(An Address Given at Homecoming Program)
South English, Sept. 24, 1932)

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I appreciate the opportunity to talk to you today. I regard it as a chance to get something off my chest, something I've been owing some of you for almost two years.

At that time I was asked to speak before a national student conference at Kalamazoo, Michigan, on the theme "Will Youth Listen?" I took the stand that youth will listen, particularly when some one speaks in words that they can understand. I harked back to my home community. I sent letters to all the graduates of our local high school to get help in proving my thesis. Briefly, this is the way I told my story at Kalamazoo. I'll let you judge when I'm through whether it registered.

My claim that youth will listen goes back to a rural community in Iowa, the English River township, which has been heralded in the **Boston Journal of Education** as a center "Whose educational service to America challenges any other rural population in an equal area". If you haven't read the article and want to read it you can find it over in your library.

This community is the home of one educator of whom you have all heard, Dr. Homer H. Seerley, president emeritus of the Iowa State Teachers' College. The story which I have referred to, written by A.E. Winship, Editor of the Journal, attributes to Dr. Seerley the leading influences responsible for a "multitude of educators" from the rural boys and girls of his home community. Many of these educators never went to school to Mr. Seerley, and some of them I venture, never saw him. But, to speak from experience, as a boy in that community, no one with any inclination whatever to do and to be could have escaped hearing of and in fact almost feeling Mr. Seerley.

I wish it were humanly possible to write that story and other stories like it in actual setting and true perspective. It would be a wonderful portrayal of human personality. For several years I have been trying to write it; that is, to authenticate further the story in the **Boston Journal of Education.** Recently, I set out to try to get some additional information pertaining to Mr. Seerley's home community.

The generation of youth who followed Homer Seerley directly, mostly those referred to in the article in the **Boston Journal of Education**, could not be located, owing to lack of present day addresses. This generation went out before the day of the graduation ceremonies in the local high school. The list of names and addresses to which I had access included the graduates of the South English High School from 1902 to the present. There were 213 of these graduates. The questionnaires sent out were filled and returned by more than one-fourth of the graduates. Replies to two of the questions are of interest. The first of these was, "When in high school what person appealed to you most as an example for your life and what was his or her occupation:" Two in three of the 57 who replied, named some particular person. In 21 instances the person named was a teacher, who served in some capacity in the high school or county. (In one of these instances it was the county superintendent). In 9 instances the person was a relative, - father, brother, uncle or mother. In 7 instances he (or [illegible] individual ence Nightingale, Charles Lindbergh, P.G. Holden, Uncle Henry Wallace and Homer Seerley. The communicant who named Homer Seerley gave this interesting comment.

"When teaching was the most popular profession for girls, I think we all looked toward Homer Seerley as the great teacher and were proud to live in his community."

Indirectly, there seemed to be a carry-over from Mr. Seerley to and through other "teacher" personalities.

The other question which is of direct bearing here was, "Since leaving high school have there been other persons who have influenced you to change your life work or profession?"

One in four of the communicants specified some person as having influenced them to change. Half of the persons named as being responsible for the changes, were husbands or wives, farmer, engineer, newspaper publisher and boss (the man who attributed the change as being due to the influence of his wife specified her as the boss.) A third of the persons were teachers. The others were preacher, nurse, and doctor.

Why Youth Listen

Further reference to information from the graduates may well be prefaced with a comment as to what Homer Seerley meant to the local community, in his day and age. I have run across many significant statements. For example, (quoting Mr. Seerley)

"There was a time when I knew every person in the English River township, when I could go to the polls at the Old Franklin School and call the name of every voter as he came to the ballot box to record his decision on public issues. There was a time when I used to go to Webster and North English to attend church (in addition to the services attended at South English) and did not mind the trip, any week. The going long distances to hear a distinguished preacher, public speaker or prominent man was the custom. It was nothing to go to Sigourney to attend a political rally of either party and spend all day learning something regarding the management of our government or the policies of the leading political parties that were bidding for the suffrage of the voter. . . . .

