

# What "the Comain" Says This Week

Interesting News Items and Editorials form the Magazine Published by Secretary F. M. Burnett of the Y. M. C. A. for the Special Benefit of the Mill Workers

### USE YOUR GARDEN SPOT.

Each and every family will be provided with plenty of ground for a garden spot this summer. Your superintendent and the outside overseer will see to it that you are supplied with a good garden spot. To encourage everybody, and in order to make it easy for each family to use their garden spot, the Companies will give the ground one good deep plowing. There ought not to be a family in our entire group of mills without a first class garden. There is no telling just how much a good vegetable garden will save a family.

### VINES ON EVERY PORCH.

It so happens sometimes that the front yard is so small or for some other unavoidable reason it is impossible to do very much with a variety of flowers. Whether much is done with flowers or not, it is possible to have pretty green vines on every porch—both front and back. Nothing will make your home look more pleasant or home like. Vines are easy to grow. The ground should be spaded up at least twelve inches deep, and well rotted manure carefully worked in. Then when the ground gets warm, sow morning glories, climbing nasturtiums or any other good climbing seeds. Sprinkle well with water late every day, preferably after the sun goes down, and, when the vines come up, run some strings from the ground to the top of the porch. If you will then give the vines the proper care, the vines themselves will do the rest. Why not try them this year? Remember that the slogan for the Anderson mill villages is: "Vines on Every Porch."

### A WASHINGTON DISPATCH.

We wrote to Congressman Aiken and Senator E. D. Smith and asked them to use their influence in getting us some good flower and vegetable seeds for the families in our mill villages. We are glad to give the good news contained in the following letter from Senator Smith:

United States Senate, Committee on Immigration, 23rd March, 1914. Mr. F. M. Burnett, General Secretary Y. M. C. A. Anderson, S. C.

My Dear Sir: Responding to your favor of recent date asking that I send you an assortment of flower and vegetable seed for the use in six cotton mills in your section, permit me to say that I am today making arrangements to have fifteen hundred packages of vegetable seed forwarded you. They will be under my blank frank and of course can be addressed by you to go through the mail without postage. The seed should reach you in the course of a week or ten days.

With reference to the flower seed, I am informed that my quota has been exhausted, however, I shall make an effort to procure an additional quota and, if successful, will send you a nice assortment of these.

I am very glad to have the suggestion in this regard from you and it is a pleasure to serve you at all times.

Sincerely yours, E. D. Smith.

As soon as these seeds arrive, Mr. Mims will deliver them to each home in all the mill villages. You will note that Senator Smith is making an effort to secure flower seeds also.

### YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR.

Of course it is discouraging, after you have done your best to make your own home and immediate surroundings attractive to look across the street or to glance at the home next door, and see that your neighbors show their places to remain an eye-sore. Do not worry because your neighbors refuse to do their part. We have noticed that, if a majority of families on any street make up their minds to have beautiful surroundings, their unprogressive neighbors will either clean up or clear out. A word of encouragement is sometimes helpful to such a neighbor. The fact is, this idea of beautiful home surroundings in our village communities has become so popular that even the most neglectful are beginning to sit up and take notice. The chances are, if you do your very best, your neighbor will catch

your spirit and will strive to have beautiful surroundings also.

### WE ARE PLEASED.

To say that we are pleased by the hearty response and splendid co-operation of practically every family living in every single village in and around Anderson is indeed putting it very mildly, when it comes to cleaning up our mill villages. Not only did practically every family observe "Cleaning Up Week," but the way in which the Companies got the trash hauled off was great. We want to thank every single person who helped out on this important work. It seems that "everybody worked" and father too, and that is why this beginning of our work together was so successful. We are just as sorry as can be that each and every boy and girl who worked so hard did not get a prize; all of them deserved one, however we feel that winning a prize was not the aim; the good people in the mill villages around Anderson entered into this cleaning up matter simply because they are progressive and take great pride in their homes and surroundings. Look up the list of prize winners in this issue of the COMIAN. We expect to have their pictures in the May issue.

### WHAT THEY THINK OF US.

"THE COMIAN appeared today. The paper is well gotten up, carries a lot of Association news and many forceful editorials."—The State.

