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SIR: For good citizenship men and women must not only have good will, but an abiding interest in the welfare of the community. They must also have a working knowledge of social agencies, good judgment as to methods of social activities, and a more or less comprehensive understanding of fundamental principles of social life and progress. Much can be done in childhood and in the elementary grades of the school to create interest and give a certain amount of concrete knowledge of particular social activities and agencies, but not until boys and girls have reached the years of adolescence, the high-school age, can they begin to gain any very full understanding of abstract principles of social, civic, and governmental life. Instruction in this subject in the high school is therefore of utmost importance. For use in the high schools many textbooks and manuals have been prepared on this subject, some good and some not so good, but there is still need for good manuals on the subject of community civics that will help teachers to treat the subject in an inductive way and to relate it properly to other subjects and to the past, present, and future life of the students. The manuscript transmitted herewith offers such help, and I therefore recommend that it be published as a bulletin of the Bureau of Education. It was prepared by a special committee of the National Education Association’s commission on the reorganization of secondary education. This special committee consists of Prof. J. Lynn Barnard, of the Philadelphia School of Pedagogy; Clarence D. Kingsley, high-school inspector for the Massachusetts State Board of Education; F. W. Carrier, principal of the Wilmington (Mass.) High School; and Arthur William Dunn, special agent in civic education for this bureau.

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The substance of this manual was developed in the summer of 1914 when Dr. J. Lynn Barnard, at the invitation of the Massachusetts Board of Education, conducted a course at Hyannis for teachers of community civics. Part of the material used in Dr. Barnard's course was gathered by a committee of Massachusetts teachers consisting of Margaret McGill, Newton High School, chairman; F. W. Carrier, principal Wilmington (Mass.) High School; Walter H. Cushing, principal Framingham High School; Mabel Hill, Dana Hall School, Wellesley; Clarence D. Kingsley, high-school inspector, Massachusetts Board of Education; and Winthrop Tirrell, Boston High School of Commerce. During the past year the undersigned, who were constituted a special committee of the committee on social studies of the National Education Association's commission on reorganization of secondary education, have given much time to the preparation of the manual. The committee desires to acknowledge valuable suggestions from Dr. David Snedden, Commissioner of Education, Massachusetts; Thomas Jesse Jones, of the United States Bureau of Education and chairman of the committee on social studies; and Jessie C. Evans, of the William Penn High School for Girls, Philadelphia.

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PART I.
AIMS AND METHODS IN TEACHING COMMUNITY CIVICS.

I. WHO IS THE GOOD CITIZEN?

The good citizen may be defined as a person who habitually conducts himself with proper regard for the welfare of the communities of which he is a member, and who is active and intelligent in his cooperation with his fellow members to that end.

The welfare both of the individual and of the community depends upon various factors, such as health, education, recreation, civic beauty, wealth, communication, transportation. In order to secure these elements of welfare the individual and the community are dependent upon many social agencies, such as pure-food laws, schools, playgrounds, parks, factories, post offices, railroads. The usefulness of such social agencies depends upon the intelligence and readiness with which the members of the community establish, direct, and cooperate with them. They may be classified as governmental or voluntary according to the nature of their support.

It is evident, therefore, that the good citizen will possess an abiding interest in the welfare of the community, a working knowledge of social agencies, and good judgment as to those means and methods that will promote one social end without at the same time defeating other social ends. Furthermore, he must have the point of view that progress is essential in order that he may do as well by civilization as did his fathers before him. Every community also needs citizens who possess a large measure of social initiative and the power of leadership.

II. STAGES IN DEVELOPING GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Training for good citizenship must begin even before the child enters school and must continue through school, and indeed through life. Four stages in the process are well marked.

1. Before the child enters school he receives from the family life itself his first impressions of cooperation and responsibility. Whether these impressions and the social habits inculcated shall be for good or for ill depends upon the atmosphere and efforts of the
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home. Home education is thus the first factor in the development of good citizenship.

2. Between the ages of 6 and 12 the child enters the larger community, the school. The establishment of right social relations by and within the school is now of prime importance. Moreover, the school should consciously interpret to the child the community nature of the home, for the teacher can speak as an interested outsider regarding the relation of the child to the parent. The school should also lead him to see how the grocer, the iceman, the policeman, the postman, and many others in the larger community outside of the home and the school enter into his life and contribute to his welfare and the welfare of others. Civic education at this stage need not consider the organized agencies through which men cooperate, but the pupil must become more and more conscious of the interdependence of individuals in the community. Through the study of appropriate literature and through acquaintance with noble characters of history he should form ideals of loyalty and of personal honor and integrity.

3. Between the ages of 12 and 15, the early adolescent period, the outside community enters more largely into the pupil’s experience, and it should be interpreted to him in terms of wider human relationship. Accordingly, the civic education of the youth should include elementary history, community civics, and some study or survey of typical vocations.

Community civics should be taught during this period in the child’s life, so that when the psychological changes of adolescence occur there shall have been laid a basis for turning the social instinct displayed in the gang spirit of boys and in the groping sentimentality of girls into useful channels of social feeling, social thought, and social action. In this course the civic grasp of the pupil should be strengthened by helping him to compare the conditions in his own community with those in other communities, and the conditions in his own time with those of other times. Moreover, this habit of comparing social conditions will be almost indispensable to the pupil when he comes to the history that should follow, because the new type of history is placing its emphasis on such comparisons.

The study of vocations here suggested should be taught during this period not merely to help the pupil choose his vocation intelligently, when the time comes to make such choice; but it should be so taught as to make it perfectly clear to the pupil that each citizen in his choice of vocation, in his preparation for it, and especially in the way in which he conducts himself after he has entered upon it, shows the quality of his citizenship. This study should also give the pupil a respect and an appreciation for many vocations and should
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thus develop a better understanding between citizens of diverse callings, including a better understanding between capital and labor.

4. Between the ages of 15 and 18, the civic education of the third period should be continued by means of courses in history and elementary economics, culminating in an advanced course in civics.

Not civics alone, but the entire group of social studies—civics, history, and economics—should have for its immediate aim the training of the good citizen. It should still further be recognized that the work of the public school in training for citizenship is not limited even to the social studies, but involves a socialized point of view for all instruction and for all school management and discipline. With this recognition of the problem of civic education in all its breadth, this bulletin is designed to give help in one phase of the subject only, namely, community civics.

III. WHAT IS COMMUNITY CIVICS?

The social study to which the name “community civics” has been applied is well defined or described in Civic Education Circular No. 1, issued by the United States Bureau of Education:

The aim of community civics is to help the child to know his community—not merely a lot of facts about it, but the meaning of his community life, what it does for him and how it does it, what the community has a right to expect from him, and how he may fulfill his obligation, meanwhile cultivating in him the essential qualities and habits of good citizenship.

Community civics lays emphasis upon the local community because (1) it is the community with which every citizen, especially the child, comes into most intimate relations, and which is always in the foreground of experience; (2) it is easier for the child, as for any citizen, to realize his membership in the local community, to feel a sense of personal responsibility for it, and to enter into actual cooperation with it, than is the case with the national community.

But our Nation and our State are communities, as well as our city or village, and a child is a citizen of the larger as of the smaller community. The significance of the term “community civics” does not lie in its geographical implications, but in its implication of community relations, of a community of interests. It is a question of point of view; and community civics applies this point of view to the study of the national community as well as to the study of the local community:

IV. PLACE OF COMMUNITY CIVICS IN THE SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Community civics should be taught in the elementary grades, and should be continued in a more comprehensive course in the first year of the high school. Many pupils do not enter high school at all; and those who do should already have begun to acquire habits of civic thought and action. Experience proves that pupils who have had such training in the elementary schools are the better prepared for their high-school work, especially in the field of social studies. They are also the better prepared for the transition to the larger freedom and responsibility of the high school. But civic training must be a continuous process, and the greater maturity of the high-school pupil...
makes possible the development of phases of the subject that are impracticable in the elementary school.

It is suggested that five periods per week be devoted to community civics through the entire freshman year, although a part of the year may well be used for a survey of vocations whenever the teachers are prepared. (See p. 10.)

The methods and subject matter suggested in this bulletin are adapted both to the seventh and eighth grades of the elementary school and to the freshman year of the high school; but the scope of the elementary and high-school courses, when both are given, should be agreed upon by teachers and local school authorities to avoid duplication. It may be found desirable, however, for the high-school class to study from a new angle some of the topics considered in the elementary school.

V. SPECIFIC AIMS OF COMMUNITY CIVICS.

To accomplish its part in the training for citizenship, community civics should aim primarily to lead the pupil:

1. To see the importance and significance of the elements of community welfare (see below and p. 1) in their relations to himself and to the communities of which he is a member;

2. To know the social agencies, governmental and voluntary, that exist to secure these elements of community welfare;

3. To recognize his civic obligation, present and future, and to respond to them by appropriate action.

These three aims are given in the above order because it is essential to the success of this course that at the outset the interest of the pupil be attached to the elements of common welfare, and that he be taught to think of each agency as a means to an end and not as an end in itself. Each part of the study should culminate in a recognition of personal responsibility as a good citizen, and, as far as possible, in appropriate action.

Many courses in civics fail because they fix attention upon the machinery of government rather than upon the elements of community welfare for which government exists; that is, they familiarize the pupil with the manipulation of the social machinery without showing him the importance of the social ends for which this machinery should be used. Consequently, the pupil, upon leaving school, uses his knowledge for ends which are most evident to him, namely, his own selfish interests.

VI. ELEMENTS OF WELFARE SUGGESTED AS TOPICS.

For the purpose of this course in community civics it is suggested that the following elements of welfare be studied as topics: (1) Health; (2) Protection of life and property; (3) Recreation; (4) Education;
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1. The pupil is a young citizen with real present interests at stake. He is dependent upon the community for his education, which will largely determine his ability to earn a livelihood and to enjoy both his work and his leisure. He is dependent upon the community for recreation; for the protection of health, life, and property; for the beauty of his surroundings; for the ease with which he may communicate with his friends.

It is the first task of the teacher, therefore, not to create an interest for future use, but to demonstrate existing interests and present citizenship.

2. The pupil as a young citizen is a real factor in community affairs. His cooperation in many phases of community life is quite as important as that of the adult. He may help in forming public opinion, not only among his mates, but in the home and in the community at large.

Therefore it is a task of the teacher to cultivate in the pupil a sense of his responsibility, present as well as future.

3. If a citizen has an interest in civic matters and a sense of his personal responsibility, he will want to act.

Therefore the teacher must help the pupil to express his convictions in word and deed. He must be given an opportunity, as far as possible, to live his civics both in the school and in the community outside.

4. Right action depends not only upon information, interest, and will, but also upon good judgment.

Hence the young citizen must be trained to weigh facts and to judge relative values, both in regard to what constitute the essential elements in a situation and in regard to the best means of meeting it.

5. Every citizen possesses a large amount of unorganized information regarding community affairs. The amount of such information possessed collectively by an ordinary class of wide-awake young
citizens 12 to 15 years of age is surprisingly large. But it is fragmentary, often erroneous, and usually unorganized.

It is, therefore, important to teach the pupils how to test and organize their knowledge regarding community affairs.

6. People are, as a rule, most ready to act upon those convictions that they have helped to form by their own mental processes and that are based upon their own experience and observation.

Hence the teacher should act as a guide and should lead the class:
(1) To contribute facts from their own experience,
(2) To contribute other facts gathered by themselves,
(3) To use their own reasoning powers in forming conclusions, and
(4) To submit these conclusions to criticism.