"It was my privilege to be a country school teacher in Union, District 3, Liberty District 2, and Washington, District 8. I thus became acquainted with the parents and the children of these community centers."

Homer Seerley was a citizen as well as a country school teacher. Some of you may be asking, "Well, what kind of a teacher was he?" I have no quotation to show you what he did with the curriculum during school hours, but some of the activities which he conducted outside of school hours are far more meaningful to me. He says:

"In addition to the customary school work there were the weekly lyceums and Sunday evening singing schools. I feel some pride in our spelling schools where one night each week the best spellers gathered in the neighboring schoolhouses. Good order prevailed. We never had a row because my school always did their best to assist me and the example was good. The lyceum encouraged every man, woman and child to take part. Its objectives were intellectual betterment, culture and progress."

No one will accuse me of saying, "them was the good old days", in spite of the fact that they seem to have been. This was all before my time, but it gives you the chief reason why listen to Homer Seerley. Indirectly, if not directly, they knew him by his work in the home community.

Now, to return to the graduates who named teachers as their exemplars. One in three of them named the same teacher. And, another one in three named one other teacher.

The former of these teachers, a woman who has been teacher, county superintendent, farm homemaker, high school teacher and lecturer in turn, has always taken a leading part in the educational, political, religious and social life and activities of the home community, Mrs. Alice Heald Mendenhall. Commencement addresses, installation ceremonies, political talks, eulogies, - she can do and does them beautifully and effectively.

The other teacher is the present principal of the village school system, Mr. A.H. Ferris. He is now serving his third three-year appointment, after having been tried out on a one-year basis. I know little of his ability to carry out a curriculum, but I do know that he has gathered up the flying missiles from an unsuccessful attempt at consolidation, 11 years ago, and has gradually raised the educational, social and religious standards of the community. About four years ago he succeeded in getting the cooperation of five village and open country churches in a week-day religious education school, which takes precedence over haying, cornplowing and other farm work, in those families where children attend it. He has been outstanding in his efforts to put high school athletics and forensics on a high plane. And last, but not least, he appears to be instilling in many of the farm boys and girls a proper appreciation of the values to be had from farming and from living in rural communities. The stories which come to me of changed occupation from teacher to farmer give an indication of this.

In Conclusion

I have tried to picture for you some things as they have occurred and as they will continue to occur in the typical rural community. I believe I have given you something of the way typical rural youth respond to given situations and the way they incline toward live, active, wholesome personalities. You, teachers at work and in prospect, have first hand opportunity to develop such personalities through building yourselves into rural communities. Most of you are working in or are concerned with typical rural communities. I hope that all of you are building yourselves into your communities by trying to serve well, as Homer Seerley did and as the other two teachers whom I have mentioned are doing.

Thus ended my story at the Kalamazoo Conference. Just a word in closing. I do not need to limit our community builders to teachers. If I could call the honor roll in the South English hall of fame today, I would add the names of J.F. White, Newt Horn, Joe Wenger, Peter Brower, May Lester, Helen Clark, Sarah Wiggins, the Grove boys and many others who contributed and are contributing more than they knew and know to the community. Regardless of their callings the people whom I have mentioned have had ideals of service as ways of building themselves into a community. And their ideals and ways of service have given the English River Community homorable mention across the entire country.

L.J. Powell, Sr. purchased the funeral business from D.B. Coffman in 1919. At that time a horse-drawn hearse was used. In 1946 Lewis Powell, Jr. formed a partnership with his father. Powell Funeral Homes are now located in Keswick, North English, Wellman, Keota, Kalona and South English.

Jan. 30 - The unprecedented cold spell has brought on a coal shortage in Iowa, with an actual coal famine in some localities. Dealers everywhere are rationing the coal out in parcels designed to last from a week to ten days, and with the slight break in the cold snap expect that shipment can be secured by the time the present supplies are exhausted.

Feb. 6 - In every paper that we have put out for the last month we have carried a story that we had just experienced the worst snow storm of the winter and it has happened again. . . Highways were drifted shut, but practically all of the main roads are open now. The secondary roads are a different story and some of them will not be opened till spring, drifts higher than a man's head being not uncommon. There has not been a train nor any mail since Monday--coal is being rigidly conserved.

