

THE COLONY DIARY
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willingness to help establish a new form of society. We are rushing as hard as we can in order to get ourselves well entrenched before the crash comes. Three days a week with work! Oh my! Look at the last time the rest of the time! Improve yourself? Oh yes, you might, but you could do nothing that would improve yourself and the condition of your fellows half as much as by digging in and helping us to make our demonstration large enough to be seen internationally. I hardly think that there ever was a colony that tackled the problem as we are doing it. And I am sure none have ever made the success we have made and are making. No, fellows, unless you want to work, you had better not come here at his time—unless you are able to take care of yourself without work; because this is a big job and once you get the idea, you will soon put on your harness and do as we have been doing for several years. Of course, we enjoy it. Doesn't Henry Ford enjoy his daily work? Sure and Edison, Steinmetz and the real doers of the age. Take their work away and they would not care much about living. And, really, we have tackled the largest job in the world, showing co-operators how to co-operate. If you have a boy who wishes to learn the shoe-maker's trade you put him in a shoe-shop. If a girl desires to learn to make dresses you send her to the dress-maker's shop. So with co-operation. If you desire to be a co-operator, you must get into the game where they are practicing co-op-

HELLO CENTRAL

By Joshua Long

Hello, Central! Give me Mr. Marconi. No, no—I didn't say macaroni—I said Marconi—M-A-R-C-O-N-I—the man who discovered wireless telegraphy and such things. Hello! That you, Marc? Yes. Excuse me for butting in on you when you are busy, but I have just received a message from Mars, and I thought I would call you up and tell you about it. What's that? Sounds fishy. Perhaps, but it's a genuine message alright, because it contained—What's that? Can I read it? Certainly, it's in perfectly good English and contains checks—Eh? Are those checks really checks? No, there is nothing said about checks; the message is in English and contains checks, one of which is to apply on the phone—What's that? Have we already established radio communication between the Colony and the planet Mars? No, no—I have not said anything about the planet Mars and its canals. I just wanted to tell you that I have received a message, or letter, from Mars—J. B. Mars, of New Mexico—containing a check for Ten Dollars, to be applied upon the fund being raised to install an up-to-date telephone system in the Colony. You see, Comrade Mars expects to join us soon, and, of course, it would be much nicer if we might have this telephone system in operation, along with our electric lights and the water system which we hope to have before a great while—and the other modern conveniences which we will add from time to time as our means will permit—yes, I say that it would be nice if we might have these things already in operation when Comrade Mars and others come to make this their home so that it would not be necessary for them to go through the little discomforts of pioneer life which we who are here have had to contend with. Now, these pioneer conditions can be overcome in short order provided those who are contemplating joining us will advance the funds needed to provide the necessary material and equipment—we will do the work and—presto—our little city will be in a position to offer all modern conveniences and comforts to all who may come. Isn't it a prospect worthy of a little effort—a little fore-thought—a little determination to pool our remaining resources to be used to our mutual benefit, rather than let it lie in some private bank to be used by the exploiters. Think it over and back your convictions on the theories of co-operation by a little actual practice, either in work or in a substantial contribution to the funds needed to put across our program. It can be done and WE CAN DO IT. "Where there is a will, there is a way." We have the WILL, and co-operation is the WAY, and NOW is the TIME. Comrades, it is up to you to get into the co-operative movement to the limit of your ability to do so—right now; if not with us, then with some other organization—it is immaterial how and where you co-operate, but co-operate you must or we go back into slavery more galling than anything the world has ever known.

Here are three comrades who want to see a telephone system installed in Llano and are willing to put their money up against our work that the thing may be accomplished. Who will be next?

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eration. Get away from competition and among co-operators. And at New Llano we are carrying out the complete program and abolishing all the inhuman, unjust practices of capitalism as fast as we can. Come down to work comrades—it's our job and you will think more of yourself after you are on it.