7. The class has the essential characteristics of a community. Therefore the method by which the class exercises are conducted is of the utmost importance in the cultivation of civic qualities and habits. Cooperation in contributing information; the give-and-take of class discussion; regard for the contributions and opinions of others; personal responsibility for the class welfare; the attitude of the teacher as a fellow citizen with the pupils, and a learner along with them; all of these help to cultivate interest, judgment, initiative, cooperation, power to organize knowledge, and other qualities of good citizenship. In short, the class should exemplify the right community spirit.

3. THREE STEPS IN TEACHING AN ELEMENT OF WELFARE WHEN TAKEN AS A TOPIC.

The study of each topic of this kind should consist of the following steps:
1. Approach to the topic.
2. Investigation of agencies by which the element of welfare is secured.
3. Recognition of responsibility, present and future, with respect to the topic under consideration.

(1) Approach to the topic.—In beginning the study of an element of welfare the teacher should lead the pupils to realize its importance to themselves, to their neighbors, and to the community, and to see the dependence of the individual upon social agencies.

Much depends upon the method of approach. The planning of an approach appropriate to a given topic and applicable to a given class calls for ingenuity and resourcefulness. In this bulletin the approaches to various topics are suggested by way of illustration, but the teacher should try to find another approach whenever he thinks the one suggested is not the best one for his class.

In the approach it is especially important to draw upon the experience and observation of the class. As facts are contributed, the
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teacher may summarize them upon the blackboard or use some other device to have the class consciously pool their experiences.

(2) Investigation of agencies.—The knowledge of the class should now be extended by a concrete and more or less detailed investigation of agencies such as those suggested in this bulletin. These investigations should consist largely of first-hand observation and study of local conditions.

It is advised that the first agency considered in the course be investigated by the entire class under the direction of the teacher, so as to get a method of work. After that, agencies may be studied sometimes by the class as a whole and sometimes by groups of pupils, the choice of procedure depending on the difficulty of the agency, its importance, and the degree to which the class has secured a social point of view.

The agencies suggested under each topic in the outline are so many that no attempt should be made to have the class as a whole study them all intensively. Such an attempt would result in superficiality, kill interest, and defeat the purpose of the course. In general, the more skillful the teacher, the more will he find that the class can do profitably under any agency. It will often be found advisable to study in detail one or more agencies under a given topic, and then to make a rapid survey of others.

The following considerations will be helpful in selecting the agencies for intensive study.

(a) Agencies of current interest to the community.—A proposed State road, new health regulations in view of a recent epidemic, or a new system of fire protection, may be so prominently in the thought of the community that the class can secure a large amount of material from the newspapers and from the opinions of their parents. This of course would add to the interest and effectiveness of the study.

(b) Agencies of immediate interest to the class.—An athletic field, a new school building, moving-picture shows, school lunches, rules of athletic associations, and boy scouts, may be of immediate interest to the pupils themselves.

(c) Agencies of special interest to the teacher.—The teacher may be so familiar with certain agencies that he can deal with them effectively, but his own knowledge is of importance only so far as it helps him to make the study more profitable to the pupils. In dealing with an agency with which he is not familiar, he should never hesitate to take the role of learner and join with his pupils in the work of investigation.

(d) Significance of the agency.—The agencies studied intensively should always be those that serve to bring out important facts, conditions, or obligations and should never be chosen merely because they are superficially interesting. They should be those that con-
tribute directly and vitally to the element of welfare under which they are discussed.

(3) Recognition of responsibility.—A lesson in community civics is not complete unless it leaves with the pupil a sense of his personal responsibility and results in right action. To attain these ends is perhaps the most difficult and delicate task of the teacher. It is discussed here as the third step in teaching an element of welfare; in practice, however, it is a process coincident with the first two steps and resulting from them. A proper sense of responsibility can only grow out of a correct perception of one's community relations; and a desire to act, from a realization of vital interest in a situation. If the work suggested in the foregoing paragraphs on “approach” and “investigation of agencies” has been well done, the pupil’s sense of responsibility, his desire to act, and his knowledge of how to act will thereby have been developed. Indeed, the extent to which they have been developed is in a measure a test of the effectiveness of the “approach” and the study of agencies.

A distinction should be made between the present and future civic duties of high-school pupils. They have some civic responsibilities now; others await them in adult life. They must be prepared for both. The teacher should be careful to cultivate judgment as to the kinds of things for which pupils should assume responsibility now.

For example, pupils can hardly have any large responsibility for the water supply of their community; but they can help to conserve it by avoiding waste from water taps, and they can help to prevent the spread of disease by using individual drinking cups and by cultivating a sentiment at home against contaminating the sources of water supply (especially if wells or springs are used). It is hardly appropriate for a child to reprove the milkman for carelessness in handling milk; but he may exert influence in securing proper care of milk and milk bottles in the home.

A distinction should be made also between the duties of the citizen and the duties of the official. The citizen selects the official and should hold him to his task. The citizen must know the purpose to be achieved, the official must find out how to achieve it; the citizen needs a sense of values, the official technical knowledge; the citizen must be a competent employer, the official a competent executive. For example, in a town meeting the citizen elects officials and votes on appropriations of money. To discharge this duty he must be a judge of the kind of men who will serve faithfully and efficiently and must understand the purposes for which appropriations are asked. But the duty of that citizen does not end with the town meeting. He should insist that these officials make reports that will show what they have accomplished and keep generally informed as to the way in which officials are discharging their duties.
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It is important, in relation to either present or future duties, to develop intelligence regarding the proper channels through which to act, and how to go about it. There are cases in which a direct appeal from children to public officials may be entirely proper, as, for example, in regard to the establishment of a playground. But such appeals should be made under proper supervision. The good citizen should be able to write a courteous letter to the public official. Practice in writing such letters should be given to pupils, preferably relating to actual conditions observed by the pupils, or containing practical suggestions by them. Such letters should be discussed and revised by the class and teachers, but should be sent to the official only after approval by the principal or superintendent. Regard for the time of public officials should be cultivated, and no class should be permitted to send a number of letters where one would suffice.

It is sometimes desirable for the class to undertake a special piece of work of direct use to the community. In some places pupils have helped to exterminate insect pests. It is important that the teacher should be careful to set up right motives in work of this sort. Arthur W. Dunn, of the United States Bureau of Education, cites the following case in which wrong motives were set up. He says:

A group of boys who were studying their own community from the standpoint of cleanliness and beauty were "interested" by the offer of a prize to the boy who should bring in the largest number of discarded tin cans. The motive set up was wrong, and uncivic action resulted. Intense rivalry supplanted community cooperation, selfish personal interest took the place of community interest, and some of the boys actually hauled into the city wagonloads of cans from the city's dumps. Good citizenship can only grow out of right motives.

Participation in community affairs requires good judgment as well as right motives. The following lesson, also reported by Mr. Dunn, shows how such judgment was developed in one case:

One morning after a heavy fall of snow the question was raised in a number of civics classes, "What will be the effects of this snowfall upon the life of the community?" It was soon developed that it would interfere with traffic; that it would impede the work of the fire department; that if allowed to melt and freeze it would become dangerous to life and limb, and that if it lay in dirty heaps it would mar the beauty of the city. The snowfall was thus seen in various community relations previously discussed in other aspects. Who cleans the snow from the roadways? This is done for the citizens by the street-cleaning department of the city government. Who cleans the sidewalks? This is not done by the city but is left in the hands of the individual householders. The children observed on their way home how many of the sidewalks were cleaned and reported on the number not cleaned. Were the citizens left to their own discretion in this matter? No; a city ordinance commanded them to clean their sidewalks. Why was it not obeyed? Why was it not enforced? What is the effect of having a law that is not regarded?

The children took the matter to heart. They talked about it at home. They wanted to do something about it. The question arose as to what they could do. Here is where the training of judgment came in. Some wanted to complain to the authori-
It was decided after discussion that mere complaint seldom accomplishes much. Some thought that they could speak personally to offenders. This was decided to be slightly officious and perhaps offensive to older citizens. It was suggested that groups of boys organize to go about their neighborhoods cleaning walks. As a commercial venture this was approved, and in a few cases such groups also cleaned walks before vacant lots as a public service. It was concluded, however, that for boys to go about cleaning other people's walks as a public service when these people should do it themselves was shifting the burden of responsibility in a harmful way. What actually happened was that the boys pretty generally saw to it that their own walks were cleaned, learning the important lesson that in the regular course of one's daily tasks, such as caring for one's own premises, lies an ever-present opportunity for good citizenship; and further, a public sentiment on the subject was created starting in the classrooms, extending into the homes, and spreading through civic organizations and the newspapers, until the householders themselves saw to it after later storms that their walks were cleaned.

In this instance, besides the cultivation of interest and motive in a striking degree, we see a splendid lesson in cooperation; a whole community aroused, largely through the initiative of the children; the children participating but not being led to assume too much responsibility in the matter; judgment exercised in regard to method of attacking the problem, and finally, "action, which is the end of all good citizenship and of all good teaching."

VIII. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES TO CONDUCT.

In the past much civic instruction has been ineffective because it has left the pupil to work out for himself the application of general principles to conduct. The translation of principles into conduct is more difficult than the comprehension of the principles themselves. It is largely a matter of motive, reinforced by judgment and initiative. To cultivate these is the teacher's greatest task. The natural human motive of self-interest should be recognized. It is not only legitimate but in every way desirable to demonstrate the relation of civic conduct to self-interest and to utilize the latter as a channel through which to develop a broad spirit of service. With this in view it may be helpful to analyze the conduct of the citizen:

1. Conduct that has self-interest as an evident end.

Under this head would come, first, care for one's own health, education, and character. But these things are not only necessary to individual success; they are also essential if one is to be useful to the community. They have direct civic bearing. If the citizen impedes the welfare of the community through physical incapacity or lack of education and good character, it follows that he, as a member of the community, will also suffer the consequences of the same defects in others. It is, therefore, to the interest of the citizen to care, not only for his own health, education, and character, but also for those of others. Thus a starting point is afforded for the development of a real sympathy and a real altruism.
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Under this head may also be included the citizen's economic or vocational activities, and his care for his property. He works for a living primarily in his own interest; but he also owes it to the community to be self-supporting and to contribute to its economic welfare. Industry, efficiency, and thrift are civic, as well as individual, virtues. The citizen who is himself industrious, efficient, and thrifty can not get the full benefit of these qualities in himself if they are lacking in other members of the community upon whom he has to depend. Thus, again, self-interest may lead to an appreciation of the civic relations of conduct.

2. Conduct that is more evidently social in character and based primarily upon the interest of others or upon a common interest.

This includes the citizen's activities in cooperation with social agencies, voluntary and governmental. Thus he may become a member of such voluntary agencies as school organizations; boy scouts, consumers' leagues; child-labor committees; boards of trade; labor unions. He may cooperate, as an individual or in association with other individuals, with the health department by reporting contagious diseases; with the street-cleaning department by not littering the street; with teachers and school authorities in the work of the schools; with the charity organization society by not giving aid indiscriminately. Sometimes the citizen's cooperation may take the form of money contributions for the support of social agencies; and again, in proportion to intellectual endowment and force of character, it may take the form of leadership in organizing and directing such agencies.

