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For Better Farm Life

"The real rural life problem will not be solved till we establish and build up better schools, churches, and rural organizations. They must all grow together and reach the highest efficiency before we have the best that is possible in country life."

In these words C. F. Curtis sounded the keynote of all the discussions at the country life conferences held at Ames, Iowa, June 22-24. Some of the facts brought to light at the conference show in a truly deplorable light conditions in some of the rural sections of the United States and should afford food for thought for all interested in the rural problem whether in Canada or the United States. Rev. C. S. Adams of Illinois gave the results of his investigations in 42 country communities in Central Illinois.

In the rich districts where he found sold for \$190 to \$250 an acre he found that 55 per cent of the land was farmed by tenants, only 66 per cent of whom held leases for periods of five years or more. Country life was not attractive in most of the neighborhoods. The social, educational, and religious sides of country life were worse than the material conditions when compared to the same factors in the towns. He found that the average school year for the country boy and girl was 98 days against 146 days for the town child. The country teacher received \$35 to \$70 a month against \$46 to \$150 for the town teacher. Country schools were for the most part poorly equipped and the teachers inefficient though usually conscientious and hard working.

COUNTRY CHURCHES LOSING GROUND
Of the 225 country churches of all denominations visited by Mr. Adams, only 77 have grown any in the past 10 years, 55 have stood still, 56 have lost and 47 have been abandoned completely. If the averages for the state are in the same proportions as for the districts visited, 1000 country churches have died in Illinois in the last 10 years and 1000 more are ready to die. He found 397 people at each church, while the churches averaged 125 members each. Thirty-one per cent of the rural population were church members, 19 per cent. went to church and 13 per cent. to Sunday school. The richest and best improved communities were the lowest in church attendance. The two richest communities

investigated sent only nine per cent of their people to church.

Mr. Adams emphasized the importance of the country church to the church and nation at large. Half the people of the nation are country people. It is no small or unimportant matter to minister to 30,000,000 people. From the country come the leaders. Eighty-five per cent of the prominent men in America come from the farms; 90 per cent of the ministers have to the past come from the farms. The death of the country church means a change for the worse in the nation's leadership, and it has already borne fruit in a scarcity of ministers which probably be felt more and more. His final call was for a church that would minister, not one to be ministered unto.

Other speakers brought similar conditions to light. The organization of farmers into clubs similar to the Grange was cited as a method of regenerating country life. The making of the churches a centre for the social and athletic as well as the religious life of the community is being tried with success in many country districts.

Useful Knowledge

Better have the oven a little too cool than too hot.

Always open and close the oven door as carefully as possible; the jars are the cause of many mixtures falling.

A wooden spoon with long perforations is the best for creaming butter, and it will cream more easily if done before the sugar is added.

For any but the very finest cake it is just as well and much quicker to warm the butter well before creaming. It may even be melted.

THE COOK'S CORNER

Recipes for publication are requested. Inquiries regarding cooking, recipes, etc., please send them upon request, to the Household Editor, Farm and Dairy, Peterboro, Ont.

FRITTERS

Two eggs, two cups sour milk, one teaspoon sugar, four tablespoons of with lard.

GRILLED ALMONDS

Blanch a cupful of almonds and dry them thoroughly. Boil a cup of sugar in the same amount of water until it strings. Throw in the almonds and let them simmer, stirring occasionally, until they turn a yellow brown. Remove them from the fire immediately.

MEAN LOAF

Press the contents of a can of lima beans through colander and season with salt, pepper and a little melted butter. Then add one egg well beaten and enough cream to enable you to make the mixture into the form of a loaf. If it seems a little too moist to retain its shape well, add a few breadcrumbs. Place in a small buttered baking pan, sprinkle the top with crumbs and dots of butter and bake brown. It is excellent when served with tomato sauce, or the sauce may be used in the loaf instead of cream. Left-over gravy from meat also makes a very good sauce for this dish.

SCALLOPED HAM

Chop fine two hard-boiled eggs, and put about two-thirds of a cup of cold pulled ham through the meat grinder. Take two-thirds of a cup of fine-sifted breadcrumbs and mix them well with a tablespoonful of melted butter, so they are evenly coated. Sprinkle the bottom of a buttered baking dish with some of the crumbs, cover with half the eggs. Over these pour a good half-cup of white sauce and over this sprinkle half the ham; then repeat, and cover the top layer with the remaining crumbs. Bake till the crumbs are brown.

The Sewing Room

Patterns 10 cents each. Order by number and size. If for children, give age; for infants, give weight. Measure for waist, and waist measure for skirts. Address all orders to the Pattern Department.

CHILD'S ONE-PIECE DRESS, 781

Dresses that so modest in style are sure to appeal to a busy mother. This dress is made in a way to make it becoming fullness. The dress is cut in one piece. There are only the undergarments that are added to the sleeves. It is joined to the yoke and the closing is made at the back.

For a child of 7 years of age, the material required is 2 1/2 yards of material 27, 3 1/2 yards 36 or 44 inches wide, with 4 yards of insertion.

This pattern is cut in sizes for children of 2, 4 and 6 years of age.

YORK HOUSE, 781

The yoke blouse is always an attractive and becoming one, for it allows effective use of the sewing materials. This one includes sleeves that are added to the armholes.

For a woman of medium size will be required 2 1/2 yards of material 27, 3 1/2 yards 36 or 44 inches wide, with 4 yards 27 inches wide for yoke and cuffs, 7 1/2 yards of lace 1/2 inch wide for the under sleeves.

This pattern is cut in sizes 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

SIX-GORED SKIRT, 782

The skirt that is trimmed with a deep band at sides and front is a very new one and is exceedingly smart. This model can be treated in that way or can be left plain, while again the band can be made with a diagonal front edge or with a straight one. For the medium size will be required 6 1/2 yards of material 27, 4 1/2 yards 36 or 44 inches wide for the band; 5 yards 27, 3 1/2 yards 36 or 44 inches wide for the skirt without the band. The width of the skirt at the lower edge is 3 1/2 yards.

This pattern is cut in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40.

SEMI-PRINCESS GOWN, 782

WITH SQUARE OR ROUND COLLAR.

Semi-princess gowns closed at the front are among the newest and most desirable offered.

Scalloped edges are greatly in vogue and the gown made with the front edge and upper edge of the skirt scalloped all around, bound, would make a charming effect.

For a woman of medium size will be required 3 1/2 yards of material 27, 4 1/2 yards 36 or 44 inches wide with 14 yards 27 inch trimming. The width of the skirt at the lower edge is 3 1/2 yards.

This pattern, No. 782, is cut in sizes for 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 42 inch bust.

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