

This passage is about a church clock damaged many years ago. Finally, it was repaired by Bill, the local grocer. However, it is not fully recovered. It strikes thirteen times at one o'clock as indicated in the title 'thirteen equal one.'

Small villages are wonderful places, where people know each other well.

Typically, the public figures ^{in this small town} there are local priest, doctors, school teachers, and grocers etc. They serve their community day by day and often help to fix the problems in the area by their right actions. For instance, in this story, to repair the clock, the vicar help raise money many times, while Bill just do it by himself through hard work for several weeks. They and other volunteers are keys to help establish a strong and better neighborhood

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