The citizen also has a responsibility for the support and direction of government, which is the recognized agency of cooperation for the entire community. He not only pays taxes for the support of government, but he also does service, directly or indirectly, in determining the amount of money that shall be devoted to the support of each governmental agency. Through public opinion and the use of the franchise he decides what kind of public officers shall occupy governmental positions, and may exert an influence in holding them to the proper performance of their duties.

Finally, the citizen may, on occasion, be called upon to fill positions in government, and thus to direct and guide the affairs of the community as a whole.

The point of emphasis in all this, however, is that while we urge that the citizen should engage in these activities as far as opportunity offers, it is necessary to cultivate a motive sufficiently strong to lead him actually to do so. This motive is to be found in the common interest, which includes his interest, at least until such time as an ideal altruism may lead to the placing of the interest of others and the community above the interest of self.
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SUGGESTED TREATMENT OF THE ELEMENTS OF WELFARE.

TOPIC I.—HEALTH.

Approach to the topic.—In the introductory lessons the first thing to be fixed in the consciousness of the pupil is the importance of health. Each pupil should be led to see its importance to him, so that the entire class will deduce the fact that they have a common interest in the matter. By extension of the idea, it may be seen that health is a subject of common interest to the entire school and to the community as a whole. Also each pupil should be led to realize that, in this important matter of health, he is dependent upon the other members of the class and of the school and that the other members are likewise dependent upon him. The same interdependence exists in the community at large. This being true, the members of the class, the school, the city, the State, and the Nation must work together, and to this end definite provisions have been made by communities. Whether these community arrangements for health prove effective or not depends largely upon the interest and intelligence with which each citizen supports them.

The following suggestive approach to the topic “Health” was used last year by F. W. Carrier, principal of the Wilmington (Mass.) High School.

This class had just finished a course in hygiene. From their textbook in this subject they were asked to select nine of the most important rules of hygiene and to discuss the following question regarding each rule, “Can I observe this rule without the aid of society?” The class spent several days on this discussion, in order to secure the social point of view by their own reasoning, simply guided by the teacher.

1. “Breathe deeply and freely of pure air.” The class discovered that we sometimes cannot observe this rule, even when we keep our own premises hygienic, because our neighbor’s barnyard, pigpen, or outhouse may contaminate the air that we breathe; that the individual, when unaided by society, is unable to keep the air pure in shops, streets, schools, churches, theaters, and cars; and that, therefore, sanitary regulations are necessary.

2. “Drink freely of pure water.” The water supply of one family or of an entire community may be contaminated by the sewage of another family or community, and there must, therefore, be authority not only over different families in the same community, but also over different communities.
3. "Eat moderately of a wholesome, well-cooked, and well-balanced diet." This rule can not be observed unless society makes and enforces laws concerning the condition of food offered for sale and of slaughterhouses and cold storage.

4. "Exercise daily the important groups of muscles." Hence the necessity for establishing gymnasia, playgrounds, and athletic fields, and for leisure time in which to use them.

5. "Keep the body and its surroundings clean." It is impossible to keep the body clean without bathing facilities. The cleanliness of surroundings is affected by the condition of the streets and by the disposal of waste and refuse from certain industries.

6. "Do not expose yourself to contagious diseases." The individual is powerless to protect himself from diphtheria, typhoid fever, or tuberculosis. A polluted water supply may spread a disease through an entire community; sewage-polluted oysters or infected milk may spread typhoid fever to hundreds of consumers; and one person suffering from an infectious disease may endanger a whole community.

7. "Abstain from the unnecessary use of drugs." Many persons do not know what drugs are harmful, and some of those who know do not abstain therefrom. Therefore, there must be laws regulating the manufacture of alcoholic drinks, tobacco, morphine, patent medicines, and headache powders.

8. "Observe regular periods of rest." Labor unions determine for their members the number of hours in a day’s work. A Massachusetts law limits a week’s work for a woman to 51 hours. Tower men can be on duty only 8 hours, except in emergencies. Firemen in some places shift three times a day. Child-labor laws limit the hours of employment for minors. A man should have one day in seven for rest. Society must make it possible for everyone to secure enough rest and sleep so that he may live a healthy life and render full service to the community.

9. "Do not practice any activity harmful to the body." It is necessary in order that this rule may be observed to provide schools furnished with adjustable seats, properly lighted, and supplied with well-printed textbooks; to abolish child labor; to limit the kinds of employment for women; to restrict hours of labor in certain occupations; and to abolish harmful occupations that are not necessary to the welfare of society, like the manufacture of white-phosphorus matches.

At first the pupils seemed startled to see that society has the right to compel a man to keep his own premises clean. To many it was a revelation that a man has no right to sell unwholesome food, adulterated butter, or unhygienic milk, and that society has a right to stop such sale. One of the boys said: "I always thought those things—quarantine, pure-food laws, etc.—were unfair, but I see that they are not." Another boy was of the opinion that if a man wanted to keep a pigpen near his neighbor’s back door, provided the pig was on his own land, he ought to have the privilege, but the class were able by this time to make short work of his argument. When we consider that many pupils had to secure a point of view different from that which they were accustomed to entertain, and in many cases different from that reflected in daily conversations at home and on the street, we readily see that several lessons devoted to this discussion were none too many. The pupils were interested; they thought the lessons worth while, and they were ready to study in detail the health agencies existing in the community and the specific duties of the citizen in cooperating with each of these agencies.
Means by which the community provides for health.—If the class
begins with the ventilation of the school building, the following
questions may suggest a plan of procedure:

Is this classroom well ventilated? How do you know? What effect does it have
upon you and your work if the ventilation is defective?

If the law compels school attendance, why should it also compel good ventilation?
Why is it not good business to spend public money on instruction and to neglect
ventilation?

Find out the standards of ventilation prescribed by law or those recognized as
satisfactory by competent authorities. Compare the ventilation of your building
with these standards. Examine and explain the system of ventilation in your school.

When was the present system of ventilation put in this building? What was the
method of ventilation before? If the present system is a good one, to whose activity
and foresight is this due, and what did it cost? If a bad one, what steps should be
taken to replace it, who should take these steps, and how much would a proper
system cost?

Who is responsible for the inspection of ventilation in the school? How can the
citizen proceed to secure an investigation of a school when he thinks such investigation
is necessary?

Are there any ways in which pupils may cooperate in keeping the ventilation in
good working order? If a pupil thinks the system is defective, what ought he to do
about it?

The class may in like manner study the ventilation of other public
buildings, theaters, cars, and factories.

Problems in community civics are likely to have much in common
with problems in general science and biology. The emphasis, how-
ever, is different, as science deals primarily with the material aspects,
while community civics deals primarily with the social aspects.

The agencies in the following list are grouped in accordance with
the approach already described. The number of these agencies to
be investigated in detail will depend upon the time available and the
relative importance of this topic, health, in this community and for
this class. The same spirit should prevail in the treatment of each
as in the suggested study of ventilation.

LIST OF AGENCIES.

For pure air:
- Ventilation of buildings.
- Suppression of smoke and gas nuisance.
- Tenement house laws and inspection.
- Cleanliness of outbuildings.

For pure water:
- Wells and water system.
- Stream protection and filtration.
- Sewage disposal.

For pure food:
- School lunches.
- Pure food and drug laws.
- Inspection of markets and dairies.
- Inspection of slaughterhouses.
- Inspection of cold storage.
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For exercise:
- Gymnasiums
- Playgrounds and athletic fields

For cleanliness:
- Disposal of household waste
- Street cleaning
- Public baths

To avoid contagion:
- Medical inspection of schools
- School nurses
- Vaccination
- Quarantine—local, State, national
- Insect extermination

To restrict the use of drugs:
- Temperance societies
- Regulation of sale and manufacture of alcohol and tobacco

To regulate working hours and conditions:
- Properly equipped schools (desks, lighting)
- Child-labor legislation and inspection (age, hours, work certificates, kinds of employment)
- Factory legislation and inspection (hours, lunch periods, sanitation, safety devices, seats for women employees, kinds of employment)
- Consumers' leagues
- Child-labor associations

Agencies for miscellaneous purposes:
- Ambulance service
- Hospitals and dispensaries
- Vital statistics
- Baby-saving campaigns

Responsibility of the citizen.—It would be well for the teacher to recall the discussion of recognition of responsibility and of the application of principles to conduct in Part I, pages 16-19. Throughout the discussion of the topic the aim should be to present its community relations in such a way as to stimulate the pupil's sense of responsibility for the health of the community as a whole. In connection with the study of pure water supply, for example, such questions as the following may be suggestive:

- If you suspect that your water supply may be polluted, how will you proceed to verify your suspicions?
- If you find that it is polluted, what should you do about it? What should your father do about it? Under what conditions should complaint be entered? Who should enter it? Before whom should it be laid, and by what method?
- If your community needs a new water system, how may a citizen proceed to arouse public opinion in the matter?
- How can a mayor be held accountable for the efficiency of a water commissioner whom he appoints?
- What kind of reports should a water commissioner render, and whose business is it to read them? Why?

It may be profitable to have the class collect, from such magazines as The American City, instances of participation by boys and girls in activities to promote the health of communities. These instances
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may be tabulated to show the scope of such activities, and discussed and criticized from the point of view of organization, management, cooperation, judgment, results, etc.

Each member of the class may also write a statement of the ways in which he has cooperated, or may cooperate, with the various social agencies studied. Mr. Carrier obtained by this method some statements that, by their spontaneity, indicated a personal application of the lesson, as when one pupil wrote, "I will be cheerfully quarantined."

TOPIC II.—PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Approach to the topic.—One way to approach this topic is through a discussion of some dramatic accident that has occurred in the vicinity, or that has gained prominence through the newspapers, such as the burning of a part of Salem, Mass., the shirt-waist factory fire in New York City, or the recent floods in Ohio and Indiana; and then to exhibit statistics (which the pupils themselves may gather) to show that accidents less dramatic, but of common occurrence, result in the aggregate in more terrible loss of life and greater destruction of property. Instances may be found in the annual loss from fire, the railroad or mining accidents of the past year, injuries occurring in the ordinary course of traffic in the streets of a large city, or the loss of life and limb on the Fourth of July.

Compare the attitude of different people toward the removal of causes of accidents; for example, the attitude of the Chinese toward the inundation of their rivers as compared with that of the people along the Mississippi. Why the difference? (Note, however, the unnecessary loss of life and property in this country from periodic floods). Compare the frequency of railroad accidents in this country with that in England or Germany.

Note the growing movement in behalf of protection of life and property in this country as illustrated by the "safety-first" movement. What has brought about the changed attitude? Give illustrations from your own community.

Means by which the community protects life and property.—The study of means adopted to protect life and property should commence with conditions that are very near to the pupils. In case the investigation starts with fire prevention in the home, information on such lines as the following may be sought:

Of what material is your house built? Is there need for fire escapes and are such provided? Is there any danger of fire from stoves of furnaces in your house? Is gasoline or any other explosive kept in the house, and if so, what care is taken of it? Is there any danger from lighted matches? If you have electricity, how is the current insulated? In case a fire broke out what steps should you take? Where is the nearest fire-alarm box? How would you send an alarm? Is the water supply adequate to extinguish a fire? With reference to how many of these points are there laws in your community?
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It is better, however, instead of asking the pupils detailed, leading questions such as those above, to seek to draw them out as to the sources of danger to life and property in their own homes. Let them mention materials of construction, fire escapes, matches, etc. From their miscellaneous list, brought out by free and general discussion, a corrected and classified list may be compiled and placed on the blackboard in good order as a basis for further discussion. This will stimulate initiative and give the pupils practice in organizing their own knowledge.

