs McGillivray in Paisley

Mr and Mrs Gordon McCrae and family were visitors first of the week with Mr and Mrs Wm Bell and

Mrs Eliza Tiffany, Dornoch, t

Miss Georgie Miller is spending a

DORNOCH

cent visitor at his home. Mrs McGregor of London is spend

Mrs W. H. Smith visited recently with her aunt Mrs J. A. Ledingham

Mr and Mrs Patterson of Toronto

Mr and Mrs A. D. MacIntyre and

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