Friday, Aug. 18. — Last night the psychological meeting was turned over to a group of U. S. Government conservation men. Several of them spoke and particularly dwelled upon the subject of conserving the great pine forests for the future as well as taking care of our feathered friends, the birds. Mr. Alexander, the principal speaker, told us of the great resources of this state. Of course, you know it is one of the foremost states in the union in furnishing lumber. But did you know that just south of the Colony about 75 miles is the greatest sulphur deposits in the world? Well it is so, and a little east of these sulphur mines is to be found great deposits of salt that test out nearly 100 percent pure. This state is now fourth in oil production and they are still discovering more oil fields in the state. Oyster beds in the lower part of the state are of the very best and the industry is growing each year. The wild game in this state is abundant, especially ducks, quail, wild turkey and deer. Fish of almost all kinds are to be found in our streams and our climate is especially good up here in the highlands of Western La. What this state needs is development, the people have lived off Nature's abundant supplies to the detriment of their own development, and that of the agricultural pursuits. For instance, we are doing the only tanning of any consequence in this part of the state. We expect to develop this particular industry. We have the only brick plant in a radius of 100 miles. The only sash and door factory around this country. The largest dairy and more cleared land has been put by from our efforts recently than by any other farmers. There is surely a great opportunity in the South right now and I for one, sincerely hope the co-operators will get busy now, and take advantage of the chance. If you want to see what we are doing, come down and look us over. In another year or two we will have most of the modern conveniences established and some good modern homes—it all depends upon those who help now, either financially or physically as to our enlargement. To-night the sex hygiene class met at the children's club house and we wound up the evening with the starting of a physical culture class. At the school house the agricultural class held sway until 9 p.m. (after which the board of directors held a short meeting which closed the day's activities.

Saturday, Aug. 19. — Our boiler and engine shut down to-day to allow Bill to clean up and get the steam plant in good shape for the winter's run. This, of course, closed down all the steam engines and all the fellows at the saw-mill, the brick crew and some of the carpenters took axes and saws and went to the woods to cut wood for the big boiler. Busick continues to haul saw-logs, while Kemp, De Boer Van and Waters went to Anacoco for cypress bolts to make shingles to finish the roof on the roof-garden. Ole, Lottie, Gilbert and Belohradsky set up a small steam boiler to pump water to help them clean out the steam plant, but were much gratified to find the big boiler in excellent shape. They said the water here was the easiest on boilers they had ever seen. Rechsteiner and Langridge are building an addition to the bakery plant by extending the shed roof on the south side of the packing room and enclosing it where the delivery autos can be kept, loaded and made ready to go on the early morning trips. C. C. West, wife and two daughters came up to visit us over the week-end and help line out plans for harvesting the rice crop. Comrade West has been devoting nearly all his time to the rice farm and letting "brother Fred" look after their store in Jennings. The new cafeteria is finished, excepting the running in of the water line and Jaques is doing this work. Of course, when this place opens up it will again put the kindergarten back into normalcy and Myrtle will be glad; also it will give the school a nice new eating place in a very desirable quarters. The school kiddos has their picnic as usual to-day, but were called back to school at 1 p.m., in order to let the high school group gather up odds and ends of their work for this year's school term. You see, we run our school six days in the week, four hours in the school house and four hours in the industries for practical work. The graded classes taking the school hours in the morning, the high school using it in the p.m. The Conlins' bread route fell to the lot of "yours truly" to-day, and I had a very pleasant visit over at Fal, Rosepine, Neame and Pickering, where I renewed old friends and sold them bread, pies, cakes and other good things made by our bakers. We have a good trade out this way, yet Harry Bell has a better route going north of town. It

is rather nice for the "lady reporter" to take a trip some times and acquaint herself with other people's business. She finds it quite a task to keep in touch with all our affairs and people as the group of faithful grows and expands. The dancing school was held as usual to-night at the hotel as also was the dance later. Of course, the electric lights were on as usual. You see, Kling and Loutrel put a tractor at the north side of the lighting plant, ran a belt from the tractor to the generator, and lights were supplied as usual. Lindsey was the guilty man who ran the engine. The crowds at our dances are getting so large that we hardly have room for them and an extra effort will be made to finish the roof garden at once in order to occupy that larger hall very soon with both our dances and our athletic training. A nice gymnasium will fill a long felt want at New Llano. Interest children in a better physical body and you will not need to worry about their morals. Clean, wholesome social life is also a necessary thing for all well-balanced people.

