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MUST GET AWAY FROM THE ONE CROP SYSTEM

LOANS NOT MADE TO FARMERS BY LAND BANK UNLESS HAVE MILCH COWS AND STOCK

A letter was received this week from E. G. Quamme President of the Federal Land Bank at St. Paul by Ernest Francis Sec. and Treasurer of the Williston National Farm Loan Association relative to the requirements that must be met in order to procure a loan from this bank. Pres. Quamme has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he was in conference with officials there and helped in procuring the sum of \$5,000,000 for the farmers in the drought stricken districts of the country. Mr. Quamme writes the local association as follows:

Due to repeated crop failures caused by drought and otherwise, the economic condition of the farmers in North Dakota at the present time is very unfavorable. A great many of the farmers have been farming at a loss for several years. This condition is especially true in the west half of the state. It therefore behooves us and the farm loan associations in these affected areas to be very careful in our work.

We must pay the interest on the bonds semi-annually, promptly on the day the interest is due. In order to do this, the farmers must pay their interest semi-annually, promptly when it is due. To assure this, a farmer must be in such condition that he can produce enough from his farm to support his family and his amortization payments, interests and taxes, together with other incidental expenses that he has. The repeated crop failures in the state of North Dakota have demonstrated the fact that the only way a farmer can assure himself an income sufficient to meet these requirements is to practice crop rotation and the growing of live stock.

There are many grasses and feed crops of various kinds that will grow in the state of North Dakota which can be depended upon in periods of drought as well as in normal years. Farmers must turn their attention to the raising of live-stock and keeping milch cows on the farm, and center their farming operations around this system of farming. This will give them a dependable income. They can then also raise some grain in their regular crop rotation and assure themselves a grain crop practically every year. Such crops as wheat and oats, following corn, will do very well even in a dry year.

What the farmers must get away from is the one crop system of farming, namely the raising of wheat. Western North Dakota, especially, is in a semi-arid district and is not suitable to wheat farming except under very favorable conditions. Much of the land should be sowed to hay and feed and various grasses for pasture, thus reducing the number of horses kept on the farm.

Hereafter you will pay strict attention to this, as we will only entertain applications from farmers who have shown by their farming operations in the past that they have a dependable income, and they must have live-stock and dairy cows to assure this for the future. We are not only interested in securing absolutely safe loans for the bank alone, but we wish to protect the farm loan associations so that every loan in a given association will be good and that none will become a burden upon the association as such. In this every member of the farm loan association is interested with us and they must not, hereafter, approve a loan and recommend it to us unless the man has cattle, especially milch cows on the farm and centers his farming operations around the industry of live-stock growing. All loans that do not comply with these requirements will be rejected by us because we do not consider them safe loans.

We would kindly ask you to immediately notify every member of your farm loan association of the contents of this letter so that they may be informed of the attitude which this bank will take with respect to loans in their association hereafter. This information should also be made general by the members of the farm loan associations so that prospective applicants may understand our position and your position in this matter and they will therefore be able to comply with these requirements before making application for a loan from this institution.

You will understand that this ruling is not only to protect us and the farm loan association, but it is for the best interests of the farmers themselves, for in this manner they will make their farming operations a safe and dependable enterprise, thus providing the necessities and comforts for their families and assuring themselves of the steady progress of development towards financial independence.

Twenty Two Men Leave August 28th.

Twentytwo men will entrain from Williston on the 28th of this month for Camp Lewis. The date first set for these men to leave was the 29th of the month but later orders from headquarters has set the date for the 28th.

Farewell services will be held at the Armory for these men on the evening of the 28th. at 8:30. It is hoped that a large attendance will be at this meeting to send the boys on their way. Those who leave on this date are as follows:

Ellsworth Temple, Manitowoc, Wis.; Jay J. Smith, Barksdale, Wisc.; Barrett Easley, Montana; Nelson A. Teeter, Kennan, Wisc.; Ray Much, Breckinridge, Minn.; Lewis Benson, Emmon, Minn.; Eddie Sagedal, Willmar, Minn.; Carl Y. Berg, Williston, N. D.; Robert W. Burns, Williston, N. D.; Olof Sand, Hamlet; Olaf Trovatten, Palamo, N. D.; Peter A. Meyer, Grenora, N. D.; Eddie S. Nelson, Ray, N. D.; Sigurd J. Hellandsaas, Ray, N. D.; Gustaf Mortenson, Epping, N. D.; Michael E. Waren, Buford, N. D.; Elmer E. Cecil, Williston; August Nasner, Williston; Leslie Ray, Williston; Carl H. Harried, Spring Brook, N. D.; Ole T. Olson, Temple; Andrew Martinson, McGregor; Alf W. Olsen, Alamo; Bernt C. Strand, Hamlet; Wade E. Judd, Harris, Sack., Canada.

