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A READER FOR ADULTS



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BOOK I

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P R E F A C E

This reader has been developed with two principle purposes in mind; one, to be used as a basis for teaching adults to learn to read and write; two, to teach adults to work with their neighbors in the building of a better community. While it is important to teach adults to read and write, the purpose should not end here. It should create in them a desire to be better citizens, lead them in living a better life, and encourage them to cooperate with their neighbors in making the community a better place in which to live. In order to accomplish this second purpose the reading content must be directly connected with the activities in the community if it is to be more than the calling of words. The tools of learning must be used in the leading of a better life or else the adult will not know how to use or associate them in life situations. Reading should help solve the many problems of life.

Teachers are urged to make constant use of the blackboard, copying entire lessons on it for reading and discussion. Other subjects of interest to the class concerning the community may be developed by them under the guidance and direction of the teacher. Flash cards of words and sentences may be made from the reader and from other reading material which class develops. Thought provoking questions should be asked by the teacher on each subject before the reading is started. Questions may also be used for bringing out other topics of special interest to the class.

Many helpful suggestions and criticisms came from the supervisors and teachers of the WPA Education Project. The teachers who used the first edition were very helpful in offering timely and important suggestions for certain changes. The consultants of the Washington WPA Education Staff also made certain criticisms of the reader. This revised edition of the reader incorporated these suggestions in it.

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Lesson 1

The Community

I live in a community

I live in a good community

Do you live in a good community?

Phrases

in a community

in a good community

New Words

Learn to spell

Use in a sentence

in

live

do

good

you

community

I live in a community

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Lesson 2

What Makes A Good Community

People live in a community

People make a community

Homes make a community

Good people make a good community

Good homes make a good community

What else makes a good community?

Phrases

in a community

New Words

Learn to spell

Use in a sentence

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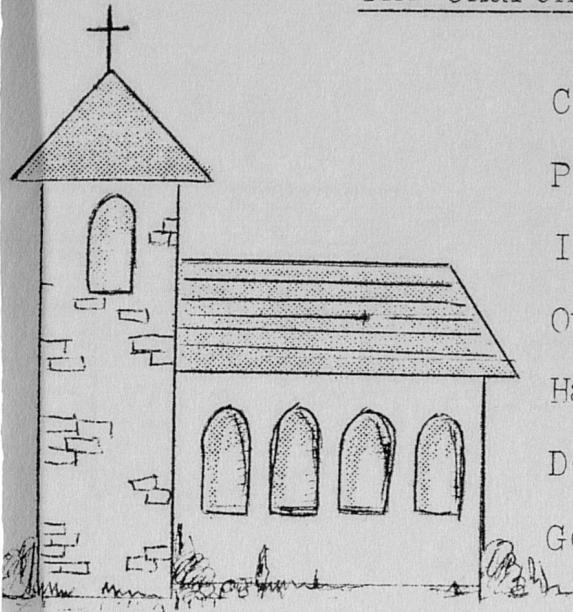
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People make a community

Lesson 3

The Churches In The Community



Churches help make a good community

People help make a good community

I help make a good church

Our community has good churches

Has your community good churches?

Do the churches help your community?

Good people help make good churches

NEW WORDS

Learn to spell

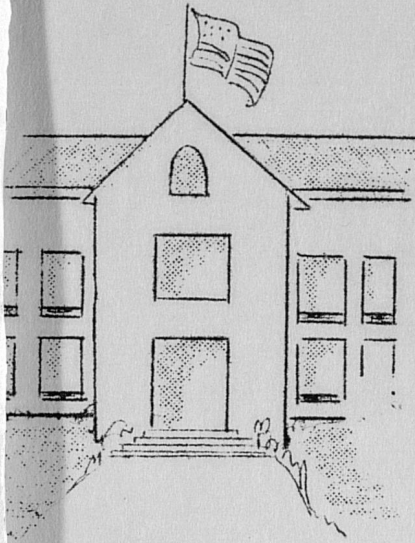
Use in a sentence

churches your the
help our has

I help make a good church

Lesson 4

The School In The Community



We have a school in our community

We have a school for our children

We have a school for our adults

Our children have a good school

Our adults have a good school

A good school helps make a good community

I help make our school a good school

Do you help make your school a good school?

Phrases

for our adults
for our children
in our community

New Words

Learn to spell
Use in a sentence

we have school for adults children

Our adults have a good school.

Lesson 5

The Stores In The Community

We have stores in our community

Do you have stores in your community?

I buy and sell at the stores

Our people buy and sell at the stores

What do you buy and sell at the stores?

They help make a good community for the people

They help our homes, our schools and churches

Do they help your schools and churches?