"THE COMIAN is full of Burnett, and superlatives predominate."—A. Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

"The COMIAN is alright. I congratulate you upon Volume 1, No. 1, and shall look forward with eager interest to the various numbers. It is like you to do big things."—Another Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

"I am very much interested in THE COMIAN. I note with special interest that your night schools have reached such a large enrollment. Our enrollment is now between 375 and 400."—D. L. Probert, Gen. Sec. Y. M. C. A., Charlotte, N. C. (You have us beat to a frazzle; we hereby take it all back.—The Editor.)

### CO-OPERATION.

We are already convinced that co-operation is to be the big word in this important work which THE COMIAN is published to help along.

Co-operation is one of the big words of this generation. Never before has so much emphasis been placed upon this important word. After all, it is the spirit behind anything that makes it go, and we feel especially that such spirit is prevalent among our mill villages in Anderson. To obtain the largest possible results it is necessary for every one to lend a hand. We have noticed the very heartiest spirit of co-operation on the part of even the smallest children in the schools, as well as that of the teachers, the fathers and mothers, the brothers and sisters, the overseers, superintendents, and the mill presidents. Even the store-keepers have entered into the plans as outlined in the first issue of the COMIAN with a spirit of hearty co-operation. This is great. Let's go to it together.

### THE LONESOME ONES.

In case there are persons now living in the Anderson mill villages who do not expect to try to beautify their homes this season, we venture the assertion that they will certainly be mighty lonesome. All of the ambitious and progressive people living in this section are anxious for the mill towns here to gain the reputation of being among the best kept in the state. We are making several suggestions in this issue of the COMIAN telling when and how to plant flowers and vegetables and a lot of other good suggestions about beautifying and making the home surroundings comfortable. The aim in all the villages this year is to have EVERY HOUSE ON EVERY STREET looking pretty. Don't fail to try to get your neighbor to enter into the spirit of making your own village as attractive as possible. If your neighbor has an ugly yard it will detract from the looks of your own. Do your best to make your home surroundings pretty and attractive, otherwise you will feel mighty bad and lonesome this summer.

### BE PREPARED.

A few days ago the Editor introduced a young man to one of the leading business men of Anderson. This young fellow was looking for a job. He was willing to work, he wanted to work. It happened that this particular business man had two positions open. For one of these places he would pay \$5.00 per week; the other was a \$15.00 per week job. The business man said something like this to the young applicant for work: "Yes, I can use you, but can pay you only \$5.00 per week. I am needing someone tremendously just now in another capacity. If you were prepared for this better position, I would be very glad indeed to give you a trial."

We are indebted to Mr. Leon L. Rice for the splendid article on "Does it Pay to Save?" Be sure to read it carefully.

### DOES IT PAY TO SAVE?

Suppose you make twelve dollars a week and save one-fourth of it; place this three dollars each week in a savings bank; how long do you suppose it would take for your savings to accumulate so that the interest alone would continue the payments? The answer is seventeen and one-half years, and at that time you would have \$3,644.80 in the bank and the interest alone would amount to more than three dollars a week. At this time you could cease saving and the interest would keep up the payments just as you had done in the days when you were most able. Old age has no terrors for the man who saves. Is it not strange that we go ahead with youth and health and strength, unmindful of tomorrow? It is your duty to save, and from this day henceforth save something each week, and tomorrow will take care of itself.

### WORTH \$78.00 TO MR. HALE.

The following account of the splendid results from his garden was given to the Editors of THE COMIAN by Mr. Geo. W. Hale, who lives on Hammatt street in the Orr village. We are mighty glad to have such splendid reports and take pleasure in printing such matter. Mr. Hale talks of his garden as follows:

"In the spring I plow or spade my garden all over as much as twice, after broadcasting plenty of stable manure to make the ground fairly rich. I work my garden every time it rains as soon as the ground will do to work; no matter how often that is. I TELL YOU WE HAVE PLENTY OF FINE VEGETABLES AT OUR HOUSE, THE NICE FRESH ONES, AND WE DON'T FOOL WITH CANNED GOODS. Now last year we sold, as nearly as I can estimate it: Cabbage \$3.00; beans \$5.00; Irish potatoes \$2.50; onions \$4.00; strawberries \$2.00; turnips \$2.00; peppers \$1.50; tomatoes \$2.50; collards \$4.50; now I know if I bought what vegetables we eat it would cost us something like this: Cabbage \$13.00; collard \$9.00; beans \$7.00; Irish potatoes \$4.50; onions \$3.50; strawberries \$3.00; turnips \$5.00; peppers \$1.00; tomatoes \$3.00; and I know I give away more than \$5.00 worth of vegetables" season. So you see, counting at I use myself and what I sell my garden is worth to me in cash \$78.00 each year. Now I don't feel right without doing some work around the place I live, even if it does belong to somebody else. My wife and I both enjoy working in our garden and we are expecting to have a good one this season.

### PROMOTED

Friends of Mr. C. E. Graves will be interested in the announcement that he has been promoted to second hand in Weave Room No. 1. It is of interest to note, in this connection, that Mr. Graves is a faithful member of the Y. M. C. A. Textile School. We congratulate you, Mr. Graves.

### A 1913 PRIZE WINNER AT BROGON.

Mr. W. E. Cathy, who lives at No. 12 B. St., a winner of two prizes last season, is already busy on this 1914 garden. It is important to have the ground well prepared, and Mr. Cathy, before any planting is done, we have plenty of room in our mill gardens, and there is no reason why every mill family should not

have a first class garden. It is mighty important to have a well planned rotation of vegetables. I rotate my beans, radishes, lettuce, etc., and just as soon as one crop is off I plant another one. Last year I didn't use any commercial fertilizer at all, I used stable manure freely, and after every rain I was careful to stir the soil well. When fall began to come on, I followed my beans, lettuce, etc., with collards, late cabbage, turnips and fall onions. INSTEAD OF BUYING VEGETABLES, WE SELL THEM ALL THE YEAR ROUND, AND WHEN YOU GET VEGETABLES OUT OF YOUR OWN GARDEN, YOU KNOW THEY ARE FRESH. My garden spot is below the average on the Brogon hill, because the sun does not hit it fair. As soon as grass or weeds appear, I kill them right out; I do not allow anything to grow in my garden except what I plant. Rotation of crops and keeping the garden clean are mighty important."

### AN APPEAL TO BOYS.

(By a Cigarette.)  
Boys, follow me!  
What will I do for you if you will let me lead you? I will take every noble purpose out of your life. I will create in you a desire for the lower things of life. I will make you so dull and stupid that you will be called a block-head. I will prevent you from holding any position of trust and honor.

I will introduce you to the people who later will fill the jails and penitentiaries of this land. I will open for you the doors of the saloon and gambling houses, and I will leave you in some penitentiary or insane asylum, a dejected pauper and a physical wreck!

You need not take my word for this. Many a drunkard will tell you that I gave him the desire for strong drink. Ask the keeper of an insane asylum why so many men are spending miserable lives there, and he will tell you that many of them are there because I weakened their minds. Ask the men behind the different prison bars and many of them will tell you that they would now be respected citizens if they had never joined my ranks. Boys this is my creed. Will you follow me? I will do exactly as I have promised. I have never failed.

(Melvin C. Smith in The Boy Magazine.)

### FREE MOVING PICTURES.

We are glad to announce that we have secured four moving picture reels which we are going to show free in all the villages in which Mr. Mims is working. These pictures were produced by the Edison Company for the National Association of Manufacturers, and we were able to secure them through the courtesy of the Industrial Department of the Y. M. C. A. Beginning on Monday night, March 30th, the pictures will be shown as follows: Monday night, Orr Mill; Tuesday night, Gluck; Wednesday, we leave blank on account of prayer meetings; Thursday night, Brogon and Equinox at Brogon; Friday night, Anderson Mill; Saturday night, Riverside-Towaway. These pictures will be free to everybody in the mill villages and we especially urge the mothers to come and bring the children.

These are dandy good pictures, and the subjects of the reels are: "The Crime of Carelessness," "The American in the Making," "The Man He Might Have Been," "The Workman's Lesson."

### REMEMBER

Spitting on floors is a filthy habit; it spreads disease, and causes death.

Don't use snuff; it is bad for the health and not body-like.