Feb. 13 - Things are just getting back to some semblance of normal after the blizzard Saturday and Sunday. Mail arrived in South English for the first time since a week ago Monday. The railroad right of way was cleared Tuesday by a double header on behind a snow plow. One car of coal arrived on the morning train. Main roads were all cleared by Tuesday but the secondary roads are in such shape that many of them will not be opened till snow melts. Bob-sleds are a common sight these days and John Cox, Sr. wears sleigh bells on his horses.

A letter came into the local post office with the following caption on the outside of the envelope:

Delayed!	Why?		
No	Bus;	No	Plane;
No	Mail;	No	Train;
No	Church;	No	School;
No	Sled:	No	Mule.

The look of devastation following the fire of Mar. 23, 1949. The former Harry A. Clark building

The Masons and Eastern Stars met in the lodge rooms above White's Store.

A.I. Fitzsimmons ran a restaurant in the Hotchkiss building from 1917 to 1919. Clara O'Neil operated a barber shop in that building from 1920 to sometime in 1937.

Jim Lester feeding his chickens, before 1900. The old elevator still stands in the background.

John and Nancy Sigafoose. A pioneer family of South English. He remembered the Talley War and watched the town change through the years.

This is an inside view of the Hotchkiss Restaurant in the early 1900's.

This is possibly a crew of men of C.L. Dillon's putting in a county culvert. No positive identifica-

Feb. 24, 1938 - Home Talent Program - Not even standing room was left when the Comanunity Circle meeting presented its program at the High School auditorium Tuesday evening. From the interest that has been shown in these meetings this season, it is safe to say that they have been a success. The program Tuesday evening was in charge of the following committee: Mrs. Norman Walk, Mrs. Fred Brock, Mrs. Glen Grove and Mrs. Paul Sheibley. The program opened with a number by the community orchestra. The one act play "Mushrooms Coming Up" was presented by cast: Mrs. Canfield, Edna Brock; Susan Todd, Ellen Glanz; Sylvia, Margaret Ruth; Rena Carter, Cleita Keiser; Jane Rudd, Elva Sheaffer; Miss Loftis, Cleo Coffman. Following this, a male quartette, George Grove, Clarence Grove, Homer Kerr and Glen Grove, sang two numbers, "The Bull Dog on the Bank" and "Old Aunt Jamima". An interesting "Question Bee" was next held with Wm. Heald presiding. The audience anxiously awaited their opportunity to answer the questions and could not always be restrained. Mrs. J.D. Trusler, Mrs. Ellis Rickey and Clark Wenger tied for first place.

The next number "The Old Town Hill Billies" was a selection of old time melodies by Paul Lane and Milton Glandon with their mouth harp, banjo and guitar. Another number by the orchestra and then--Egypt has nothing on us now, for the next number was the "Womanless Wedding". The cast for the play was as follows: Butler, Roy Grove; Mutt, Glen Grove; Jeff, Harry Coffman; Boob McNutt, Elmer Evans; Greta Garbo, Donald Garrett; Charlie Chaplin, Norman Walk; Mae West, Maynard Keiser; Burns and Allen, Wilbur Hamersly and Homer Kerr; Minister, Sam Brower; Groom, Eddie Euler; Best man, Paul Ruth; Flower girls, Derryll Keiser and Clarence Grove; Bride, Sammy Slate; Father, George Barnhart; Trainbearer, K.W. Hotchkiss; Ringbearer, Harry Wenger; Mother, C.E. Brower; Two Kids, Charles Coffman and Paul Sheibley; Main Objectors, J.F. White and Wm. Heald.

January 13, 1938. CORN SHELLING: One cent per bushel up to 1000 bushels. Special prices for large sets. Let us figure on delivery. Sheller capacity - 1400 bushel per hr. J.W. COFFMAN AND SONS

Feb. 20, 1879

Card to the Public

Owing to the low prices received by farmers for their grain and low wages received by the laborer for his work, I have put down my prices to the following rock bottom figures:

Single shave 5 cents, ticket good for 20 shaves 50 cents; haircut 10 cents; mustache dye 10 cents; shampoo 10 cents.