Phrases

in your community

at the stores

for the people

New Words

Learn to spell

Use in a sentence

stores they your buy sell and at

I buy and sell at stores

Lesson 6

Review Of First Five Lessons

I live in a good community
People live in a community
People make good churches
Homes and people help make a good community
Stores and churches help make a community
People buy and sell at the stores
Our adults and children help make a school
They help make a good church
They help make good homes
Do you live in a good community?
What makes a good community?
Do you help your home?
Do you help your churches?
Do you buy and sell at your stores?
Do the children and adults help your school?

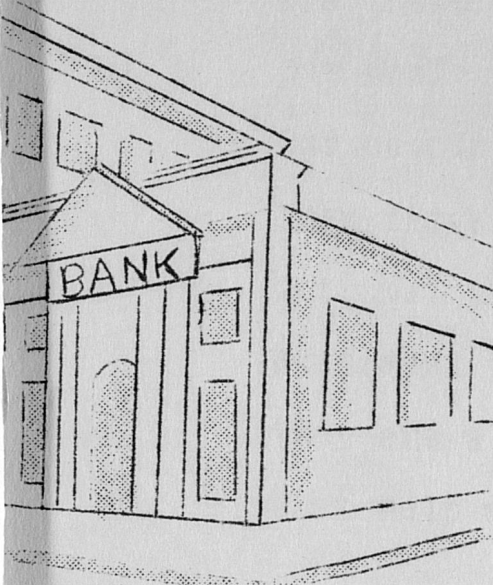
Review Words

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| your | churches | help | in |
| our | stores | make | the |
| we | community | have | and |
| I | school | do | good |
| they | else | buy | for |
| | people | sell | at |
| | adults | has | at |
| | children | | |

Lesson 7

The Bank of the Community

We have a bank in our community
Do you have a bank in your community?
I keep money in the bank
The bank is the place to keep money
Do you keep your money in the bank?
The children keep money in the bank
Our bank is a help to our community
We borrow money from our bank
People borrow money from the bank
Do you borrow money from the bank?
Is the home the place to keep money?



Phrases

in the bank
from our bank
to keep money

New Words

Learn to spell Use in a sentence
keep bank place borrow money from

I keep money in the bank.

Lesson 8

The Roads In Our Community

Our community has many good roads
Many roads are a help to the community
Are there many roads in your community?
Our children travel the roads to school
Our people travel the roads to church
They travel the roads to the bank
I travel the roads to the stores to buy and sell
We travel the roads from our homes
They are a help to the people in the community
What help are the roads to your people?

Phrases

to the community
to school
to church
to buy and sell
to your people
to the bank

New Words

Learn to spell
Use in a sentence

many roads there travel are

Our community has many roads.

Lesson 9

The Farms In Our Community

There are many farms in my community
There are good farms in my community
Are there good farms in your community?
Many people live on the farms
It is a help to the community to have good farms
Our people own many of the farms
I own my farm and live on my farm
Do you own a farm in your community?
People borrow money to buy farms
Good farms help make good homes

Phrases

on the farms
to buy farms
to have good farms

New Words

Learn to spell
Use in a sentence

farms my it is own on

Many people live on farms.

Lesson 10

What We Grow On The Farms In Our Community

I grow many things on my farm

Our people grow many things on the farm

They grow corn to sell

Do you grow corn on your farm?

What do you grow on your farm?

They grow vegetables on the farm

We grow vegetables to eat

I grow fruit to eat and to sell

Fruit grows on many farms in the community

Fruit, corn and vegetables grow on the farm

Do the people on the farms grow fruit and vegetables?

Phrases

to sell

to eat

on the farm

New Words

Learn to spell

Use in a sentence

grow things corn vegetables fruit eat

They grow corn to sell.

Lesson 11

Workers In Our Community

Many people in our community are workers

They work on the farms and in stores

The women work in the homes

What work do the people in your community do?

Workers help make a good community

Women work in the stores and in the bank

Men work on the farm and on the roads

Men and women work in my community

They work in the homes and for the school

It is good for people to be workers

Why does it help people to work?

Phrases

in stores
for the school
to be workers
to work

New Words

Learn to spell
Use in a sentence

work workers men women why does

The women work in the homes

Lesson 12

The Mail In Our Community



Our people have mail boxes

The mail boxes are on the roads

They send mail at the mail boxes

They get mail at the mail boxes

They send letters and get letters

Our children send letters and get letters

I get a newspaper at our mail box

Our people get newspapers at the mail boxes

Mail helps make a good community

Why does mail help make a good community?