Put by something every day to buy a home for sickness.

Have fresh air in your bed room tonight and every night, and thus save doctor's bills.

Always put on wraps when coming out from the hot mill into the cold.

The front porch is not the place to air bed clothing.

Send your children to school till they are 12 years or older; you are responsible for their future.

### THE PRIZE WINNERS.

We are glad to be able to announce the prize winners in our "Cleaning Up Contest." The progressive people in our villages certainly made a clean sweep of this cleaning up business and we congratulate them heartily, especially do we congratulate those who were successful in winning prizes. These prizes will be delivered at the various free moving picture shows which will be given

March 30th-April 4th, as announced in this issue of THE COMIAN. Competition was close in this contest. We thank everybody who helped to make it a success. The winners are as follows:  
Anderson Mill—Pearson Simpson and Isabel Johnson.  
Brogon—William Clayton and Ruth Kine.  
Equinox—Grady Foster and Tommie Stevenson.  
Riverside-Towaway—Henry Sisk and Estelle Hutchison.  
Orr—Tillman Roper and Fannie Sue Harris.  
Gluck—William Burke and Myrtle Ivester.

As announced in the first issue of THE COMIAN, the boy winner in each village gets a Spalding glove and the girl a beautiful doll.

### T. H. HARMON.

Gluck Village.  
When asked to give a few notes on how he always makes a good garden, said: Use a right smart of stable manure broadcasted over the ground and then plowed under good and deep. I always fix my ground good before I plant for I believe in raising vegetables in the ground and not in the moon or other places off the ground. Now when I go to lay off the rows in my garden I use a line and then I get the rows all the same distance apart and the garden looks better when the rows are all straight and nice.

I've been living at Gluck nearly five years and always have a good garden. Last year I know I sold cabbage \$10.00, beans \$10.00, Irish potatoes \$4.00, onions \$5.00; turnips \$4.75; tomatoes \$4.00; okra \$1.50; and I know I give away \$2.00 worth and I figure my garden was worth to me for my own use: Cabbage \$3.00; beans \$5.00; Irish potatoes \$3.00; onions \$1.00; turnips \$3.00; tomatoes \$2.00; okra \$1.00. At the very lowest figures my garden was worth \$59.25 to me last year and I wouldn't try to get along without my garden.

### ANDERSON MILL ITEMS.

Mr. Paul Fowler, who has been attending the Textile School in Spartanburg, is visiting his mother on A street.

Rev. S. W. Danner and wife have been called to Union on account of the serious illness of Mr. Danner's nephew.

Mr. J. T. Thrift, who has been getting some very fine exercise along with valuable work in his garden, says that the man who beats him along the vegetable line this summer will be going some. Go to it, Mr. Thrift, a good vegetable garden pays.

We note with interest that both the Baptist and Methodist churches of the Anderson village are planning beautiful flower services. Both of these enterprising congregations realize that people will attend church provided the services are made interesting and attractive.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wells are now keeping house and live on E street No. 91.

Sept. Clark is already planning to have a pretty mill yard this summer. His example is worthy. Which of our mills in Anderson is going to have the prettiest and best kept mill yard this summer?

### EQUINOX BRIEFS.

Mr. J. E. Cox lives on Church street. He stated that he moved to Equinox in June, and that he liked Anderson splendidly. We were struck with the cleanliness of Mr. Cox's place, and he is laying a foundation for a splendid garden.

Church street in the Equinox village bids fair to be one of the prettiest streets to be found around Anderson. Practically every family on Church street has planned for pretty yards and good gardens.

Although many of the houses in Equinox are vacant owing to the repairs now going on which necessitates the closing down of the machinery, it is very noticeable that the people made practically no noise during the meeting up of the mill.

### NEWS FROM AROUND TOWAWAY.

Mr. J. C. Whitman of Riverside has been very ill for some time. He states that during his entire illness the good people of Riverside have been real nice to him, and that he has had plenty of company.

Mr. T. W. Ford and family of Greenville have moved to Towaway. Mr. Ford thinks both he and family are going to like Anderson splendidly.

Much interest is being shown in the contest for good yards, pretty surroundings and attractive vegetable gardens in both Riverside and Towaway.

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