I am not trying to run against any other shop but must and will have more work if it is to be had. No reduction in quantity of work. I expect to have on hand in a few days a full stock of cigars, toys, notions, etc. Call and give me a trial.

The South English Herald
January 6, 1883
A telephone line is soon to be put up in town.

The personnel of the telephone company was enticed outdoors for this picture. Left to right: Edward Hervey, Raechel Axmear, Richard Garrett, Arlan Brower.

At right: Arlan Brower and Raechel Axmear in the office of Modern Co-op. Telephone Co.

A 1911 party at the O.W. Sheaffer home. Front row: George Sauer, Merle Sheaffer, John Grove, Elroy White, J.F. White, Minnie Graham. Second row: Addie Horn, Emma Lester, Alice Neffsinger. Third row: Margaret Thompson, Lottie White, Helen Clark, Marguerite White, John Slate, William Felkner. Fourth row: Mary Van Auken, Harley Cox, Lottie Lester, Lauren Coffman, Hazel Moore.

Telephones came into common use in South English in 1900. It was a wonderful invention to enrich life in a frontier town. Daily weather reports and the markets were given following a general ring at 12:00 noon each week day. Paid announcements were also given in the same fashion. Evening entertainment was sometimes arranged, such as George Schreiner singing over the telephone so all could listen.

Some of the switchboard operators before the dial phones were: Bert Tandy, Blanche Claypool, Bessie Dobbins, Mary Glanz, Sarah and Kate Neffsinger, May Cabler Taylor, Effie Cabler, Minnie McLain, Iva Campbell, Jessie Root, Hazel and Alta Gordon.

On June 3, 1957, South English, Webster, and Keswick formed the Modern Cooperative Telephone Co. They were joined by Kinross June 25th and by Millersburg on Dec. 6, 1957. Floyd Seaba was named manager August 29, 1958.

The Farmers Savings Bank building was purchased for an office in 1959. (The brick building was built in 1911. The directors closed the bank in Sept. 1931.)

Wayne Edmundson became manager in Jan. 1960. The five-town system went on dial exchange in 1960. Arlan Brower became manager in 1971.

The "Dillaway House" named for a Muscatine businessman who was interested in a growing, young South English. Second from left is M. Radebaugh, the child is Leroy Safourek. It served as a hotel for many years. Some of the operators were: U. Younkin, O.W. Sheaffer, M. Radebaugh, Van Auken. The town band often played from the second story balcony. The two-story part was taken down about 1960, and the remainder of the building made into a family dwelling.

This picture was not positively identified. It is thought to be a wagon and buggy shop that stood east of the Dillaway, and operated by an Edwards or Sears in the 1880's.

May 4, 1939 - The Standard Bearers gave a shower in honor of Miss Nina Smith, Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Walter Robison. Miss Smith is making preparation to enter the missionary field in Africa. The miscellaneous shower included things she would use in her work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox, Sr. John was an active businessman in the new town of South English. He operated the livery stable and drove the funeral hearse with a beautiful team of horses, black with white markings, named Max and Barney.

The building was first used as the town hall, housing the fire cart in the basement. When a fire truck was purchased the concrete block building was erected. The Library is now in the frame building. The Scouts and town council meet in the block building.

In the summer of 1969 this building was erected by the North Keokuk County Fire Department, Inc. A fire truck and a tank truck are housed there.

The shelter house, sponsored by the 20th Century Club, was a great addition to the way side park and the town of South English.

S.E. Herald, Jan 5, 1939

The Public Library is beginning its third year of service to the community, under the sponsorship of the Twentieth Century Club. There are 832 books on the shelves, fiction and non-fiction, and over twenty different magazines. Twelve new books have recently been ordered, and the Traveling Library has a supply of 50. The library serves a very good purpose and a great many people in this community. As many as 150 books have been let out during one week.