Phrases

on the roads

at our mail box

at the mail boxes

New Words

Learn to spell

Use in a sentence

get mail box boxes

send letters newspaper newspapers

Our people have mail boxes.

Lesson 13

Review Of Last Five Lessons

People keep money in the bank

They borrow money from the bank

The bank is the place to keep money

A bank is a help to a community

Good roads are a help to a community

We travel roads to school, to church and to stores

I own a farm in my community

A farm grows corn, vegetables, and fruit

We eat the things we grow on the farm

The men and women of our community are workers

They work at many things in the community

Our community has many mail boxes

They get and send letters at the mail boxes

Review Words

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| keep | place | boxes |
| travel | roads | my |
| are | farms | it |
| grow | things | is |
| eat | corn | own |
| work | place | there |
| get | vegetables | many |
| send | fruit | on |
| borrow | workers | why |
| does | men | box |
| bank | women | letters |
| money | mail | newspapers |

Lesson 14

The Post-Office In The Community

The letters are sent to the Post-Office

Papers are sent from the Post-Office

Do you get letters from the Post-Office?

Workers work in the Post-Office for our people

They live in the homes of our community

Mail carriers carry mail to the mail boxes

Mail carriers carry mail from the mail boxes

They carry mail from the boxes to the Post-Office

The mail carriers help make a good community

The Post-Office is a help to our community

How does the Post-Office help your community?

Phrases

to the post-office
from the mail boxes
for our people

New Words

Learn to spell

Use in a sentence

post-office sent mail carriers carry how

Papers are sent from the post-office.

Lesson 15

The Doctor In The Community

A good doctor lives in our community
He comes to see our sick people
The doctor comes to see our children
Does a doctor live in your community?
He helps make our community healthy
It is good to have a healthy community
It is good to have healthy people
I want to have healthy people in my community
The doctor wants to have healthy people
He works to have healthy people in the community
How can you help make a healthy community?

Phrases

to see sick people
to have a healthy community
to have healthy people

New Words

Learn to spell
Use in a sentence

doctor he comes see sick healthy want can

He comes to see our sick people.

Lesson 16

The Clubs In The Community

There are many clubs in my community

We have a club for the farmers

There is a club for the women

There is a club for the children

What clubs are in your community?

The clubs do much work for our people

They help our people to get many things

They help our people to get good roads

They help our children at the school

It helps me to belong to a club

It helps my community for me to belong to a club

How do the clubs help your community?

Phrases

for the farmer

for the children

to get many things

to get good roads

to a club

New Words

Learn to spell

Use in a sentence

clubs farmers much me

It helps me to belong to a club.

Lesson 17

Parties In My Community

We gave a party at our home
Our people have parties in their homes
They have parties for the children
They have parties for the adults
Do your people have parties in the homes?
They gave a party at the school
We play games at the parties in the homes
They play games at the party in the school
Many people come to the parties
They come to play games and to see people
It is good to come to a party and play games
How do parties help the people in the community?

Phrases

in their homes
to play games
to the parties

New Words

Learn to spell
Use in a sentence

party gave parties come games play their

many people come to parties

Lesson 18

Working Together In The Community

I want to work with the people in my community
Our people want to work together
Do the people in your community work together?
Working together is a help to a community
We can work together in the school
We can work together in the church
We can work together in the clubs
Our doctor can help us work together
Our clubs can help us work with our people
I want to work with other people in the community
I want to help other people in the community
How does working together help your community?

Phrases

in the clubs
to work together
with the people

New Words

Learn to spell - Use in a sentence
together with other us

Our people want to work together.

Lesson 19

The Community Home

We want to build a community home
People in other communities have them
They have a community home for all the people
Our community needs a community home
Can you help build a community home?
It will be a place to have our clubs
It will be a place to have the adult school
Our women can come to the home for clubs
Our men can come to the home for clubs
Our county agent can come to the community home
Our doctor and county agent can come to the home
We need a community home for many other things
Can we build a community home in our community?

Phrases

to the community house
in other communities
for clubs

New Words

Learn to spell
Use in a sentence
build communities need

We want to build a community home.

Lesson 20

Other Things For Our Community

We have learned many things about our community

I have learned about our churches and stores

We have learned about roads and clubs

I want to learn how to help my community more

Do you want to learn more about other things?

I want to talk about the things we need to learn

We need to talk more to our county agent

We need to talk more about our homes

We need to talk more about our children

They are the things of interest to me

What are the things of interest to you?

Our people can learn much in working together

Our community can help the people in it

We want to help make it a good community

Phrases

in working together
to our county agent
about our homes

New Words

Learn to spell
Use in a sentence

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They are the things of interest to me.

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