Sunday, Aug. 20. — As I flew along the road towards the rice ranch to-day in a sliver, I wondered if you people on the outside really understand why we are buying more land. Did you ever realize that if the ownership of the land were to pass wholly into the hands of our master financiers, we could not live except by the permission of these owners. Isn't it almost to that point now? Is any class of American people in a worse condition than our American farmer? He who thought himself so gloriously independent a few years ago now enjoys the freedom of a caged bird that gets its food doled out by its owner. Now, I don't say all are in that condition, but some are even worse, because the owner refuses to dole out the "bird seed" to them. Well, when a group of workers own land enough upon which to produce sufficient food for their needs, it would be a hard job to starve them out. We are trying to prepare for the inevitable starvation process. This year thousands of farms are unproductive because the working farmer could not afford to put in a crop and many of the "farm farmer" farmers could not get credit at the bank to assist the worker to put in a crop. What next? A shortage of food produced, a closer combine will take charge of our food and the price will be beyond the reach of millions of people. How many thousands of people went hungry last winter? Will it not increase in numbers this year? I am afraid so. And why? Because they do not own the land upon which to grow the necessities of life. Now, the more land we own the greater the number of people we can permit to come here to work on the land. The more different kinds of food stuffs we grow, the greater will be the variety of our food. Is it not reasonable for us to get this land into our possession, clear of all indebtedness? If people will intensively cultivate the soil, a large number can be sustained on a few thousand acres. Of course, I know some of you talk about taking the land; but the bunch is taking nothing but that which the masters allow them to have. So, I say, buy it and live, rather than talk and starve. In 1919 I heard people shout "No beer, no work." Well, the beer is gone, but they are begging for work instead of refusing it. Why bluff and become slaves? Let us get down to business and establish a workers' new order of things—a society in which we shall secure the full product of our toil. When the masters may look on but not partake, unless they will work with us and only get what they need—not what they choose to have. Buy the land while we can; establish our own industries now and begin to produce for use. Yes, that is just what we have done. We have about 5,000 acres of land and thirty useful industries going. We want you to put your money into more land and enlarge the holdings of the co-operators in order to make our demonstration larger and more effective. We can by this method better serve our cause and that is why we call upon you for your support, while the land can be had at a low price. When this land is all paid for we shall then be in a position to develop our fruit farm on the Isle of Pines and our standard of living will be much advanced by the fruit from that estate. There is no limit to what we can do if we get together and try. We are doing it. Where do you stand, comrade?

Monday, Aug. 21. — A trip to the rice ranch to-day was the program and as we looked over the work of the boys there, it was easy to see the large amount of good work done there this year. We did not acquire this piece of land (273 acres) until late this spring—so we rushed in and plowed 160 acres, disced, harrowed and planted it to rice. As it grew, water was pumped onto it and soon a crop began to show. To-day most of the 160 acres has begun to "head out" and it will not be long until some of it will be ready to harvest. As the harvest starts it should all come on in rapid succe-