A similar plan may be followed with regard to the provisions for safety in the school building and elsewhere.

Some of the agencies for the protection of life and property follow:

LIST OF AGENCIES.

For the prevention of accidents—

In houses, tenements, schools, public buildings.

- Fire exits, fire escapes, building laws and inspection.

In the street:

- Traffic regulations and traffic squad.
- Underground wires.
- Street lighting.

In transportation:

- Safety regulations and devices on railroads, steamships, electric cars, and automobiles.
- Coast survey; lighthouses and buoy, life-saving stations.

In industry:

- Safety devices in mines, quarries, and factories.
- Regulation and inspection of fire escapes, elevators, boilers.

For the prevention of floods—

- Levees.
- Preservation of forests.
- Flood reservoirs.

For protection against fire—

- Water supply.
- Fire department.
- Forest rangers.
- Building regulations.
- Fire prevention movement.

- For protection against fire—
  - Insurance.
  - Police.
  - Courts (civil and criminal).
  - Legal aid societies.
  - Militia.
  - State constabulary.
  - Army.
  - Navy.
  - Patents and copyrights.

Responsibility of the citizen.—Even a cursory analysis of the causes of the fires occurring annually in a community, together with an exhibit of the cost to the community, will of itself suggest the heavy responsibility resting on each citizen for the prevention of fire. A study of the causes of accidents on the street will impress the same idea.

Habits of destruction and vandalism, when they prevail among boys, are not always easy to overcome. But more can be done to this end by a vivid demonstration of the social consequences of such practices through an array of concrete situations which will of them...
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selves appeal to self-interest, to the spirit of the "square deal," and
to a proud sense of personal responsibility, than by preachment.

Pupils should be taught the proper use of safety devices and the
precautions that they should take in order to protect both them-
selves and their fellow citizens. In one school in a large city a model
of a street-car platform was placed in the gymnasium and the pupils
were trained to get off the car facing forward. The importance of
fire drills in the schools should be thoroughly discussed, and these
drills held often enough to secure rapid and orderly emptying of the
building. Similarly the class should discuss the proper procedure
in case of a fire in any other building, such as a theater. Probably
in every town and city there are devices, such as fire-alarm boxes,
that the local authorities would gladly have pupils trained to use
correctly. Quite likely the fire department would lend a sample
box to the school, so that each pupil could learn the proper method
of turning in an alarm.

The class may discuss the steps that should be taken by the citizen
to secure the installation of safety devices either in his own dwelling
or in public buildings or in cars and factories.

TOPIC III.—RECREATION.

Approach to topic.—The study of each topic should be related as
far as possible to the work that has preceded. Under "Health" and
"Protection of life" the community arrangements for the physical
well-being of the citizen have been studied. To secure the highest
degree of efficiency on the part of the individual and of the com-
munity, there is a physical necessity for recreation as well as for rest.

It is usually well, however, to begin the study of a topic by means
of concrete illustrations within the observation of the pupils. Thus,
the study of recreation may be begun by having the pupils mention
such forms and means of recreation as occur to them, in the home,
in the school, in the community at large. On the basis of such a
list, the class may work out a definition of recreation and a statement
of its purposes. No matter if the preliminary definition is crude, it
can be completed and perfected in the light of further observation
and discussion.

Observation and discussion should disclose the fact that mere ces-
sation from "work" is not necessarily recreation. The difference
between recreation and dissipation should be emphasized. It should
be shown that recreation involves the social and intellectual interests,
as well as mere physical enjoyment and recuperation. Recreation
may at times consist in mere change of occupation. Why?

Recreation depends upon the possession of leisure, the existence of
adequate facilities, and knowledge of how to use the leisure and the
facilities. These three conditions suggest profitable lines of inquiry
in your own community.
How the community provides for recreation.—To what extent are there people in your community who have not sufficient leisure for recreation? How is it in the case of women? Of children? What causes deprive people of leisure in your community? Other things being equal, does rural or city life afford greater leisure? Is there any movement in your community (or State) looking to the increase of leisure of working men and women?

Are the facilities for recreation adequate in your community? Make as complete a list as possible of the recreation facilities in your community, for men; for women; for children. Classify them according to their kind. Are the facilities that exist equally distributed in all parts of the community and among all classes of the population? Make a map (if in a city) showing distribution of playgrounds, parks, baths. Would you consider a library a means of recreation? A saloon? Why? Are facilities for recreation more abundant in a city or in a rural community? Look up the question of need for recreation facilities in a farming community. What obligation is there upon a community to provide recreation facilities for its citizens? Is your community meeting its obligation satisfactorily?

Do you know people who do not know how to play? Isn't a function of the school to teach how to play? Compare the advantages of supervised play with unsupervised. How much and what kind of supervision over recreation is there in your community? Discuss the censorship of moving pictures; the regulation of dance halls. What agencies provide supervision for different kinds of recreation in your community? To what extent is supervised recreation provided in factories and business houses? Discuss the need and methods of control of athletics and social events in a high school.

Following is a partial list of recreational agencies that may be discussed:

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Responsibility of the citizen.—Observation, inquiry and discussion along the lines suggested in the foregoing paragraphs should impress pupils with the obligation to provide for adequate, wholesome recreation, both from the standpoint of self-interest and of community.
welfare. Most high-school pupils need little stimulation to play, though there are numerous exceptions; but they need to cultivate judgment in the choice of recreation and to develop thoughtfulness regarding the comfort and convenience of others who are not participating in the game.

Athletics and other forms of school recreation afford abundant opportunity for the practice of civic virtues. Consideration for others, habits of cooperation, regard for the rules of the game are duties which may be cultivated in recreational activities whether on the athletic field or in social gatherings.

It is pertinent, in these days of strenuous business activity, to stress the duty of providing against personal physical breakdown and social inefficiency, by due regard for recreational needs after entering business. Abundant opportunity is presented throughout the discussion to emphasize the responsibility of the community for ample facilities for regulated recreation, and of the citizen to cooperate with private and public agencies in providing for them. The duty of the employer to his employees in this respect should also be emphasized.

- TOPIC IV.—EDUCATION.

Approach to the topic.—It is not always easy for the pupil to see the value of the education the school is giving him. This may be due, in part, to his own lack of understanding and foresight; in part, to a real failure of the school to meet the needs of the pupil. Let the class (and the teacher) face these two possibilities frankly, with a view to getting light on what should be expected from the school, and how far the school is fulfilling or failing to fulfill its obligations.

Whether the school clearly meets the needs of the pupil or not, the value of some kind and some amount of education (acquiring experience and skill and appreciation) will be readily acknowledged by the pupil. A great deal of this education is acquired directly by experience in the school of life itself. One question to be answered is, How early does it pay to enter this school of life to finish one's education by actual experience? There was a time when education was acquired almost wholly in this way, except for what the family itself could give or afford to buy. With the growing complexity of life, it has become necessary to supplement the efforts of the individual and of the family by providing educational facilities for a longer period of training, and this training has been made available to practically everyone through the system of public elementary and secondary schools. That the community believes this is worth while is evidenced by the large sum of money expended every year for the purpose. How much in your town or city? In your State? How much does your high school cost the community annually for each
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pupil in attendance? How does this compare with the cost of the elementary schools? Is the difference justifiable? Why?

If your education is worth while, either from your standpoint or that of the community, it ought to accomplish at least the following things:

1. It ought to help you to become self-supporting and to provide for those dependent upon you. This would include—
   a. Help in discovering the vocation for which you are best adapted.
   b. Help in preparation for that vocation.
2. From the standpoint of the community it ought to increase your efficiency as a contributor to the economic prosperity of the community, and thereby also contribute to your own self-respect.
3. It ought to increase your capacity for enjoyment of your life work and for enjoyment and wise use of leisure.
4. It ought to stimulate your desire, and develop your ability, to participate wisely in the affairs of your community—intellectual, social, philanthropic, political, etc.
5. It ought to cultivate your appreciation of life in all its aspects.

Each of the above points may be discussed in greater or less detail to bring out why, from the standpoint of the pupil and from that of the community, public education should provide for it.

How the community provides for education.—A good place to begin a study of what the community is actually doing for the education of its citizens is with the high school (if it is a high-school class that is making the study; if it is an eighth-grade class, the beginning might better be with the elementary school). The following questions are only suggestive, and by no means exhaust the various aspects of the subject:

Make a table or chart showing the various kinds of work and activities of your high school, and show how they contribute to the ends of education as stated above (include athletics, debating societies, the school paper, and other activities).

Course of study.—What changes have been made in your high-school course of study in the last 10 years? What has been the purpose of these changes? What further changes are in prospect? Do other high schools in your city and high schools in other cities maintain courses not found in your school? If so, to what extent should they be introduced in your school? Why? Do you yourself feel that the studies you are taking have a direct value to you? What changes would you suggest in the content and methods of teaching the studies you are taking to make them more useful to you? What subjects would you drop altogether, and why?

Administration.—Analyze and describe the administration of your school. Explain the function and the responsibility of teachers, principal, superintendent, school board, or committee. Do you have any responsibility for the administration or conduct of the school? Explain. Discuss advantages and disadvantages of pupil participation in school government. What is the relation between the school authorities and the city or town or county government? Between the school authorities and the State government? Why these relations?

School attendance.—Between what ages is school attendance compulsory in your State? How does this compare with other States? What steps must be taken to obtain working papers, schooling, and age certificates? What restrictions, if any,
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Are placed upon the kinds of employment that may be secured by minors? Explain the administration of the truancy laws. What proportion of elementary pupils enter high school in your community? What proportion of those who enter high school complete the course? What proportion of pupils leave the elementary school before completing all eight grades? What causes are assigned for this elimination of pupils at various grades? What steps, if any, are being taken in your community to prevent retardation and elimination?

Racial composition of the school.—A chart may be made showing places of birth of the members of the class, and of their parents and grandparents. The aim should be to preserve a proper pride in racial heritage, while emphasizing the process of Americanization. Tact must be exercised to avoid offense. The democratizing influence of the public school should be emphasized. The opportunity is great to cultivate wholesome sympathy among the racial elements represented. It may be shown that the American ideal of democracy is the outgrowth of the labors and aspirations of the people in nations other than our own, and that, therefore, the foreigner comes from countries which have contributed to the ideal for which we ourselves are striving.

Cost of the school.—How much was expended for your high school last year? How much of this was for instruction? For what other purpose was money spent? What is the value of your school building and grounds? From what sources is this money derived? How is it raised?

In the same spirit and by similar methods such educational agencies as the following may be taken up for discussion so far as time and circumstances warrant:

List of Agencies.

1. Those offering education directly:
   - Kindergartens.
   - Elementary schools (day, evening, summer, special).
   - High schools (day, evening, summer, special).
   - Private and cooperative schools.
   - Higher institutions (different kinds and purposes of each).
   - Correspondence schools (use and limitations).
   - Summer Chautauquas.
   - Winter reading circles.
   - Schools for defectives (blind, deaf, etc.).
   - Corporation schools.
   - Classes for immigrants.
   - Young Men’s Christian Association.
   - Social settlements.
   - Civic clubs.
   - Literary and debating clubs.
   - Public lectures and sermons.
   - Libraries.
   - Museums and art galleries.
   - Theaters and moving pictures.
   - Newspapers and periodicals.

