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The Colony Diary

Being a Daily Report of Colony Life at Llano.

Wednesday. — This whole day has passed and I haven't had time to read the mail. Now, that is only a colony condition at every point. Spring time is here, lots of work, more work than we can possibly do in a day, and it will always be so as long as we continue to build co-operation with an intention of converting others to our belief. Gault, Kling and Sanders are unloading the caterpillar, thresher, binder and other farm tools; it is some job handling 39,000 lbs of machinery on one car. Jaques is making shingles, while Vernon, Loutrell, Matz, Roede and Ole are building another small house for the Gault family. Landrum is now firing the big boiler while Gault is laid up with a sore hand. H. C. Sutton came back to the Colony to spend a vacation. Comrade Sutton paid for a room at the hotel and is entitled to stay with us as a visitor, with no cost to himself until his deposit is entirely boarded out. He will get value received for his money and we will enjoy his company at the same time. He is an excellent flute player and is quite an addition to our orchestra. Comrade Aaby has a steady job making sweet-potato crates at the crate factory, Benton, Waters and Babb assisted by some of the children, are still tiling at the old garden patch. They use brick for tiling purposes and are doing a good job. Comrade Shutt is the fireman at the laundry and printery boiler and Mr. and Mrs. Beavers, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Connors are having a busy time keeping us all fitted out with clean and well-mended clothes. Our laundry is a source of comfort to us all and is doing excellent work. As soon as we get some more brick masons, we intend to build a new up-to-date laundry, with a modern equipment that will make the work easy and add to the comfort of the workers. Our women work in the laundry as a Colony service and it is just as important as any work that is done any place. In fact, I don't know of anything more necessary for our good, unless it is the preparation of our food. The greater the service one renders, under co-operation, the more power it gives to those rendering it. And we must take our hats off to the workers at the laundry for good service rendered. Rose Belohradsky is helping at the stenog. office this p.m. The Democrat is off press and ready for the mail and to-morrow it will be the Colonist to the press. Mrs. Cantrell, Rose, Comrades Buck, Gleaser and Newman, assisted by C. Shutt, Maxine and Victor Gaddis, Albert Kapoty and Arthur Montrose (school children), are doing all in their power to keep your colony papers going to you, besides doing lots of outside printing. By the way, don't forget we can do your printing as well as anybody else. And we are co-operators. Mrs. Sanders started to work at the store to-day and Gertrude West started to school. Mrs. Gault was hurt in an accident Monday and will not be able to start work for several days. It certainly looks good to us to see new members, women as well as men, jump into the harness and show that their greatest aim in life is to make their ideal a practical demonstration for others to pattern after. The mandolin club, band and orchestra practiced early this evening and at 8 o'clock the Colony people gathered at the hotel to hear Mr. Abbott, Miss Le Fevre, and Miss Gleason, all of the University Extension, tell us of their work. They too, believe in co-operation, and they have agreed to come back some day and learn what we are doing.

Thursday, March 16. — The big caterpillar got obstreperous yesterday and backed into a deep ditch; quite a number of fellows are at work getting the old girl back on good ground. Oh joy! Two more new members to the "125-Club"! H. C. Hall and W. G. Denehan have sent in their names and expect to be here by Sept 1st. Now, who is next? One comrade asks: "After the '125-Club' is filled and paid up, then what?" Well, I can't say exactly what, but I have a good guess and suggestion. Thousands of people want to join us who have not enough money to pay a full membership fee. As soon as this project here is completely financed, I am sure we shall then