sion and there will be no stop to the job until we reach the end. The binder and the thresher are about ready to go from New Llano to the rice farm, where we shall trade work with our neighbors. Well, we closed the deal for 80 acres more rice land in full crop and all together, we should have about 3,000 sacks (200 lbs. each) of rice this fall. We should be very much pleased to exchange rice for some of your crops—for Irish potatoes, apples, wheat, beans, or other useful foods that you may have to exchange. Car-load lots will suit us best. Can't you neighbors get up a car-load to exchange for either rice or sweet potatoes? Will West and wife are keeping the big colony house at the rice farm, C. C. West is helping to keep the crop in right condition, while Comrade Gallo and Vernon Boyce are firing and running the engine and the pump. These fellows don't count hours down on this job. They are all doing their best to get a good crop and have made a success of it, too. Yes, we will start another colony there. In fact it is now started and before next summer we should build a community kitchen and dining hall as well as a social center. Our big problem is to find some one here whom we can spare to help put that place on the map as a co-operative institution. We shall have to find a new "czar." Can you not see the spreading of this kind of constructive action? The rice farm and its well and pumping plant are strategic points for a larger Colony. There are several hundred acres that we ought to have there and we can get it, too, very cheap at this time. Is it any wonder we call for more cash when these opportunities are so close at hand and on such good soil? The rice farm is one of our very best assets and we will shove it to the limit. If the worst should come, we can grind our own rice into flour for bread and eliminate the use of wheat. Truly we are preparing for the future and we call upon you to help in this preparation. Do you see any other way out? If so, we will boost you and your way; but we feel sure we are on the right track and invite you to come and see for yourself. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. The musical classes met as usual at the school house to-night, but the children's mental science class was postponed because their teacher, "ye lady reporter," was out joy-riding at the rice farm. Comrade Waters went to the rice farm to help start the fall plowing and will remain there for about a week.

Tuesday, Aug. 22. — A very interesting visitor was at the Colony for the last week and made a pretty thorough investigation of our methods and the possibilities of our success. This was Comrade Mardfin, of New York. He was a member of the old Ruskin Colony in Tennessee, and was a member there at the time it broke up. He says that colony was a financial success, but was broken from within its own membership. This runs parallel with our own experience. Our greatest disturbances have always come from within our own membership from those who claim to be co-operators. Which to us verifies our statement that the greatest problem is psychological and that co-operators should stand with each other instead of against each other. Comrade Mardfin had two suggestions to make regarding a change of our policy and literature. He thinks we should always be ready to refund any member's cash in event he become dissatisfied; but admits it is impossible for us to do so while in the promotion stage. He admits we are doing the best we can under existing circumstances and we were very much pleased to have a man of his experience in the movement see that point. Our literature, we think, plainly sets forth our ideals and intentions and when people come here to join us it is with the intention of helping us carry out our program. If they weaken or drop out for any cause they should not expect us to lessen our chances of success by keeping money in a capitalistic bank in order to make them secure should they desire to quit the game. Mr. Mardfin feels that our literature is faulty in one spot, in that we say we are "a nucleus to the Co-operative Commonwealth"—but we feel we are, and sincerely hope we are, and are working to that end. We are setting our standard high, and are honestly working toward it. With these two criticisms coming from so learned a comrade, we feel much pleased that our institution measures up to his standards so well. He feels we have the right form of organization, that we are

faithfully sincere and honest in our purposes and he thinks we have gathered together a wonderful group of people. We are always glad to have such men as Comrade Mardfin to visit us and we do not resent any advice they may see fit to give. Men who have had experience in this phase of the movement are capable of giving good advice and, if their motive is right, they can do the Colony and the movement much good. When old-timers in the game tell us they believe we are doing the best we can and that our group is sincerely and honestly trying to carry out its ideals, we fear no attack from those who misrepresent or who wish to disrupt. If we only make a success on a 20,000-acre piece of land, we have at least done something for our cause—but let me tell you, 20,000 acres will never be our boundary line, if others come in and join us or help us to spread out on to broader fields. Expansion is what we want you to help us do. We feel we are on the right track and that you and others will help. That some day the world will be a world of brotherhood such as we have here, only much better from our experiences here. We have here a college for developing co-operators, and it is education we all need, before we can truly co-operate. We don't claim to have the only way, but we know we have one way of doing it; because we are co-operating, and are succeeding. Practical use of co-operation is the only way to demonstrate it. And to do the job you must get into the game yourself. Don't stand on the sidelines and watch us—get in and help us, and we will never have to refund your money, and our goal will be reached with the Co-operative Commonwealth brot about, if everybody desires and practices it. We are only human beings who dare step forward and try what others talk about. We shall make mistakes; people will join us and leave, but we shall not change from our purpose. Pure voluntary co-operation as a nucleus to the Co-operative Commonwealth and nothing less. Are you with us or against us?

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If you are one of this class, do not hesitate. Arrange to spend your vacation at Llano and see if you do not belong here.

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