

Ten Tests for Your Community

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Questions that people ask about **YOUR** towns before they decide to make it **THEIR** own:

1. Attractiveness—Shall I like the town—its "atmosphere"? Does it have the beauty of shaded streets and other beautiful features? Is it a quiet, roomy, airy, well-lighted town? Does it have attractive public buildings and homes? Is it well paved? Is it clean in every sense?

2. Healthfulness—Will my family and I have a reasonable chance to keep well in that town? How about its water supply? Its sanitary system? Its methods of milk inspection? Its health department? Its hospitals? Is it without any congested district?

3. Education—Can I educate my family and myself in that town? How about its public schools—present and future? Its institutions of higher education or of business training? Its libraries? Its lecture and concert courses? Its newspapers? Its postal facilities? Its schedule of salaries to teachers? Its investment in school property?

4. People—Shall I like the people of the town? Are they 'home folks' without false exclusiveness? Are they neighborly and friendly? Is the town free from factionalism? Does it have strong religious, fraternal, and social organizations? Is it a law abiding community? Do the people use their public libraries and support ratistic undertakings? Do they keep their children in school and not in factories? Are they good American citizens?

5. Recreation—Can I have a good time in that town—I and my family? How about the theatres, museums, gymnasiums, parks, etc.? Are there active agencies for providing good entertainments, athletic contests, etc.? Are inviting opportunities for pleasure drives afforded by well paved streets?

6. Living—Can we live reasonably and well in that town? Are the best of modern conveniences available for its residents — electricity, gas, telephones, etc.? Are the housing and shopping conditions favorable? Rents, taxes, and prices fair? Hotels good? Home and truck gardens and dairy products plentiful? Is it a good town in which to bring up children?

7. Accessibility—Can we go and come easily? Does the town have adequate railroad connections and train service? Street car lines? Interurban lines? Well marked automobile routes and hard surfaced roads? Desirable proximity to other cities affording additional advantages?

8. Business—Can I make good use of capital in that town? Are there good banking facilities? Manufacturing interests? Up-to-date stores? Good shipping facilities? Favorable labor conditions? A prosperous farming territory? Fair real estate values? Reasonably cheap power? Active co-operation among business interests?

9. Employment—Can I get a job in that town at fair pay and with good prospects for the future? Can I count on co-operation from organizations making it their business to help introduce and establish new commercial interests and to welcome new citizens?

10. Progressiveness—Shall I find that I am in a live town having a progressive city government, active civic organizations, modern fire department, adequate police protection, organized measures for

accident prevention, and a pull-together spirit in everything—a town with a future?—From The Graduate Magazine, Kansas University.

CITIZENSHIP

Service to the community should be the distinctive work of citizenship. When people begin to feel the ties which bind them together, and which attach them to the place which they inhabit, when they understand that their prosperity, their dignity, their happiness are bound up with the welfare of the city; when they learn to cherish their home town, their love for which unites with and intensifies their love for the nation, this is the awakening of civic consciousness.—M. W. Lukin, South African Municipal Magazine.

JERUSALEM TALKS OF WATER POWER

Hydro-electric development is claiming its own in the most ancient as well as the most modern lands. At a recent meeting in Jerusalem of the advisory council of the Zionist organization concerned with the setting up of the new Palestine it was unanimously agreed that in fixing the boundaries of the state, not only water supply for irrigation, but the inclusion of sources of hydro-electric must be assured.

NEW YORK CITY EXTENDS ITS MUNICIPAL TROLLEYS

The Board of Estimate of New York City has appropriated \$383,200 for extensions, improvements, and operation of municipal trolleys. Of this sum, \$83,200 was given to the Staten Island lines to extend service on the Meyers Corners line to Linoleumville and to put into operation a trackless trolley between Schmidt's lane and Seaview Hospital. Of the amount set aside \$150,000 will go to purchase sixty used cars to take care of the summer traffic in Staten Island. A similar amount was appropriated for the purchase of one-man cars for the Williamsburg Bridge.



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