

## Country Life Organizations

### I. GENERAL COUNTRY LIFE MOVEMENTS

| <i>Movement</i>                                   | <i>Purpose and Explanation</i>                                 | <i>Sources of Information</i>  |
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| National Commission on Country Life               | To investigate present farm life conditions                    | Document No. 705<br>Government Printing Office<br>Washington, D.C.           |
| International Institute of Agriculture            | A world order to promote agricultural interests of the nations | Mr. David Lubin<br>Sacramento, Cal.  |
| National Grange-Patrons of Husbandry              | To advance the general welfare of farmers                      | National Master<br>Oliver Wilson<br>Peoria, Ill.                             |
| National Corn Association                         | Now a general national country life association                | President<br>Eugene D. Funk<br>Shirley, Ill.                                 |
| National Conservation Association                 | Promulgation of the conservation of resources                  | Mr. Gifford Pinchot<br>Washington, D.C.                                      |
| International Dry Farming Congress                | To disseminate knowledge of dry farming methods                | President<br>Dr. J.H. Worst<br>College of Agriculture<br>Fargo, N.D.         |
| Farmers' National Congress                        | To consider national questions related to agriculture          | Secretary<br>George M. Whitaker<br>1404 Harvard St.<br>Washington, D.C.      |
| Farmers' Union                                    | To promote business cooperation among farmers                  | President<br>Charles S. Barrett<br>Union City, Ga.                           |
| National Apple Show                               | Orchardist's conference held annually at Spokane, Wash.        | Headquarters of the<br>National Apple Show<br>Spokane, Wash.                 |
| New England Conference on Rural Progress          | To further the welfare of New England rural life               | President<br>K.L. Butterfield<br>College of Agriculture<br>Amherst, Mass.    |
| "The Amherst Movement."                           | Summer school of the Mass. State College of Agriculture        | Director<br>William D. Hind<br>College of Agriculture<br>Amherst, Mass.      |
| Southwest Interstate Association for Country Life | To advance country life in the Southwest                       | President<br>E.D. Cameron<br>State Supt. of Oklahoma<br>Oklahoma City, Okla. |

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| National Soil Fertility League                      | Organization of eminent men devoted to soil improvement            | Secretary<br>H.H. Gross<br>1328 First National Bank Bldg.<br>Chicago, Ill. |
| Illinois Federation for Country Life Progress       | State federation of rural social forces holding annual conferences | Secretary<br>Mabel Carney<br>Normal, Ill.                                  |
| Rhode Island League for Rural Progress              | State federation of rural social forces holding annual conferences | Rhode Island State College<br>Kingston, R.I.                               |
| Rural Life Conference of the University of Virginia | To initiate rural progress throughout the South                    | University of Va.<br>Charlottesville, Va.                                  |
| Washington Country Life Commission.                 | A state organization similar to the National Commission            | Chairman<br>David Brown<br>Spokane, Wash.                                  |
| Hesperia Movement                                   | A mature local movement for the upbuilding of a rural community    | Mr. David L. Brooks<br>Fremont, Mich.                                      |

## **II. HOME IMPROVEMENT MOVEMENTS**

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| American Home Economics Association                             | To improve the conditions of living in the home, the institutional household, University of Illinois, and the community | President<br>Prof. Isabel Bevier<br>Urbana, Ill.                                       |
| Bureau of Information and Circulating Library on Home Questions | Conducts correspondence work and will answer questions for those enrolled   | American School of Home Economics<br>606 West 69 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Chicago, Ill. |
| The Illinois Association of Household Science                   | Organization of the state farmers' Institute for home science   | President<br>Mrs. H.M. Dunlap<br>Savory, Ill.  |
| The Illinois Congress of Mothers                                | State organization for home improvement and child culture   | Mrs. Alfred Bayliss<br>Macomb, Ill.  |