admit those who are paying on the installment plan and can come and help us put the whole 20,000 acres into use. Then we will start other colonies and back them up from the mother colony here at Newllano. The only reason we charge a membership fee at all is in order to buy land and equipment for rapid progress; furnish all colonists with modern homes as soon as possible and get the best out of life as soon as we can. We are self supporting now, but future progress drains our efforts to the limit. We keep our capital busy at all times and it is for the benefit of those who wish to come later. Did you join the "Dollar-Up Club" or the "125-Club"? If not, why not? It is to your interest as well as to the interest of all the workers of the world. The pioneer conditions don't bother us but we know many of you hesitate to come here and live in the houses we are now living in. We know it will take great numbers of people—and the right kind—to make this demonstration what it should be. Also we know most people will judge from outside display. We refuse to grandstand or show off; so you can see why we are anxious to get some buildings and homes built to prove what we are doing. Paying our old debts and gaining ownership of the property makes no showing to those outside; but we know what it means, and we are now ready to show those who are from Missouri. What is your IDEAL, comrades? Is it to do for yourself and your immediate family? Often we find people who plead for the human race and talk big things in a sentimental way—but when the test comes, their own welfare or that of some of their family is dearer to them than their ideal. Or, in other words, selfishness still rules them. Let me repeat again: "Unless you can eliminate selfishness, jealousy and suspicion, you are not yet ready for complete co-operation." Needless to say, many are not ready and it is our duty to point the way. This is the BIG THING at the Colony; our daily life is made up of service and we are very happy in the rendering of that service. Not for self, but for all must be our slogan. The psychological meeting was one of our best yet; and we who have been here longest realize its good to the community in the last two years. We learn not to look for the faults in each other, but for the virtues. We seek to find the places where we can co-operate with each other on essential points and forget the petty nonessential points that make for differences and opportunities to argue or quarrel. A nice box of rhubarb roots arrived to-day from Scott Harris, and we were much pleased to get them.

Friday, March 17. — The "lady reporter" has sneaked away from her usual job while the bosses are real busy and taken an hour's stroll around the industrial plant to see just what she could see and in order to let you know what a visitor might see in so short a time and just "who is where" to-day. I'll tell you whom I saw and where. Of course, Burton, Mrs. Dougherty, Mrs. Norgard, and Gertrude West are at the office. I had to dodge them, or they would put me back to work. I didn't see them, but I knew they were there and I was also sure I heard Mother Blair in Burton's office, where she has been doing some Colony hustling on her own hook for several days. Well, I said I would tell what I saw, so here goes: Passing thru the store I saw Gaddis working at his book-keeping and Mrs. Gaddis and Mrs. Sanders waiting on customers and straightening stock on the shelves of the store. Daddy Bell was propped up in bed patiently or impatiently reading a book (You see, Dad is still laid up with a bad foot). Kunz was in the bakeshop keeping fire and other things going while Joe is in Leesville delivering bread and pastry to our friends up there. Over at the shoe shop I found Geo. Cox making some ladies' shoes on a last that was also Colony-made (by Wobler). Realizing I was not out of the possible vision of my bosses, I hurried towards the mechanical building—like I had been sent for—and succeeding in getting there unnoticed. Here Rix was making a

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THE TRUTH NEVER DIES

Truth never dies. The ages come and go.
The mountains wear away, the seas retire;
Destruction lays earth's mighty cities low,
And empires, states and dynasties expire;
But, caught and handed onward by the wise,
Truth never dies.

Though unrecieved and scoffed at through the years,
Though made a butt of ridicule and jest,
Though held aloft for mockery and jeers,
Denied by those of transient power possessed,
Insulted by the insolence of lies—
Truth never dies.

It answers not, it does not take offense;
But with a mighty silence bides its time.
As some great cliff that braves the elements
And lifts through the storms its head sublime,
Till beams the sun resplendent from the skies
—Truth never dies.

As rests the Sphinx amid Egyptian sands,
As looms on high the snowy peak and crest,
As firm and patient as Gibraltar stands,
So truth, unwearied, waits the era blest,
When men shall turn to it with great surprise—
Truth never dies.

LLANO BUILDERS ARE COMING ALONG FAST

Very often the readers of the Llano Colonist wonder how it is possible for them to in some small way help to build the Colony. They read of the work which the colonists are doing and long to be able to do some small or large bit to assist to construct the great eminence which is rising upon the foundation of co-operative effort. One comrade in California conceived that a club among fellows like him who have no large sums of money, but who are working regularly, should be started to help the cause. These fellows promise to subscribe a dollar or more a month. This has been named the "DOLLAR-UP CLUB" and each member will promise to donate as sum each month, to be used for the upbuilding of the co-operative commonwealth.