S.E. Herald, August 17, 1939

On the afternoon of July 25, eight members and one visitor of the Sunny Bunch 4-H Club met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Charles Coffman, for a meeting and a slumber party. After supper, we sang songs and did stunts on the lawn. We arose the next morning and went to the timber, where we cooked our breakfast which consisted of bacon, eggs, rolls and fruit.

The Twentieth Century Club has been an active group of community-minded women with many local projects for the past 40 years.

The organizational meeting was held in the Bessie Hamersly home in 1936. There were 10 charter members: Bessie Hamersly, Wilma Sheaffer, Othene Walk, Alice Sheibley, Helen Stansbury, Irene Sloan, Mrs. Schow, May Lester, Edna Price and Louise Rickey. Officers elected were: President, Bessie Hamersly; Vice-president- Wilma Sheaffer; Secretary, Othene Walk; Treasurer, Alice Sheibley.

Their first community project was the public library, started in 1936. (History of library elsewhere in the paper.)

In 1937, they sponsored the Memorial Day service at the cemetery. On each Memorial Day they place American Flags on the veteran's graves and have an appropriate program.

In the 1956-57 year they started work on the Roadside Park where they planted trees and shrubs, built a shelter house and rest rooms, with volunteer help from other people in the community. For many years a Nativity Scene was placed in the park at Christmas.

These three projects continue as the accepted responsibility of the club.

They sponsored the first Alumni Banquet in South English in 1938. For several years, they held a high school senior tea and guest day.

They enjoy exchange programs with other clubs, have fine speakers, and sponsor a variety of smaller projects, extending this fine community spirit.

A prominent landmark of the old town, this attractive brick building was the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Heald for many years. It was built by Mrs. Hattie Israel in the late 1860's or 1870. Mrs. Israel and Mollie Boyd are sisters and they had a millinery shop in this building. A door to the street was located where the large window is now. In the 1890's the building was used as apartments. W.F. Heald purchased it in 1903.

C. Brenda & Grandpa

June 3, 1937 - The mail service which had been carried by the Rock Island for these many years, was changed to a Star Route Tuesday with John Cox, Jr. as the carrier.

There are four deliveries a day now with the west mail arriving at 8:30 and the east bound at 9:30 in the morning. The afternoon west bound mail arrives at 4:30 and the east bound at 5:15. These times are approximate, according to postmaster White and may be varied after the service has been in effect a while. The late afternoon mail insures that mail picked up on the route will get out of town that day.

John has a well built and nice looking mail car built on a new Chevrolet Truck and has been arriving on the dot with the mail.

March 30, 1939 - Dale Senger, a member of the Liberty Future Farmers 4-H Club, produced 2460 lbs. of pork in 5 months and 20 days with a litter of ten pigs farrowed from his Duroc sow. This sow was Grand Champion in the Duroc class at the Keokuk County fair at What Cheer last fall.

These pigs were a Duroc-Poland cross and were fed on shelled corn and skimmed milk. They averaged 246 lbs. each when sold.

May 25, 1939 - NOTICE: To Rural Patrons. Is your mail box wasp proof? It is a very ticklish sensation to reach for a letter (and pennies) and get a wasp instead. Many of the critters even want to ride to town. Will you look after this matter, please? Carrier No. 1, Webster, Carriers 1 and 2, South English.

Dr. Ken Harris with his Pickup which is almost a laboratory on wheels. The first resident D.V.M. in South English for many years. Glen Cobb is standing nearby.

Phiney McLain began rural delivery in the horse and buggy days. After retiring he moved to Marion, Iowa.

This picture probably dates near the turn of the century. Seated: Henry Grove, Joseph Grove. Standing: Robert Grove, Abraham Grove, Jacob Grove.

Ann and Dick Garrett. Ann is the assistant at the South English Postoffice.

Diane Greene drives the mail truck from Cedar Rapids to Webster. Warren and Earl are helping her unload mail at South English.

Earl Seltsinger has the mail ready to pack in the South English office. He also delivers from the North English office.

Mrs. Paul Coffman is the sub rural carrier. She has the mail packed, ready to go.

Setting the flagpole in the park.