2. Those fostering other educational agencies:
   - Public education associations.
   - Home and school associations.
   - The Foundations (Sage, General Education Board, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching).
   - United States Bureau of Education.
Responsibility of the citizen.—The pupil should be impressed with the fact that in going to school he is participating in the real life of the community, that he is doing the thing which the community expects him to do. Is he doing his part well? Teachers and school authorities are official representatives of the community, a part of the local and State governments. Cooperation with them is public service, as are diligence and regularity of attendance. Responsibility for the progress of the other members of the class should be emphasized; as also for the public property represented in school equipment.

The pupil also has a civic responsibility for the future, for which his education is intended to fit him. Whether his education does prepare him for future responsibility depends in part upon the efficiency of the school, but also in large measure upon the diligence and attitude of the pupil himself.

It should be shown that, while school authorities have direct responsibility for the schools, a community will have the kind of schools that it really wants, and that a responsibility rests on the citizens themselves to deal with the subject intelligently and to submit willingly to the necessary taxation for adequate educational facilities. The difference in kind of responsibility resting upon school authorities and citizens should be emphasized. (See Part I, p. 16.)

TOPIC V.—CIVIC BEAUTY.

Approach to the topic.—The appearance of a community is usually the first thing to attract the attention of a stranger. Are you proud of your community in this respect? What are some of the things that you would select to show a visitor in your community? What are some of the things that you would not want him to see? Why? What difference does it make whether your community is beautiful or not? For example, what effect do appearances have upon the value of property? Give examples in your own community. Why should the citizen cooperate with government and with voluntary agencies to make the community beautiful? What besides appearances contribute to the beauty of a community?

If there happens to be under way in your community some important improvement, such as the construction of a system of parks or boulevards, or a town-planning movement, this may afford a natural avenue of approach to the general subject of civic beauty. In this case the relation between such factors in civic beauty as parks or boulevards and public health, public recreation and public convenience, should be established.

How the community provides for civic beauty.—Positive or negative material for the study of civic beauty and its importance is always at hand in abundance. It is popular with pupils and comparatively
easy to handle. As in the case of other topics, the study should be related as closely as possible to the pupils' interest, proceeding from matters familiar to them to matters less familiar. When the pupils live in congested city districts where lawns, gardens, and shade trees are rare, it is hardly wise to dwell upon home beautifying in these respects to the same extent as in other sections of the city. For such pupils a discussion of clean and tidy area ways and alleys would be more pertinent. The appearance of school building and grounds, of streets, and of parks, however, is of common interest to all.

The following is a list of topics rather than of agencies; but their study of course involves a consideration of corresponding agencies. Under each, therefore, inquire as to who has been given, or has assumed, responsibility, and how the work is done.

LIST OF AGENCIES.

Beauty in the home:
- Appearance of dwellings (paint, repairs, window boxes, etc.).
- Care of lawns, gardens, trees.

Beauty in the school:
- Interior decoration.
- School architecture.
- Improvement of grounds.
- School gardening.

Beauty in the street:
- The street plan.
- Construction and repair.
- Cleanliness.
- Provision for rubbish.

Unsightly objects:
- Telephone and electric light poles.
- Bill boards.
- Care and preservation of trees.
- Noise.
- Lighting at night.
- Parks, parkways and boulevards, waterfront.

Architecture:
- Public buildings.
- Business and office buildings.
- Residential.

Art:
- Monuments and statues.
- Bridges.
- Galleries.

City or town planning:
- Street plan.
- Grouping of public buildings.
- Industrial and residential sections.
- Regulation of height of buildings.

Preservation of natural beauty:
- Local, State, National.

Miscellaneous:
- Smoke abatement.
- Vacant lots.
- Alleys.
- Clean-up days.
- Care of public buildings.
- Mutilation of public property.

Responsibility of the citizen. There is no phase of community life in which it is so easy to see the responsibility of the citizen as in that which relates to beauty, and there is no other phase which offers such abundant opportunity to the young citizen to participate in civic activities. The beauty of the community as a whole depends in large measure upon the care which the individual householder and his family take with regard to the appearance of their own premises and the care which every individual, young or old, takes not to litter the streets and parks with papers and other refuse, to deface walls and fences, to injure plants and trees, to destroy birds. Chil-
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Children have been a large factor in many communities in the work of school and home gardening and in neighborhood beautification of various kinds. Besides personal conduct in such matters, there is always the opportunity to help form public opinion by personal effort and by cooperation with voluntary agencies.

TOPIC VI.—WEALTH.

Approach to the topic.—In dealing with this topic it may be necessary to remind oneself that this is a course in "community civics" and not one in economics. In order to maintain this point of view it may be well for the teacher to recall the definitions of the "good citizen" and of "community civics" given on pages 1 and 11, Part I. The citizen, however, must be a user, and usually a producer, of wealth. The use and production of wealth have their civic relations and it is some of these that this section is intended to point out.

It will probably be necessary to explain to pupils that the word "wealth" is not used in the sense of great riches, and still less as synonymous with money, but in its true meaning of all material things for which men are willing to work. A loaf of bread is wealth; so also a book or a lead pencil, or a house and lot, or a plow. A technical discussion of wealth in all its economic bearings is out of place in this course.

The things most in evidence in a community, outside of the purely residential districts, are stores and office buildings, factories, transportation lines and facilities, and people hurrying to and fro, or at work in their offices or before machines or behind counters—all going about their "business." If it is a rural community, there are the farms with all the activities involved in producing grain, or cotton, or live stock. Or it may be a mining community or one whose chief interest is in the activities that center about the forest. Everybody seems to be intent on "getting a living."

If we pass from the "business center" of a city to the residential districts, there we see the symbol of the "living" for which all this work is going on—the home. It represents, first of all, shelter and food; but in addition it represents the primary means of education (the training of children), of health protection, of esthetic enjoyment (in books, music, home beautification), of recreation, and of social life. It represents the necessities of life and such comforts and luxuries as the family may by its work provide for.

The getting of a living is of fundamental importance to everyone. It should be made clear to the pupil that the money a worker receives for his work is only a measure of his "living" or of the value of his services, and that the real "living" that he receives in return for his work is the more or less complete enjoyment of the "elements of welfare"—protection of health, life, and property, education, recre-
Wealth is merely the material means by which the real elements of welfare are secured. The activities involved in the production and use of wealth are of vital importance to every community, local or national. A very large part of the work of government is for the regulation of these activities and for the protection of the citizen in his property rights. The wealth-getting and wealth-using activities also impose heavy responsibilities upon the citizen.

**Means by which the community provides for the production and use of wealth.** The following paragraphs suggest a few of the important aspects of the subject that may be investigated with profit.

1. The dependence of the citizen upon others for the wealth he uses.—The interdependence of individuals is nowhere so clearly shown as in the wealth-getting and wealth-using activities of a community, whether the community be local, national, or world-wide. This world-wide interdependence is vividly shown by the effects of the European war.

   Make a list of the workers engaged in providing you with bread, from the raising of the grain to the placing of the bread upon the table. Do the same for the salt with which you season your food, and the knife and fork with which you eat it; for the coat or dress which you wear; for the furniture in your home or the house in which you live; for the books that you use in school. Name as many groups of workers as possible who have contributed to the protection of your health; to providing you with a concert or a theatrical performance. In these studies do not forget such ramifications of industry as transportation, the engineers who build bridges, the scientists who discover natural laws.

   A concrete study of this kind will give the pupil a vivid picture of the multiplicity of occupations in their relations to each other. But the chief point of emphasis at this time is the magnitude and variety of service by which a living is provided for the humblest citizen in return for his individual effort.

   Conversely, there is the implied obligation of each individual to contribute effectively to the extent of his ability to the living of all those who serve him. Each worker is primarily concerned with what he gets for his work; the community is especially concerned about what he gives. All this implies the necessity for cooperation.

2. Cooperation and division of labor.—Observe how the occupations of your household are distributed among the members of the family. Study a factory in your community (perhaps one in which a member of your family is employed) to discover how the work of producing a given article is divided among the various groups of workmen. What is the purpose of this "division of labor"? Show how each is dependent upon all the others. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of such division of labor, from the point of view of the workman and from that of the employer. What is the work of the "manager," or "superintendent," or "boss"? Why is he necessary? What should be the relations between the manager and the workmen? Where does the money come from with which to build the plant, provide the machinery, and pay wages? Explain "capital." Show the interdependence of those...
who furnish the capital and those who furnish the labor. "The mutual object of both is to produce the best possible article at the lowest possible price, in order to place it within reach of the greatest possible number of purchasers." (Note the obligation of both to regard the rights of the user of the article.)

Show how the factory just studied is dependent upon other industries and occupations in your own community; upon industries and occupations in other parts of the country or of the world.

Investigate the communicating system in a large factory or store and show its importance as a means of securing cooperation. From the same point of view, discuss the means of communication and transportation in the community and in the nation and in the world.

3. Effects of industrial development upon community life.—Starting with the large degree of self-dependence existing in a pioneer family or community, show how the differentiation of occupations has taken place. The simpler facts of the "industrial revolution" may be brought out, to show the effects of the invention of machinery and the use of steam. Note especially the growth of the factory system and its effects upon the division of labor, the relations between labor and capital, and the growth of cities, with their complex problems of social life and government.

4. Distribution of wealth.—This subject, from the standpoint of economics, is too difficult for systematic treatment in this course. It may be shown, however, that where there are such interdependence and cooperation among those who furnish the capital and those who furnish the labor, and among manufacturers, merchants, and transporters, there should be some equitable distribution of the proceeds of the combined service to the community. A simple explanation may be made (without too technical discussion) of wages, salaries, profits, dividends, interest, rent. This may involve a simple discussion, based on observation and published studies, of "a living wage," "standards of living," "family budgets," etc.

5. Saving.—A highly important topic. It may include such items as the following: Duty of providing for a "rainy day," and for the safety and comfort of the family. Economy in personal habits, in the household, and in business management. Methods and means of systematic saving. Saving by investment. Capital the result of saving. Economy through efficiency. Conservation of natural resources. Economy in government.

The topics here given are only suggestive of the lines of inquiry and of the point of view and method, appropriate to this course. Many others are excluded for lack of space. But in a course in community civics especial emphasis should be given to—

6. What the Government does to regulate activities relating to the production and enjoyment of wealth.—Protection of property and property rights. The economic causes for the establishment of the Federal Government in 1787.

The conservation of natural resources.
Regulation of commerce, State and interstate, and foreign.
Providing money. The purpose of money as a measure of value and a means of exchange.
Establishment and regulation of banks. Maintaining credit.
Regulation of corporations and trusts.
Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Labor.
Regulation of labor of women and children.
Regulation of conditions of work.
Regulation of immigration.
Standardization of weights and measures.
The subject of taxation is left for treatment in connection with Topic XIII—How Goverment Agencies are Financed.

The following are some of the agencies that might be considered:

**List of Agencies**

Industries and occupations of the community. Study them with reference to the wants they satisfy and the service they perform.

Raw materials used in these industries. Sources.

Natural resources of your immediate community. Conservation of natural resources.

Light and power for industrial uses.

Transportation facilities. (See also topic Transportation.)

Capital: Nature of the capital used in:
- Farming in your locality.
- A large factory.
- A street railway.
- A mercantile establishment.
- A bank.

Labor supply: Kind, abundance, permanence, reliability.

Voluntary organizations aiding industry:
- Labor unions.
- Boards of trade, chambers of commerce.
- Associations of manufacturers, merchants, professional men.
- Employment bureaus.

