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To look up and not down,
To look forward and not back,
To look out and not in, and
To lend a hand. EDWARD EVERETT HALE



A Campfire Group on a Hike

The Community Cooperation Plan of Colorado State Teachers College

SOCIETY needs leaders. This has been recognized for many centuries. "Who's who in America" indicates that the majority of leaders in American life are college bred men and women. Among these we find a fair proportion of members of the teaching profession. Colorado State Teachers College believes that even a larger proportion of leaders would be found among professional teachers and others if institutions of higher learning gave specific attention to training for service to society.

No doubt many educational institutions already give courses that enable those trained in them to be leaders in their special fields of study and research; e.g., the specialist in business administration, in medicine or in art. The teacher, altho a specialist to as great a degree and in the same sense as a physician or other individual with intensified training, is very frequently discountenanced as a leader in the business and civic life of the community. Those engaged in teaching are considered more clannish than workers in other occupations and are said to be less practical and less interested in citizenship duties than those in other walks of life. It is no doubt true that the teacher is on the average as intelligent in the performance of his duty to society as is the average person engaged in any other vocation.

In order, however, to encourage those who go into the profession of teaching to take greater interest in the life of the community and to give them experience in dealing in a leadership way with groups of children or adults in various situations in life, Colorado State Teachers College has inaugurated a plan whereby students are allowed to do leadership work for organizations in the community for regular college credit.

In March 1915 Dean Thomas C. McCracken submitted to the Council of Deans a plan in which provision was made for allowing students to go out to organizations to assist them in their undertakings. It was proposed to allow students credit for acting as leaders, teachers, or directors of such groups as Boy Scouts, Girls Camp Fire, Boys' Clubs, Girls' Clubs, Sunday School Classes, Junior christian Endeavor Societies, Junior Epworth Leagues, Sodalities, Children's Choirs or Orchestras, and similar organizations. Two credit hours a term were to be given for this work provided it required preparation and at least one meeting a week. No credit was to be granted for less than two consecutive terms. This work, when approved by the Dean of the Training School was to be substituted for a part of the required practice teaching.

The above plan was adopted by the Council of Deans and later very heartily approved by President Snyder. Dean McCracken was appointed Director of Community Cooperation and for the year 1915-16 Miss Helen Ringle was made Fellow in Education with her main work that of helping to supervise the work carried on under the Community Cooperation Plan.

The College was willing to inaugurate the Plan because of its promise of usefulness both to the community and to the prospective teacher. The Plan should benefit the community by bringing to organizations the assistance of well trained College students who are willing to work along lines in which the organization is interested. The Plan should be of vital aid to the student who is preparing to be a teacher. It will give him an opportunity to study children at close range outside of the school room. He will have a richer understanding of school problems and be better able to take a



Public School Group in Story Telling

place of leadership in his community. All this will make a greater success possible for him and will extend his influence for good wherever he enters upon the work of teaching.

The College believes that the Plan is well worth while and hopes for its extension until all students may have had such training before going into actual work in the teaching profession.

STUDENT INTEREST and ACTIVITIES

THE plan seemed to meet a felt need of the students of the college, for when it was outlined to them many at once expressed their desire for training in a community work. Various organizations in the community also expressed their desire for help. During the year 1915-16 seventy one students worked under the Community Cooperation Plan. They were engaged as follows:

- 43 Sunday school teachers
- 1 Sunday school superintendent
- 1 leader of a boys club
- 8 story tellers in the Greeley Public Schools
- 2 directors of a gymnasium class for the Business Women's League
- 2 Junior Christian Endeavor Leaders
- 4 Camp Fire guardians
- 2 B. Y. P. U. Leaders
- 1 engaged in general Parish service
- 1 director of a children's choir
- 2 directors of children's gymnasium classes
- 2 Junior Epworth League leaders
- 1 director of a brass band
- 1 Assistant Director of a Sunday school Home Department



A Sunday School Class

GROWTH OF THE PLAN

THE success of the Plan is also shown by its growth both in scope and number of workers during this first half of the present school year, 1916-17. It is again under the direction of Dean McCracken with Miss Celia M. Lawler as his assistant. The Plan is the same as that of last year with the exception that all who teach Sunday school classes are required to have had at least one year under the Greeley Plan of Bible study or its equivalent and that all are required to take Education 44, a one hour course designed to give methods of handling groups of children, instruction in the pedagogy of Sunday School teaching, and the principles of community service. Ninety-nine students are now (March 1917) engaged in Community Cooperation work. The activities and number of those engaged are as follows:

- 68 Sunday school teachers
- 1 choir leader
- 8 Story tellers in the Public schools
- 1 teacher of a Mothers Bible class
- 1 teacher of a class in Spanish for the Business Women's League
- 1 director of a Sunday School Orchestra
- 1 teacher of a High School Bible Class
- 1 Boy Scout Master
- 2 teachers of Sunday School construction work
- 4 Camp Fire Guardians
- 1 teacher of a class in German for the Business Women's League
- 3 teachers of classes in Folk Dancing in the Public Schools
- 1 secretary of Sunday School
- 2 teachers of classes in Commercial German and Spanish given for business and professional men
- 1 story teller for sick children
- 2 story tellers for church work
- 1 teacher who visits children's homes and makes suggestions to the cooperation group for further extension of the work.

Various Departments of the College Interested

There has been a definite drawing upon various departments in the College for skilled workers to meet requests from the community for help. With growth in this direction and the cooperation of departments of the College in furnishing specialists for various kinds of leadership the expansion of the Plan is unlimited.