THE "DOLLAR-UP CLUB"

Members of the "Dollar-Up Club" for the month of March are:

- Frank Gayer \$1.00
- Rose B. Blair 1.00
- L. L. Rhodes 1.00

It is estimated that \$125,000 will complete the buying of the Llano Plantation of 20,000 acres, and provide enough money to build Llano's big hotel dormitory. To produce enough in the Colony and sell it in the market would require years to create this fund and supply the needs of the colonists in addition. Every dollar's worth of material sold to the outside detracts both labor and time from the upbuilding of the future commonwealth. So several comrades have promised to join the Colony THIS YEAR and thus pledge their entrance fees to the fund for the completing of the \$125,000 program. This is called the "125-Club." The following have already signified their pledge:

THE "125-CLUB"

- Tom L. Potts
- A. B. Dawley
- W. G. Dunegan
- Harry C. Hall
- D. W. Van Schoich
- John Winters
- J. B. Mars
- Robert Wurfer

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COLONY RECEPTION IS PLEASANT TIME

All the gay and joyous spirits of the Colony were on hand in full regalia on Monday evening, at the reception held to honor Comrade Mrs. Rose B. Blair, who expects to leave for her home in Washington very soon.

Mrs. Blair holds a warm spot in the colonists' hearts for it was she who originated the phrase "Klink of the Brick," referring to Llano's building program. She has been spending several weeks among the colonists and has endeared herself to all. She goes back home to arrange her affairs that she may return and live at Llano.

The reception was somewhat formal for Llano, a reception committee meeting the guests in approved style. After the guests had assembled, dancing was indulged in, interspersed with musical and vocal numbers. The Llano quartette, by special request, rendered "Waiting for You" and encored with "Love's Old Sweet Song" in beautiful harmony. Mrs. G. E. Cantrell also by special request, sang "Genevieve," encoring with "Sweet and Low," both of which were well rendered.

The dances were especially adapted to the older folks, even "Dad" Dougherty and "Dad" Lloyd swinging a few sets in one of the Virginia reels, which were repeated several times until the fiddlers were worn out.

A variety of foreign folk dances, Chinese dialogues, funny stories, and a piece of home-made verse anent the Comrade's departure, made up the numbers of the program.

Some card enthusiasts played their favorite games in the corner during a part of the evening.

Ice cream and cake were served to a happy bunch.

During the evening a surprise event was arranged for Comrade Burton, whose birthday it was. Birthday cards were showered upon him, and although taken somewhat by surprise, he accepted the cards with unspeakable feelings.

COAL MINERS WILL STRIKE

(By The Federated Press)

Springfield, Ill. — The rank and file of the United Mine Workers of America have voted overwhelmingly by referendum, to strike March 31, if by that time a satisfactory agreement is not made between their representatives and the coal operators.

Your attention is drawn to the announcement of the rebuilding of Llano on another page. Here is the opportunity you have been looking for. Turn to it now.

SETS BALL ROLLING FOR MAY DAY ANNIVERSARY

The first shot in the 1922 May Day Celebration was fired when arrangements for the distribution of the responsibility for the various anniversary festivities were made.

This is the eighth anniversary of Llano Colony, and it will begin its ninth year with the usual celebration. As usual there will be an exhibition of the work of the several industries, of the school, and the farm, showing the strides which have been made since last May.

Sports, a ball game, picnic, and dance will be on the program, more details of which will appear later.

An effort will be made to complete the new roof garden for the celebration.

A CONTINUOUS ROUND OF PLEASURE

The colonists enjoyed a delightful evening's entertainment at the Dixie Pride Playhouse last Sunday night.

Three very interesting and instructive films supplied by the U. S. Department of Agriculture were shown, and a concert furnished by the Juvenile Orchestra and the Mandolin and Guitar Club listened to. This was the first appearance on the boards of the latter aggregation of musical talent of the colony.

If this first accomplishment is a fair criterion of the capability of that group our community can certainly congratulate itself to the prospects of many future musical treats of that nature.

LLANO SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE OPENED CAFETERIA

The Cafeteria at the Llano School opened for business in the children's club house Monday noon, with a full crowd of children and many grown kids on hand.

This school serves two important purposes. One is the training of the children in the art of preparing food in an appetizing and economical way, and the other is the serving of food for growing children which best fits their needs.

The first day's meal consisted of toasted whole-wheat bread, coddled egg, rolled oats with raisins and milk, vegetable and milk soup, peanuts with raisins, bread, cane syrup and peanut butter, glass of milk.

Six large tables were set and a second extra table had to be put into service as the adults strolled in to see the beginning of the children's cafeteria.

Because each child receives its living allowance the same as its parents, they pay their own way as they leave the table. This teaches them that by attending school and striving to become good colonists, they are earning their own living.

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Green, assisted by the high school girls, are in charge of the arrangements.