### III. COUNTRY CHURCH MOVEMENTS

| <i>Movement</i>   | <i>Purpose and Explanation</i>  | <i>Sources of Information</i>  |
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| Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America    | To forward the federative idea among churches; has special rural department | General Secretary<br>Rev. E.B. Sanford, D.D.<br>1611 Clarendon Bldg.<br>New York, N.Y.                               |
| Department of Church and Country Life.                  | Rural division of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions                   | Dr. Warren H. Wilson<br>156 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave.<br>New York, N.Y.   |
| Country Work of the Young Men's Christian Association   | To advance the spiritual and moral welfare of boys in rural districts       | Secretary<br>Albert E. Roberts<br>International Association Bldg.<br>124 East 28 <sup>th</sup> St.<br>New York, N.Y. |
| Country Work of the Young Women's Christian Association | Moral and spiritual work among girls in country districts                   | Secretary<br>Jessie Field<br>600 Lexington Ave.<br>New York, N.Y.  |
| New England Country Church Association                  | To upbuild and federate the country churches of New England                 | President<br>Prof. T.N. Carver<br>Harvard University<br>Cambridge, Mass.   |
| Illinois Church Federation                              | State organization of churches  | Rev. Charles E. Bacon<br>Rooms 920-22 Association Bldg.<br>Chicago, Ill.   |

### IV. FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS—BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL

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| National Department of Farmers' Institutes. | Special bureau of the U.S. Department of Agriculture devoted to farmers' institutes | Farmers' Institute Specialist<br>John Hamilton<br>Dept. of Agriculture<br>Washington, D.C. |
| Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work     | To teach scientific farming to farmers of the South.                                | Director<br>W.L. English<br>Dept. of Agriculture<br>Washington, D.C.                       |
| DeKalb County Soil Improvement Association  | DeKalb County, Ill. employs a county secretary of agriculture                       | William G. Eckhardt<br>DeKalb, Ill.  |
| American Society of Equity                  | National organization to further the systematic marketing of crops                  | President<br>James A Everitt<br>Indianapolis, Ind.   |
| Hood River Fruit Growers' Association       | To control the marketing of apples  | Mr. C.H. Sproat<br>Hood River, Ore.  |

## V. ROADS ASSOCIATIONS

| <i>Movement</i>   | <i>Purpose and Explanation</i>  | <i>Sources of Information</i>  |
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| National Office of Public Roads                             | Special Bureau of the Department of Agriculture devoted to roads                        | Director<br>L.W. Page<br>U.S. Department of Agriculture<br>Washington, D.C.                          |
| Permanent International Association of Road Congresses      | The promotion of road science on an international scale                                 | Office of Public Roads<br>U.S. Department of Agriculture<br>Washington, D.C.                         |
| The American Association for Highway Improvement            | To serve as a clearing house for road information, and to correlate all highway effort. | Colorado Building<br>Washington, D.C.  |
| The National Good Roads Association                         | To educate the public to the necessity of improved roads                                | President<br>Arthur C. Jackson<br>Chicago Opera House Bldg.<br>Chicago, Ill.                         |
| Good Roads Department National Letter Carriers' Association | An effort of letter carriers to further the road movement                               | Director<br>C.M. Adams<br>Davenport, Ia.   |
| State Good Roads Association                                | All states have such organizations for road improvement                                 | Address State Highway engineer at various state Capitals. In Illinois, Mr. A.N. Johnson, Springfield |
| Farmers' Good Roads League of Illinois                      | To advance the building of hard roads   | Secretary<br>Mr. H.H. Gross<br>6001 Indiana Ave.<br>Chicago, Ill.                                    |
| Iowa River-to River Association                             | Formed to drag and maintain a 380-mile road across the state                            | Secretary<br>J.W. Eichinger<br>Des Moines, Ia.   |

## VI. SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENTS

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| Country Teachers' Association of Illinois          | Organization of country teachers for advancing the welfare of country schools    | Mabel Carney<br>State Normal School<br>Normal, Ill. |
| Women's School Betterment Association of the South | An organization of Southern women for the improvement of schools                 | Mrs. Charles D. MacIver<br>Greensboro, N.C.         |
| Boys' Corn and Agricultural Clubs                  | These are established in many states, especially Nebraska, Iowa, Ohio, and Texas | State Superintendents of states named               |