For saving:
- Banks—school banks, savings banks, postal savings.
- Homestead and loan associations.
- Insurance—life, accident, fire.
- Opportunities for investment.

Government control:
- Federal departments, bureaus, commissions, etc.
  - Treasury, Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, Interior, Interstate Commerce Commission, etc.
  - Consular system.
  - Federal employment bureaus.
  - Federal Reserve Board.

Federal legislation (consider the legislation of the present or last session of Congress).

State bureaus and commissions:
- Agriculture, labor, highways, etc.
- Employment bureaus.

State universities, agricultural and technical schools.

State legislation:
- Wage laws, accident liability, labor of women and children, working conditions.

Responsibility of the citizen.—The foregoing study should have impressed the pupil with the obligation resting upon every individual to be self-sustaining by his own work and to participate efficiently in the economic work of the world. Through the study of this topic, together with that of education, he should be impressed with the necessity of choosing a vocation wisely and of adequate preparation.
for it. He may have been impressed also with inequalities and apparent injustices in the distribution of wealth, responsibility for which is often hard to place. The very difficulty of the problem places upon the good citizen the obligation of trying to understand it and to contribute all in his power to the removal of causes of injustice.

The business and industrial relations of the world are founded largely upon confidence. This is the basis of credit. Inefficiency or dishonesty in one employee or in one employer tends to undermine confidence in all employees and employers. Give examples (e.g., careless engineers, absconding bankers, etc.).

Opportunity for the highest possible type of good citizenship is more abundant in business than in almost any other department of life, partly because business occupies so large a portion of the citizen’s attention and time, but also because real devotion to the public welfare so often demands large sacrifices of apparent personal interests.

**TOPIC VII. COMMUNICATION.**

**Approach to the topic.**—The battle of New Orleans was fought after the conclusion of the War of 1812 because the news of peace had not reached Gen. Jackson. One cause of disunion among the American colonies and in the Confederation was the lack of means of communication.

A number of ships are steaming their way across the ocean, hundreds of miles apart, with different destinations, each unmindful of the others. A fire breaks out on one of them, and a wireless call for help is sent out. Immediately all these widely separated vessels unite in one purpose and hasten to the support of their sister ship in danger. United sympathies, united purpose, united action depend on adequate means of communication.

The manager of a great business keeps in touch with every detail and directs every department of his establishment, and even of branches in distant cities, without leaving his desk. The commanders of the armies of Europe are in personal touch with every portion of a battle front a hundred miles long. Business and social life have been revolutionized by the development of means of rapid communication.

Rapid communication enables a nation as extensive as ours to concentrate its thought and purpose upon one thing at the same instant. Compare with China in this respect. The President proclaims a statement of principles in defense of American rights. The next morning the voice of the whole Nation is heard through the newspapers, pledging support to its Chief Executive.

How out of touch one feels with the world, in these days, until the newspaper is brought in from the front step; and how much a part
of it, even in the mountain camp, when the mail arrives or if there is telephonic communication.

With an appreciation of the significance of adequate means of communication in the life of the community stimulated by such examples, which might be multiplied indefinitely, attention may be directed to a concrete study of the actual means of communication in your community and in the nation as a whole. Their historical development makes an interesting story. Consider the extent to which Government control is exercised in each case, and whether it is the local, State, or National Government. An extreme case of such governmental control may be seen in the censorship of news in war time.

Means by which communication is maintained.—Make comparisons between present and past times with reference to means of communication. Discuss the binding together of the component families of a community, of business houses, of the home with the place of business, of the home with the doctor, with the police, with the fire department, etc., by means of the telephone. Also how the farmer’s life is no longer one of isolation, because of the telephone, the rural mail delivery, the automobile, and the electric line; how the city and the surrounding country are united into a single community by the same means. Note how lines of communication radiate from your community to every other community in the State and in the Nation, thus binding all into large communities.

LIST OF AGENCIES.

Postal service.
Telegraph.
Ocean cables.
Wireless.
Telephone.
The press:
Newspapers.
Magazines, periodicals, etc.
Books, libraries, etc.
Reports issued by Government and by voluntary organizations.

Lectures, sermons, Chautauquas, etc.
Public discussion:
Town meeting, county court days, fairs, etc.
The corner grocery.
Clubs.
Social centers.

Responsibility of the citizen.—Cooperation with postal authorities calls for care in addressing envelopes.

A visit to a telephone exchange will impress the class with the demands for patience placed upon telephone operators and the necessity for corresponding courtesy and consideration in using the telephone.

The process by which public opinion is formed may be discussed in some of its aspects with profit. The necessity for reliable information as a basis for judgment, and the harm done by the dissemination of
false or unverified rumors may lead to a discussion of the responsibility of newspapers and newspaper reporters for the correct presentation of facts.

**TOPIC VIII.—TRANSPORTATION.**

*Approach to the topic.*—Possibly a “good-roads movement,” or an important street improvement, or an unusually bad condition of roads or streets exists in your community and would serve as a means of approach to the general subject. It is important to relate this topic “Transportation,” as also that of “Communication,” to the various elements of welfare that have been studied. Easy and rapid communication and transportation increase certain dangers as well as bring new advantages; as, for example, in the spread of disease.

It is easy to make vivid the importance of the city street and of the country highways. Practically all foodstuffs and raw materials must pass, at some stage, over country roads. Think, then, of the obstacles to life presented by bad roads. The subject may be approached interestingly by an account of the difficulties of travel and transportation in the early days of our national history, or in the days of settlement of the immediate locality in which the pupils live. *(See McMaster's History of the People of the United States.)*

*Means of transportation.*—A study of the country highways or of the city streets may be made in the concrete. The following is a lesson plan on country roads, submitted by Prof. J. F. Smith, of Berea College, Kentucky. In this study numerous photographs were used, walks were taken over good and bad roads, and the pupils and teacher actually did a piece of road work.

Study and report on condition of roads in the community. Draw a map of the community, indicating roads. Which are dirt roads, rocky roads, other kinds? Which are well graded, well crowned? Note side ditches; are they adequate? Note culverts and bridges. Estimate miles of road in the community, public and private.

Study road-making materials in the community. Note places where limestone is found; sandstone, slate, gravel. Are these materials accessible?

Find out cost of hauling in the community. Consult wagoners and learn charges per hundred pounds for freight and farm produce. Can farmers afford to market produce at present cost of cartage? Find out how much freight is hauled into the community annually and compute amount paid for this. How long will wagon and set of harness last on the roads? How long on good roads? Difference in cost for 10 years. How much could people who buy supplies afford to spend on road upkeep each year in order to cut down freight rates?

Compare cost of hauling here with cost in European countries where the best roads exist. What overtax do the people have to pay? Note that this overtax is in the form of higher prices for household necessities and in smaller profits for farm produce.

*Road building.*—Determine kind of road; the location; grades; how grades affect the haul; the drainage—level and steep roads, side ditches, culverts, subdrainage, crown; actual construction—tools, funds, means employed.

The history of the development of roads, canals, and railways in your State and in the Nation, in its relation to the growth of community spirit and cooperation, will be fruitful. What effect did the steam railway have upon the development of canals? Why? Show how the Panama Canal tends to unite our Nation more firmly. Study the problems of rapid transportation in cities and their relation to various phases of city life. Also the effects of the parcel post and of electric interurban lines on the welfare of farmers and city dwellers. Make a comprehensive study of the work of the Federal Government in promoting and safeguarding transportation. The Ship Purchase Bill and the Government ownership of railways and of street railway lines afford material for discussion and debate.

**LIST OF AGENCIES.**

**Roads:**
- Toll-road companies (now rare).
- Voluntary organizations to promote good roads.
- Government control:
  - County and town.
  - State (highway commissions, etc.).
  - National:
    - Department of Agriculture (Office of Public Roads).
    - Post Office Department (rural delivery).

**Streets:**
- City government, street department.

**Bridges:**
- City, county, State, National.

**Natural waterways:**
- Rivers, lakes, ocean.
- State bureaus and commissions.
- National:
  - Department of Commerce (Coast Survey, Bureau of Navigation, Bureau of Lighthouses).
  - Department of the Treasury (Life-saving stations).
  - Department of War (river and harbor improvement).
  - Department of Agriculture (Weather Bureau).
  - International Waterways Commission.
  - Interstate Commerce Commission.

**Canals:**
- Private companies.
- State control.
- National (Panama, Sault Ste. Marie, etc.).

**Railroads:**
- Private corporations.
- State (railway or public-service commissions).
- National (Interstate Commerce Commission).

**Electric railways:**
- Urban—surface, elevated, subway.
- Interurban—
  - Private corporations.
  - City governments (franchises, commissions).
  - State governments (public-service commissions).
  - National (Interstate Commerce Commission).

**Post Office Department** (parcel post).

**Express companies.**

**Local transfer companies:**
- Cab lines, jitney lines, etc.

**Steamship and other navigation lines.**
Responsibility of the citizen.—In many localities farmers are required to work a certain number of days every year on the roads. If a county employs an expert engineer to construct and improve roads and the work is done by paid laborers, is the farmer relieved of his responsibility as well as of the necessity of working on the roads? In what ways, if any, is the citizen of a city responsible for the condition of the streets? Consider the blocking of sidewalks with merchandise, etc.; the blocking of traffic in the streets, endangering pedestrians at street crossings, etc. If a citizen wants his street improved, what is the process by which it may be accomplished? If a person is injured by falling into an open manhole in the sidewalk, or by falling on a defective sidewalk, or on the ice of an uncleared sidewalk, who is responsible? From whom may damages be collected, if at all?

Topic IX.—Migration.

Approach to the topic.—How many of the pupils in the class were born in the community where they are now going to school? How many of their parents have lived in one place all their lives? How many times have they moved from one community to another? What have been the reasons for moving from one place to another? Migration is no unusual thing. The motives that lead to it consist of the desire to secure one or other of the elements of welfare. The motives that bring foreigners to America are the same as those that have led to the settlement of the West, or the early colonization of America, or the movement of a family from one town to another, or from the country to the city; except that the desire for political and religious freedom have played a more important part in immigration than in the ordinary movements from place to place within this country.

The topic “Migration” should be clearly related to the other topics that have preceded. It follows naturally after a consideration of “Transportation”; but in the causes that lead to it it is related definitely to the elements of welfare that are the subject of this entire course.

Problems for study.—The direct study of this topic might begin with the growth of the community in which the pupil lives. Where did the original settlers come from? What was the chief purpose in founding the community? What were the means by which the settlers came? Note the growth of the community by decades. What causes led to more rapid growth at some periods than at others? Is the community growing rapidly or steadily now? How much of the increase in population is due to the birth rate and how much to immigration from other communities? What percent of the population is from foreign countries?

In some rural communities a decrease in population may be discovered. If so, to what is this due? Where have the emigrants gone?

The broader problem of movements of population in different parts of the country may be taken up. The movement from country to city. The movement from city to country. The movement from one part of the country to another. In what sections is the movement toward the cities most marked? Where is the movement toward the
country more noticeable? What sections of the country seem to be decreasing in population? What sections are growing most rapidly?

Foreign immigration.—How many immigrants have come to this country during the last ten years? From what countries have they come? Compare the sources of immigration now with those of 25 years ago. Where do these immigrants settle? Compare the number who settle in cities with the number who go to rural districts. What labor problems have developed in your own community from the influx of immigrants in large numbers? Study at some length the immigrant problems of the country as a whole. What is being done to distribute the immigrants in the sections of the country where they are most needed, and where they will probably be most successful? Discuss the problem of assimilation. What is the opportunity of a public school in this respect, and how is the school meeting its opportunity?