SPRING WEATHER BRINGS BLOSSOMS AND FLOWERS

The country around Vernon Parish is ablaze with blossoms and flowers as the result of the spring weather which arrived last week. The woods are festooned with violets, pansies and a host of small wild flowers, while the foliage on the trees blends into every shade of green imaginable.

The barometer indicates a continuation of the fair weather, according to Weatherman W. A. Dougherty, of the U. S. Observer's Station at Newllano, with normal temperatures and probable rain at the end of the week.

One inch of rain fell last week. Here are the temperatures reported for the week ending March 20:

- Mch. 14—max. 79, min. 60
- Mch. 15—max. 75, min. 48
- Mch. 16—max. 73, min. 42
- Mch. 17—max. 73, min. 50
- Mch. 18—max. 77, min. 62
- Mch. 19—max. 77, min. 58
- Mch. 20—max. 67, min. 39

WANTED—For the Llano Colony Library, a copy of H. G. Wells' "Outline of History." This would be a great addition to our library, and if there is a reader of this paper that has a copy lying idle on his shelf, he can delight 200 eager readers if he will donate it to our Colony Library.

EDITOR OF "LIFE AND LABOR" ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE U.C.B.

Sarah Cory Rippey, managing editor of the official organ of the Women's International Trade Union League "Life and Labor," writes to Carl E. Lunn in answer to a letter written concerning the Universal Co-operative Brotherhood:

"*** that it is honest, worth-while, constructive, and the outgrowth of deep thought, wide experience, and high vision, I should be convinced without other evidence than your own identification with it. And how I should love to help!

"While I have not had time to go over your prospectus carefully, the idea of the Brotherhood, as your letter presents it, appeals to me strongly. First, there had to be, of course, intensive organization of workers, which had of necessity to be exclusive. Now the time has become ripe for the next step—the organization of groups of workers into one big organization, that is extensive and inclusive. It means to me a tremendous advance toward universality as opposed to individualism; toward that brotherhood of all peoples, regardless of race, or creed, or calling, which we see now only with the eyes of the spirit, but which in time our physical eyes must surely behold, since in that direction lies the march of progress.

"Union organization has had to be, but it is only a means to an end, not an end itself, as so many workers seem to think. Every union lives too close to its individual cause to be anything else than narrow; and narrowness always means intolerance and selfishness. When we learn, as individuals and as groups, to see things through our brother's eyes, then we shall indeed have the millennium near.

"Of course, when you said 'Magazine,' I picked up my editorial ears. What an amazing opportunity for some one to preach the gospel of Brotherhood! I hope you will find an editor with a glorified vision, a fearless heart, and oh! a hot, hot pen, who can flood the country with messages which shall fire us all with a burning zeal for service, and quicken that understanding of all the many problems out of which real desire for service is born."

WORKERS' CO-OPERATIVE STORES PROSPEROUS

Despite uncertain prices and industrial depression during the past year, many workers' co-operative stores throughout the country report a sound and successful business for 1921. The Cotter, Arkansas, Co-operative Store, owned by railroad men and farmers, has had a business of approximately \$43,000 for the last six months of the year, of which the co-operators saved a profit of \$4,808, besides paying off their entire indebtedness on store and fixtures. The B. of L. E. Co-operative Association of Florence, S. C., reports sales of \$48,380 for the last half of the year, on which the co-operators made a gross profit of \$1750 and a net saving of \$4,450, after paying all expenses and allowing for depreciation of store and fixtures. The three largest workers' co-operatives in Berks County, Pennsylvania, show a net profit for the year totaling over \$12,600, while the smaller co-operatives of the county, including the co-operative printing plant, have saved over \$10,000 more for the workers.

These and similar figures from all sections of the country indicate that the workers have the brains to run their own business whenever they set themselves seriously to the task.

Talk about the soundness of private business! Reports show that the month of January 1922 hung up a record for business failure that has not been equaled in seven years! Co-operatives could not do worse. Most of them are doing better.

A ROLAND FOR THEIR OLIVER

(By The Federated Press)

Healdton, Okla. — "The Knights of the Visible Empire" is the title of a new anti-Ku Klux Klan organization formed here to "protect society against mob rule as exemplified in the teachings of the Ku Klux Klan," according to the announcement of John Q. Hyde, one of the organizers. The organization is to make a state-wide appeal for members.