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| Graduate School of Agriculture  | To promote agricultural research  | President of any state college of agriculture  |
| Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations | An organization of institutions named to promote agricultural science by the U.S. Department of Agriculture | <i>Circular 36</i><br>Office of Experiment Stations<br>Washington, D.C.                    |
| Southern Boys' Corn Clubs   | National work conducted in the South by the U.S. Department of Agriculture                                  | Director<br>O.S. Martin<br>Dept. of Agriculture,<br>Washington, D.C.                       |
| The Anna T. Jeanes Fund   | One million dollars devoted to the improvement of negro rural schools                                       | Dr. J. H. Dillard,<br>571 Audubon St.<br>New Orleans, La.                                  |
| Rural School Industrial Exhibits                                      | State movement by the College of Agriculture to further this work   | Director<br>George F. Howard<br>College of Agriculture<br>St. Paul, Minn.                  |
| Polish-American Farmers' Day  | An attempt to aid immigrant farmers; the first effort of its kind so far undertaken in the United States    | Prof. William D. Hurd<br>Director of Extension<br>College of Agriculture<br>Amherst, Mass. |

## **VII. LIBRARY AND PRESS MOVEMENTS**

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| <i>The Farmers' Voice</i>                    | Agricultural journal emphasizing rural and social progress          | Editor<br>Arthur J. Bill<br>Bloomington, Ill.                              |
| Conference of Rural Librarians               | To further the use of libraries as rural social centers             | Miss Anna M. Tarbell<br>Brimfield, Mass.                                   |
| Wisconsin Traveling Libraries                | To send traveling libraries into rural districts                    | Miss Lutie E. Stearns<br>Wisconsin Library<br>Commission<br>Madison, Wisc. |
| Illinois' Library Extension Commission       | To circulate free traveling libraries                               | Miss Eugenia Allin<br>Decatur, Ill.  |
| Minnesota Farmers' Club and Library Movement | To establish local farmers' clubs and issue bulletins for their use | Farmers' Library<br>University Farm<br>St. Paul, Minn.                     |
| Cornell Reading Course for Farmers           | Furnishes bulletins to New York farmers and their wives             | Prof. C. H. Tuck<br>Cornell College of<br>Agriculture<br>Ithaca, N.Y.      |

### VIII. COUNTRY BEAUTIFUL MOVEMENTS

| <i>Movement</i>  | <i>Purpose and Explanation</i>                             | <i>Sources of Information</i>   |
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| American Civic Association Department of Rural Improvement | Devoted to the civic upbuilding of the country             | Office of the Secretary<br>913-14 Union Trust Bldg.<br>Washington, D.C. |
| Illinois Outdoor Improvement Association                   | To encourage landscape improvement                         | President<br>Edward J. Parker<br>Quincy, Ill.                           |
| Massachusetts Civic League                                 | A state federation of local civic improvement associations | Mr. E.T. Hartman<br>3 Joy Street<br>Boston, Mass.                       |

### IX. MISCELLANEOUS

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| The International Harvester Company Service Bureau              | A general clearing house of agricultural information. Lantern slides, photographs, articles, statistics, etc. relating to farm life furnished free | International Harvester Company. Harvester Bldg.<br>Chicago, Ill.     |
| Field Day and Play Picnic for Country Children, New Paltz, N.Y. | To further the growth of play in the in the country  | Myron T. Scudder<br>Rutgers Preparatory School<br>New Brunswick, N.J. |
| Farmers' Legislative Club of Illinois                           | To protect and advance the legal welfare of agriculture  | President<br>Hon. Clayton S. Pervier<br>Sheffield, Ill.               |
| Boston Town Room  | A center of information on Massachusetts rural towns; furnishes local-historical data, legends, relics, etc.                                       | Librarian<br>Boston Town Room<br>No. 3 Joy Street.                    |
| Cornell College Agricultural Surveys                            | Intensive study of the rural resources and conditions of rural counties of New York  | Secy. A.R. Mann<br>Cornell Agricultural College<br>Ithaca, N.Y.       |
| Camp Fire Girls   | To advance the welfare of adolescent girls   | 118 E. 28 <sup>th</sup> St.<br>New York, N.Y.                         |

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