Study the regulation of immigration. What is the tendency with reference to further restriction? Discuss the facts relating to naturalization. What rights have aliens in this country? What methods have been adopted for the civic education of immigrants? Are these methods effective?

The following are some of the agencies that have more or less influence on migration:

**List of Agencies.**

- Federal Bureau of Immigration and inspection service.
- Federal Bureau of Naturalization.
- State departments of labor and employment bureaus.
- Steamship companies.
- Railroad companies.
- Corporation labor agents.
- Colonization societies.
- Immigration societies and other voluntary organizations in the interest of immigrants.
- Chambers of commerce and similar organizations that seek to induce industries to establish themselves in cities.
- Wheat growers' associations, agricultural exhibits, county and State fairs, etc.

Res.ponsibility of the citizen.—Where there are immigrant children or the children of immigrants in the classes, the responsibility of the school, including teachers and pupils, for the comfort and happiness and "assimilation" of these new Americans is great and immediate. Every citizen has opportunities to show to those who have recently come to our country a kindness, consideration, and respect for their ways, that will make them well disposed toward us and our institutions.

To help acquire a sympathetic understanding of the immigrant, it will be profitable for pupils, as well as teachers, to read such books as Mary Antin's "The Promised Land;" E. A. Steiner's "On the Trail of the Immigrant" and "The Immigrant Tide;" and Jacob Riis' "The Making of an American."

**TOPIC X.—CHARITIES.**

**Approach to the topic.**—The term charities has come to include not only the care of those who are dependent, but also the efforts of society to reduce the causes of dependence. The class should see that every
person is supported by other people during at least a part of his lifetime, and that many people become dependent upon society through no fault of their own. This fundamental conception can be brought out clearly by means of a graph showing the comparative earnings and expenditures of an individual at various periods in life. Such a graph is shown below:

From this graph it may be seen that an individual must earn during a part of his life a great deal more than he spends during that period if he is to be regarded as self-supporting during his entire life. Before he becomes self-supporting, it is evident that he must be supported by others. The question may now be raised as to who is called upon to support a child whose parents die, or an old person who has been unable to save during the prime of life and has no children living who can support him. How far does the legal responsibility of those who are next of kin extend? Does the moral responsibility extend further than the legal responsibility?

Note the relation of this subject to preceding topics in the course. Charities are necessitated by the inability or the failure of some individuals to secure for themselves the elements of welfare, either because of defects or inefficiency on their own part, or because of imperfections in social organization.

Causes of dependency.—Obtain from the class all the causes of which they can think which make people dependent. After the class has
worked upon the problem, these causes may be classified somewhat as follows:

1. Lack of employment.
2. Insufficient wages.
3. Lack of skill.
4. Sickness.
5. Physical defects, such as blindness, deafness, etc.
6. Accidents.
7. Loss of breadwinner by death, desertion, imprisonment.
8. Intemperance.
9. Shiftlessness or the desire to avoid work.
10. Mental defects.

Means by which the community seeks to make more people self-supporting, and to provide for the dependent.—The agencies relating to each of the causes of dependency mentioned above may be studied somewhat as follows:

What is being done in your community to gather information regarding causes of unemployment? Study employment bureaus and their methods, public and private. What kind of vocational guidance is provided by the schools and otherwise? What are the causes of insufficient wages? What constitutes a living wage? Discuss minimum wage laws.

What means are being adopted to overcome lack of skill? Investigate apprenticeship in your community. What is being done for vocational training in the schools? In factories?

What is being done to provide better conditions for work, from the standpoint of health? To provide better living conditions? What are the chief dangers to health in the industries of your community? Gather statistics regarding the extent of blindness, deafness, and other physical defects in your community. Have the schools of your community been inspected to discover the extent of such defects among school children? If so, to what extent are they prevalent? To what extent are such defects preventable? What steps have been taken to prevent them?

What is being done in your community to prevent industrial accidents? Discuss, with illustrations where possible, safety devices in use in mines, in transportation, in factories. Look up the subject of workmen's compensation laws.

What are the chief causes that bring breadwinners to prison? What is being done to remove these causes? What is being done toward having a part of the earnings of prisoners go to the support of their families?

To what extent is poverty due to intemperance? To what extent is poverty due to bad living conditions and overwork? To lack of proper recreation facilities? Discuss the question of indiscriminate almsgiving.

What is being done in the schools for mentally backward children?

Relief of dependents.—In the discussion of relief for those who are now dependent, distinction should be made between outdoor and indoor relief. How and to whom does your community give outdoor relief? What institutions are there in your community for the care of dependents? What institutions are there in the State or Nation to which dependents from your community may be sent? The following questions are only suggestions:
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Institutions for orphans.—To what extent do they provide a home atmosphere? What could be done to improve them in this respect? Do they offer education and training that will make the children independent when they leave? Do the children have adequate playgrounds? Are many of the children taken from the institutions to be adopted? Report on methods used in placing children in families.

Hospitals.—Do people generally get better care at a hospital than at home? Why? What people would pay for their care at a hospital? Are there free beds? By whom and for whom established? Is it desirable for a small community to have a hospital of its own? Why? Why are ambulances necessary? What provision is made for the immediate care of emergency cases?

Homes for the aged.—Are there homes in your community for the care of the aged of certain denominations, professions, fraternal orders, or other special groups? What provision does the town make for old people who are not provided for by any of these special institutions? Are some old people “boarded out” instead of being maintained in an institution or “poor farm”? What are the relative advantages of the two methods? What names are now used instead of the term “poorhouse”? Why?

Care of the crippled.—Do the railroads or other industries attempt to provide employment for those who are crippled in their service? If not, do they give compensation to those who are crippled in their employ? Investigate the question of employer’s liability.

Those who ask for aid.—Do you ever have anyone come to your door to ask for food or lodging? How can you find out whether such a person would be benefited by receiving the thing for which he asks? Have you a charity organization society or any other society whose business it is to investigate the needs of those who ask for aid? Make a report on the methods and purposes of a charity organization society. How may churches and individuals cooperate with the charity organization society? Do you have any street beggars in your community? Can you find out how much some of these people make by their begging? If they have pencils or shoestrings for sale, does this remove them from the beggar class? Is a person who has a first-class hurdy-gurdy a beggar? Why?

Some of the important agencies under this topic have been referred to above:

LIST OF AGENCIES.

Local and State institutions for dependents and defectives.
City and State departments of charities.
Charity organization societies.
Voluntary charitable organizations.
Churches.
Fraternal organizations.
Settlements.
Relief and social service departments of business corporations.
Schools of philanthropy.
Philanthropic foundations.
Labor unions.
Employment bureaus.

Responsibility of the citizen.—The danger of indiscriminate giving that only pauperizes the recipient should be impressed on the pupils. On the other hand, the duty to join actively with those forces that are trying to attack these problems constructively should be as emphatically presented.
The following books will be of assistance in acquiring an understanding of the problems of charities:

- Reeder: *How Two Hundred Children Live and Learn.*
- Flint: *Tramping with Tramps.*
- Devine: *The Practice of Charity.*
- Richmond: *The Good Neighbor.*
- Conyngton: *Friendly Visiting Among the Poor.*

The Survey is an invaluable weekly periodical.

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**TOPIC XI.—CORRECTION.**

*Approach to the topic.*—The study of community civics to this point should have made clear the necessity for order in the community. That is, there must be rules and regulations to which all must conform, if community life is to run smoothly, and if the interests of each citizen are to be safeguarded.

If a few people want to pass a given point at the same time, it is usually accomplished in perfect order (if the people are polite) by observing common rules of etiquette. In a crowded thoroughfare, rules of etiquette are hardly sufficient, and it becomes necessary to have regulations which may be enforced by the traffic policeman. He simply represents the interests of the whole community, as against possible selfish interests of individuals. Freedom of movement in a crowded street can only be secured if all traffic conforms to the regulations. Liberty does not mean the right to do absolutely as one pleases; for if A does absolutely as he pleases, he may prevent B from doing what he pleases. Only by yielding somewhat, each to the other, can either have a maximum of freedom. A free community is one in which a maximum of liberty is secured to all members.

This idea may be illustrated by the rules which control a ball game, in which each individual must in a measure merge his identity and his will into those of the team as a whole. It may also be illustrated by the rules of order in a business meeting; or by the written or unwritten regulations for the control of a school. So in every phase of community life studied in this course, the necessity for order must have become apparent. It may be well to review briefly, from this point of view, some of the preceding topics, such as health, protection of property, accident prevention.

There are always some, however, who for one reason or another do not conform to the rules which the community as a whole has agreed upon. Such individuals or groups of individuals are a source of disorder and threaten the rights of others. The question therefore arises, What should the community do with such individuals?

The old rule, "An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth," represents the ancient attitude of the community toward the offender. Ven-
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geance must be had. Not only must punishment be given, but punish-
ishment in kind—and a little worse, if anything, than the original
offense. Until very recently the idea of punishment predominated
in the treatment of offenders against the order of the community.
(Let the pupils investigate the punishment of criminals in colonial
times, for example.)

Punishment still holds a prominent place in the treatment of
offenders against the law; but the tendency now is more and more
to try to transform the offender into an orderly and efficient mem-
er of the community. Punishment may still be necessary in many
cases, but it is losing its vengeful character and is becoming more
and more correctional and preventive.

Means of correction.—With an understanding of the attitude
toward offenders against law and order (criminals and delinquents)
described above, the object should now be to discover the means by
which and the extent to which the local community, the State, and
the Nation are seeking to prevent crime and to make useful citizens
out of those who would otherwise be obstacles to individual and
community welfare. Such topics as the following may be worked
out:

What policy is followed in the treatment of offenders against the order of
your school? To what extent is corporal punishment practiced? Under what condi-
tions is it justifiable? Are there special classes or schools for chronic offenders or
"incorrigibles" in your school system? How does the treatment of pupils in such
classes or schools differ from that in regular classes? How far does this difference
in treatment imply something wrong with the regular school methods rather than
with the offending pupils themselves? Discuss pupil participation in school gov-
ernment in its relation to school discipline.

What is likely to be the effect of treating a youthful first offender as if he were a
real criminal? Discuss the evils of imprisonment of such youthful offenders along
with older criminals and of subjecting them to public trial in open court. What
means have been adopted in your community to prevent first offenders from con-
tinuing a criminal course? Is your community doing as much as other communi-
ties in this respect? What relation have compulsory school-attendance regulations
to the prevention of delinquency?

What are the principal causes of crime in your local community and State? To
what extent are they inherent in the individual criminal; to what extent in exist-
ing social conditions? What are your local community and your State doing to
remove both kinds of causes?

To what extent is the treatment of prisoners in the local jails and State prisons
punitive and to what extent correctional? In what ways should the conditions in
your local jails be improved?

LIST OF AGENCIES.

Rules and laws:
- School regulations.
- Local ordinances.
- State laws.
- National laws.
Agencies for law enforcement:
- Machinery of school administration and discipline.
- Parental, truant, and special schools.
- Reform schools and reformatories.
- Jails and prisons.
- Labor colonies.
- Juvenile courts.
- Courts for adults.
- Probation and parole.
- Prison-reform associations.