Bill Axmear at the bank receiving for deposit the first payment for a subscription to the Bicentennial South English Herald.

One of the projects for the South English Community Circle Bicentennial Committee was to erect a flag pole.

John Eash gave the Committee the flagpole that stood in the School Yard. It was moved by Harold Schumann, Louis Hoylman and Lester Smith to its new site in the town park. Imprinted in the old cement was the date, 1924. The flag had flown faithfully at the school until 1965, when the school was closed.

On April 29th the pole was erected at its new site by Harold Schumann, Dale Robison, Dick Garrett, Lee Long, Bill Brock, John Powell and Dave Hillman.

It is a symbol that the town is proud of its heritage in this 200th Anniversary of our country.

A Creamery once stood on the corner lot at Davis and Miller Streets, where Harry Black now lives.

S.E. Herald, Feb. 20, 1941 - The boys who left here early last winter to attend school for aircraft construction now have employment at the Lockheed Aircraft factory. The boys are: Charles Rusbolt and Derryl Keiser of South English; Roy Back of Kinross; and James Lutz of Wellman.

S.E. Herald, Sept. 24, 1942 - A parting word to the Herald family:

Beloved: -I am duty bound to give a few lines in regards to my leave. I was not able to see you all and give a handshake in goodbye. Hence this silent message to all who read the Herald.

I thank you again and I do appreciate for the generous way you bought and paid for things and taken away which I sold; vegetables, the home and household goods; also the fine hands in the White State Bank, Central Food Market and Roberts Store, places where I dealt, also the ones who moved my belongings. Cheer up.

You will not soon be forgotten by one who loved to live there. I count it a pleasure and fun to work the good land and by eating the labor of my hands, I am now restored to good health.

By this we can prove labor and sleep go hand in hand and to church on Sundays. Rest gives to you courage and ambition to labor on until we meet loved ones in the sweet bye and bye. I am happy. Why not everybody live for Jesus? It is a free gift from on high. God bless you all. I intend to leave for Lancaster County.

The daughters of Lydia and Joshua Hervey. Seated: Ruth Hervey Case, Iva Hervey Robison. Standing: Mary Hervey Fancher, Sylvia Hervey Smith.

THANK YOU

We had hoped to put together a well organized, brief compilation of the events that make up the history of South English but as the time slipped away the volume of incoming material increased. We have received pictures from as far away as Colorado, Corpus Christi, Texas and Mackinaw City, Michigan. Some material is well documented, some will have to be accepted as folk tales.

We have purposely avoided using obituaries, military and wedding pictures, as these items can be found in other sources.

What we would like to point out is that forty acres of timber was cut into cord wood and shipped out on the train about 1900. Heald and Mendenhall shipped car loads of apples to the Dakotas from their local orchard. Roy Sprague built a telescope, grinding a six-inch mirror by hand, and let people look at the moon and stars, free. If the local band desired a certain musical number, John Nyswaner would sit down and write a part for each instrument. From May 18 to 29, 1910, people in South English could plainly view Halley's comet. A large crowd attended the Old Settlers' celebration in 1911. Some showers of rain. There were two balloon ascensions, 6:00 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. The first ascent landed in a tree near Jane Page's north of town. They also had fireworks. Pad Sheaffer played baseball with a North English team. Other early ball players were: Virgil Miles, Otc Bair, Fred Bair, Floyd King, Pete King, John Dillon, Roe Garrett, Jack Powell, Myron Lapp, Leon Brady, Pete Stansbury, Lester Garrett. Jim and Dave Good manufactured the concrete blocks used to build Powell's Store and the Red Carpet Salon buildings. C.L. Dillon and his workmen constructed many concrete culverts over this portion of the county. Harrison Fry cleared forty acres of timber with an ax, a spade and a team of horses.

The people who have gone out from South English and made good in the world, would make a list far beyond the capacity of this issue. Neither have we attempted to enumerate the many musicians and teachers who have played such an important part in our community life.

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In 1879 (Jan.) Gould J. Brown was editor and proprietor.

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Aerial View of South English 1951

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