Extension Kindergarten Established

Through the efforts of the Community Cooperation supervisors and Miss Mildred Julian of the Kindergarten Department of the College, a kindergarten for children of the East Side, Greeley, has been established. The people of the German Congregational Church have given the use of a

APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY

THE success of the Plan during its first year is shown by the expression of heads of organizations with whom students worked. Rev. John W.

Findley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, in a letter to the Department said: "I wish to express to you my appreciation of the assistance given in various departments of the work of the First Presbyterian Church by students working under the Community Cooperation Plan of the College.

"I have noted with especial interest and appreciation the organization and direction of a group of Camp Fire Girls. The guardians have given such direction as none but experienced leaders could have given to this work. Their interest has been constant and the results excellent.

"We have also had valued assistance in various departments of our church Bible School and skilled direction to a group of children in the Junior Christian Endeavor.

"The students engaged in this work have been punctual and in every respect faithful to the responsibilities involved and have adapted themselves admirably to the program of the church."

Other letters in reference to the Plan read as follows:

"In the Sunday School of the First Methodist Episcopal Church the Community Cooperation work has been very successful. At present eleven of our fourteen teachers in the Junior Department are College students. I appreciate these teachers; they are regular in their attendance, both at the Sunday School hour and at teachers council meetings; they are systematic in their work; they learn to know their classes; they may be depended upon.
Signed, BERTHA H. WHITMAN"

"This fall the Business Women's League organized two classes for the study of German and Spanish. The teachers of these classes are students working under the Community Cooperation Plan.

Our girls are very enthusiastic in the work, and the classes are proving to be most interesting and helpful. We feel that this plan which the College has instituted is not only benefiting Greeley but is giving these student teachers a broad experience.

Signed: MRS. MARY RUNNELLS,
President Business Women's League."

"I am in sympathy with the Community Cooperation Plan.

For the last two years, we have had the help of College students in the South ward School. This year there have been three girls telling stories to the second, third and fourth grades, and one who has given folk dancing to the same grades.

The story tellers have cooperated with our teachers and have tried to correlate their stories with the work of the grade, as much as possible.

On the whole, the work has been very satisfactory."

Respectfully yours,

LUNA I. SMITH
Principal of South Ward."

room in their church for the kindergarten. The College is providing the teacher and necessary equipment. There is a keen interest among the people in this opportunity for their children, and the kindergarten promises to be a great success. The opportunity for extension of this sort is thus beginning to develop.

OUTLOOK

The Community Cooperation Plan has so enlarged itself that it is becoming very evident that a Community Center is needed where not only students can conduct classes and clubs but where members of the Faculty of the College can give courses at hours convenient for people other than college students. Already the Women's Civic Federation is having Miss Redifer and Miss Kissick of the Home Economics Department give a course of lectures for the women of the city. The need of a Community Center is thus making itself felt. It is hoped that with the establishment of such a center, presumably at the college, will come the offering of College opportunities to adult and youth alike until there shall be a cooperation of community and College which will make for the best interests of both and for the upbuilding of the best type of citizenship.

See appendix for sample blank used in requesting Department to recommend students for special work under the Plan.



Class of Business Men in Commercial German

APPENDIX

The following blanks and forms are used in various phases of the Community Cooperation work:

Blank used by Sunday School teacher or leader of group to report work to Community Cooperation supervisor.

<h3 style="margin: 0;">COMMUNITY COOPERATION PLAN</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">State Teachers College of Colorado, 1916-17</p>									
Report of	Address				Phone				
Teacher or Leader of				Church				
Date of Meetings									
Number on Roll									
Members Present									
Adult visitors Present									
Visitors of Class Age									
Visits at members homes									
Extra Class Meetings									
Extra time with members									
Teacher Tardy									
Teacher Absent									
<p>Do You Have a Class Organization?</p> <p>A place is reserved on the other side of this card for description of extra meetings or other remarks.</p>									

Blank used by Campfire guardian to report work to Community Cooperation supervisor.

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Report of Address Phone

CAMPFIRE Church Day Time

Date of Meetings										
Number on Roll										
Members Present										
Leader Absent										
Leader Tardy										
Regular Meeting										
Ceremonial										
Honor Beads										
Hike										
Party										
Extra time with teachers										
Extra Meetings										
Visits at Members Homes										
Visitors Present										

Blank used by Story Teller to report work to Community supervisor.

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Report of _____ Address _____ Phone _____
STORY TELLER: Building _____ Grade _____ Time _____ Day _____

DATE	Absent	Tardy	STORIES TOLD	EFFECT

Blank used by the Director of Community Cooperation in requesting Departments to recommend students for special work under the Plan.

A request has been received from _____

_____ for a student to work under the Community Co-operation Plan.
The work to be assigned to the student is _____

_____. Such a person should have had work in your classes and really be a specialist to fill the place. I shall greatly appreciate your interest in this matter if you can recommend some one for the work.

Cordially yours,

Director Community Cooperation

Please fill blanks and return to sender:

Person recommended _____

” ” _____

Signed _____

Blank used by Community Cooperation supervisor to get a measurement of the efficiency of the student from the organization for which the student is working

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Report of _____ Date _____

COLLEGE STUDENT	General Efficiency	Response of Pupils	Regularity	Preparation

Please fill out at once and mail to _____ Signed _____

For information concerning the work of any department of the college.
Catalogue, Summer School Bulletin, Extension Bulletin, etc. address
J. G. CRABBE, President