Responsibility of the citizen.—Obtain copies of the local ordinances that are most often broken, such as those relating to playing ball on the street, throwing snowballs, care of rubbish, or regulation of traffic. Let the class study these, explain their meaning, and find out exactly how they may help in the enforcement of these laws.

The good citizen will be careful to take the right attitude toward those who are accused of having broken the law. In the first place he will not jump to the conclusion that a person is guilty until he has been proven so. In the second place he will be anxious to understand the causes or motives that have led to the wrongdoing and, although he may not condone the wrongdoing, he will be charitable in his judgment; and, finally, in his attitude toward any who have served imprisonment he will be willing to give a helping hand.

TOPIC XII.—HOW GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES ARE CONDUCTED.

Approach to the topic.—Throughout the course that has preceded, constant reference has been made to the part played by governmental agencies—local, State, and National—in securing to the citizens of communities the various elements of welfare. It is now time to organize the pupils' knowledge of these agencies more systematically. Time will probably not permit an exhaustive technical study of the mechanism of government in all its detail; nor, indeed, is such study desirable in this course. The aims should rather be to fix the conception of government as a means by which the entire community may cooperate; to show how the citizens do cooperate in the work of governing; to leave with the pupil a clear view of the essential functions of government and a broad knowledge of the main features of its organization; and to stimulate a desire to know more about it. The changing character of our Government to meet new conditions should be emphasized.

Means by which the community governs itself.—After reviewing, on the basis of the preceding topics, the necessity and purposes of government, the following topics relating to the organization and methods of self-government may be studied briefly:
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Direct self-government.—The town meeting. National and State constitutions as representing the direct will of the people. Recent development of the initiative, referendum, and recall.


Division of governing powers.—Local, State, National. Reason for such division. Relations between State and local; between State and National.


Selection of representatives.—The suffrage. Nominations: Conventions, direct primaries, preferential primaries. Elections; Party system, short ballot. The civil service, civil service reform, machine politics.

General organization of government.—Local (township, county, village, or city), State, National.

Responsibility of the citizen.—Responsibility of voters; of nonvoters. Civic education. Difference between education for public service as a career and the civic education of the lay citizen. See Part I, p. 16, for distinction between the responsibility of the citizen and that of the official as such. The necessity for obedience from the point of view of government as a means of cooperation. Responsibility for business methods in government.

TOPIC XIII.—HOW GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES ARE FINANCED.

Approach to the topic.—The governmental agencies which protect the rights of the citizen and maintain order in the community cost a great deal. They must be paid for by the people, whose interests they serve. The following topics may be investigated:

LIST OF AGENCIES.

Sources of revenue.
Methods of taxation:
Budget making:
Appropriations.
Assessment.
Equalization.
Exemptions.
Imports and excises.

Methods of checking expenditures:
Reports.
Audits.
Budget exhibits.

Methods of borrowing money.

Responsibility of the citizen.—The subjects of evasion of taxes, extravagance and inefficiency in the expenditure of the people’s money, and ignorance on the part of citizens regarding the way in which their money is spent and the returns they are getting for it, are among those that may be discussed.
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TOPIC XIV.—HOW VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE CONDUCTED AND FINANCED.

So much money is spent and so much community service is performed by voluntary agencies that it is worth while to examine the methods by which typical agencies of this kind are organized, conducted, and financed. Voluntary agencies are so numerous that it is impossible to give a comprehensive list, but such as the following are typical and worthy of study:

LIST OF AGENCIES.

A private hospital.
A playground association.
A church.
A charity organization society.
A social settlement.
A board of trade or chamber of commerce.

A child-labor organization.
A humane society.
A bureau of municipal research.
A consumers' league.
A local newspaper.

Responsibility of the citizen.—Not only the question of the responsibility of the citizen for cooperation with worthy voluntary agencies may be discussed, but also such questions as whether these organizations have a similar obligation to that of governmental agencies for economy and efficiency, and for accounting to the public for work accomplished and money spent.
PART III.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SUGGESTIONS.

TEXTBOOKS.

It has been attempted in this manual to explain the scope and method of community civics. It is clear that the object of study is the real community and the real relations of each citizen to his own community life. Nevertheless, a textbook in the hands of the class will be invaluable, provided it is of the right kind and is used in the right way.

A textbook should not be selected nor used merely as a reservoir of facts for the pupil's study. Its primary purpose should be to guide the pupil in his search for, and observation of, the facts of his own community life, to help him to organize his knowledge, and to interpret the facts and relations which he discovers outside of the book. It should help and not hinder teacher and pupils to maintain the point of view and spirit of community civics and, somewhat paradoxically, direct attention away from the book itself. Textbooks that approximate this ideal are not numerous, but the considerations mentioned should be among those that determine a selection.

SOURCE MATERIALS.

The kind of facts needed are concrete and particular facts about the community which the class is studying. A good deal of such information can be gathered by direct observation and by inquiry of parents and acquaintances. But, manifestly, information gathered by this means alone would be incomplete, superficial, and inaccurate.

The most useful sources of information and material regarding the local community are the local newspapers, reports issued by the various departments of the local government, and reports of local voluntary agencies, such as boards of trade, charitable and civic organizations, bureaus of municipal research, etc. In many communities there are local histories and publications by local historical societies. Such material is usually poorly organized for the uses of community civics, but it affords important data to be woven into the work of the class.

For corresponding data relating to the State or national communities there are reports and bulletins issued by States and the National
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Government; also newspapers and periodicals, and the reports and other publications of voluntary organizations of State-wide or national scope:

Many of the weekly and monthly periodicals contain appropriate material. The following list is representative:

The American City. Monthly. 84 Nassau Street, New York, $3 a year. Both a city edition and a town and county edition are issued each month.
The Survey. Weekly. 105 East Twenty-second Street, New York, $3 a year.
Library Digest. Weekly. 354 Fourth Avenue, New York, $3 a year.
Current Opinion. Monthly. 134 West Twenty-ninth Street, New York, $3 a year.
The Outlook. Weekly. 105 East Twenty-second Street, New York, $3 a year.

Newark, N. J., has set an example in the publication of material relating to local history and civic life for the use of the schools. This has been done through the cooperation of the public library and the school board. (See “The Study of a City in the Schools of that City,” by J. C. Dana, Pedagogical Seminary, 18:329-335.) Other communities are doing similar work through other agencies. It will often be found possible to enlist the cooperation of libraries and other agencies outside of the schools in preparing and publishing valuable material of this kind.

Reference Texts.

There should be available for reference in every class copies of various standard texts on civics or government other than the one in regular use by the class. Such books are numerous and varied in kind. Some relate particularly to city problems and government; others treat principally of the National Government. Many of them deal chiefly with the organization and operations of government. Some of the more recent subordinate such information to a discussion of civic and social problems. It is not intended in community civics that the mechanism of government be entered into in great detail, but it is sometimes necessary to trace out such facts.

Further, it is always desirable to compare the point of view of different authors and to compare what actually exists in the pupils’ community with what various authors think ought to exist or with what does exist in other communities.

It should always be the effort, however, to treat such book information as supplementary to first-hand information acquired by observation or from original sources.

For the teacher who wishes to ground herself more thoroughly in the theory and practice of government in its various aspects, or in economic and social problems, there is an abundance of literature of both general and special character. The more of such literature the teacher of civics can master, the better will she be prepared professe-
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Sionally for her work. But these treatises on various phases of political science, economics, and sociology have little direct bearing on the methods of community civics. It has therefore not seemed appropriate to append to this manual a list of such titles.

Of even greater importance than these, to the teacher of community civics, are books and articles dealing directly with the several topics treated in Part II of this manual—public health, charities, immigration, good roads, conservation, etc. Some of this literature is also adapted for reference by children. It has not been possible to prepare a selected list of references relating to the topics of Part II in time for publication in this manual. Such references may be found in some of the textbooks. It is hoped that a special committee will soon prepare for publication a comprehensive bibliography for the guidance of high-school teachers of the social studies. Meanwhile, it is suggested that for titles not available through libraries and other local channels teachers write to their State universities or State libraries with as definite a statement as possible as to the kind of material wanted.

LABORATORY MATERIAL.

It is desirable to assemble a permanent collection of working material, which may be augmented and revised from year to year by the work of successive classes. Such laboratory material may include:

Laws and ordinances.—Federal and State constitutions; city charter, and charters of other cities; State laws and city ordinances.

Reports and documents.—Town reports; mayors' messages and reports; reports of municipal departments; reports and bulletins of National and State Governments; reports of voluntary organizations.

Specimen forms.—Licenses, permits, contracts, franchises, tax-assessment lists, tax receipts, ballots, petitions, etc. Also forms used by voluntary agencies.

Plans and models.—Showing present or proposed public works, such as city plans; park, boulevard, and street improvements; model tenements; docks; water and sewage plants; street lighting; grade-crossing improvements; public buildings.

Maps.—Maps should be made and used freely. Inexpensive outline maps of the city, town, or county should be used for marking in various features, such as traction lines; grade and elevated railroad crossings; fire-alarm boxes; school buildings; playgrounds; parks; industrial sections; and any other features that can be shown on maps. Maps of the State may be used in a similar manner to show transportation lines, industrial centers, location of State institutions, etc.

Pictures and lantern slides.—Lantern slides representing civic activities, industrial activities, city plans, public buildings, etc., are extremely useful. Loan collections of slides are to be had at very slight expense. The American Civic Association, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C., has a large number of slides covering a wide range of subjects, the use of which may be secured at nominal cost. State universities sometimes make available collections of slides. Collections of photographs and illustrations clipped from periodicals for a comparison of different communities are also useful.

Charts and graphs.—Facts relating to many phases of civic life may be made vivid by the use of charts, graphs, diagrams, etc.
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Pupils should make their own collections as far as possible. They may write letters of request to public officials, voluntary organizations, and business establishments for reports and other publications and illustrative material and acknowledge receipt of the same. If they cannot bring in every magazine article that they see bearing on their work, they may at least furnish the references in correct form. They can make newspaper clippings, which should be classified and arranged in convenient form for reference. Pictures may be collected and arranged in the same way. Maps and charts may be made.

Exhibits may sometimes be prepared by the civics classes to which the entire school and parents may be invited. Such exhibits may represent comprehensively the civic life of a neighborhood or some important phase of the civic life of the entire community. Pupils of the Harrison Technical High School, of Chicago, in cooperation with agencies outside of the school, recently prepared a neighborhood public health exhibit which was visited by 33,000 people in 10 days.

Many groups of picked boys and girls, with the aid of principal and teachers, got statistics and information downtown and at home about their neighborhood, enlarged maps, made diagrams, photographed institutions and lettered and mounted the panels, observed as guides and interpreters,usher; and in features of the evening program, thus helping the school educate the surrounding community on its own public health conditions.

REFERENCES ON METHOD.

Community civics is a new subject with new methods. The literature on the subject is limited. The following references are given in the belief that they will be helpful to the teacher in acquiring the point of view, the spirit, and the method of the subject:

United States Bureau of Education:
Civic Education Series (mimeographed circulars)—
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Cabot, Ella Lyman, and others: A course in citizenship. Houghton Mifflin Co.
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[Note.—With the exceptions indicated, the documents named below will be sent free of charge upon application to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C. Those marked * with an asterisk (*) are no longer available for free distribution, but may be had of the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., upon payment of the price stated. Remittances should be made in coin, currency, or money order. Stamps are not accepted. Numbers omitted are out of print.]

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