

each pupil. During the summer vacation nearly all the gardeners returned often enough to cultivate their plots. The janitor of the school building had a general care of the lawns and gardens. His salary for the vacation period was only nine dollars. If this amount had been a direct school garden charge, a few cents from the profits of each plot would have met the expense. Thus it has been shown that a creditable school garden can be maintained without any expense to a district."

The garden mentioned in the above extract was a large one—over one-half acre in area. In connection with small rural schools one-quarter or one-eighth acre of land would be sufficient.