Four Men Leave Here August 30th.

Four men leave Williston on August 30th. for Camp Dodge, Iowa. These men come under the special limited call for special training. Those to leave on this date are: Emil Helberg, McGregor, N. D.; Herbert Laske, Tioga, N. D.; Iver Svare., Wildrose, N. D., and Robert J. Bell of Portal, N. D.

FOOD DEMONSTRATION HERE NEXT WEEK

CANNING DEMONSTRATION TO BE GIVEN TO WOMEN OF WILLISTON—FREE

A canning and preserving demonstration will be held next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday under the auspices of the Womens Council of National Defence in the building just north of the Model Meat Market on Main Street, to which all the women of Williston are invited.

There will be no charge connected with the demonstration but the women are asked to bring their own fruit jars and fruit and vegetables that they wish canned. They are also asked to furnish a dish pan and dish towel. Two hundred quarts of fruits and vegetables will be canned every afternoon. The town has been divided into districts and each district or ward will have its day for the demonstration. The wards and the day each will be handled are as follows: Tuesday—3rd. Ward, Wednesday—4th. Ward, Thursday—1st. Ward, Friday—2nd. Ward.

The government urges the canning and preserving of as many vegetables and fruits as possible and this is a splendid opportunity for every housewife in Williston to get her share done and benefit by the demonstration.

Very Heavy Rain In The Yellowstone

This entire section of the country has been visited with two heavy rains within the past week but the one of last Friday night was the heaviest ever seen in the Yellowstone Valley. They had six and a half inches of rain there in three hours and considerable damage was done by the floods. The main ditch of the irrigation system was washed out in nine different places and almost every bridge on the wagon road between Sidney and Glendive was washed out. Trainers working in the yards were wading in water over the knees.

The heavy rain also visited Alexander and every basement in that town was filled with water. This caused considerable damage especially to merchants who had goods stored in the basement. Alexander is having rather a hard run of luck. First burned out and then flooded.

This matter is of great importance and we desire that you give it immediate attention.

With kindest personal regards, I am,
Very truly yours,
E. G. Quamme, President.

EIGHTY DIVISIONS WILL GIVE VICTORY IN 1919

GENERAL MARCH TELLS HOUSE COMMITTEE VICTORY POSSIBLE NEXT YEAR

Washington, Aug. 19.—Eighty American divisions of 45,000 men each, General March told the house military committee today, "should be able to bring the war to a successful conclusion in 1919."

That is the number the department plans to have in France by next June. General March read an official statement showing that on August 1 the American army numbered 3,012,112 men, divided as follows: American Expeditionary force and en route overseas, 1,301,742; in the United States and insular possessions 1,432,706; called in the August draft, 277,664. In addition there are about 15,000 marines serving in the expeditionary force. For the present it is planned to send 250,000 men monthly to France, General March stated, adding:

"But we hope to increase that in the spring."

To put 80 divisions of Americans in France before June, 1919, General March emphatically declared: "We will need every single man in class one between 18 and 45. We must not delude ourselves with the idea that those in the 18 and 19 call are going to be deferred any length of time. They will have to be called early next spring in order to get their training in time to get to France."

Weigh and Measure Children Monday

In compliance with the government order for the weighing and measuring of all children up to six years of age, the local committee wishes to announce that this work will be carried on at the Elks home on Monday and Tuesday, August 26th and 27th. People are requested to bring their children according to the following schedule:

1st ward, Monday from 9 to 12.
2nd ward, Monday, from 1 to 6.
3rd ward, Tuesday, from 9 to 12.
4th ward, Tuesday, from 1 to 6.
All children up to six years must be weighed and measured and parents are requested to bring them according to the hours mentioned.

R. C. Melting Pot Started Here

The Red Cross Melting Pot for the purpose of collecting all of the old valuable metal in the vicinity was started this week and the metal that has been collected so far is now on display at Weatherwax's Jewelry store window. The committees in charge wish to have everybody that has any of this metal lying around the house to bring it down to Weatherwax's and turn it in on this collection. Every household has a certain amount of this class of junk that has been discarded from use around and it should be to the interests of everyone to see that it is turned in at this time as the money from the sale of this metal goes to the Red Cross and serves a very worthy cause.

5,709 Men For Special Service

Washington, Aug. 19.—Eighteen states were called upon by the provost general today to furnish 5,709 white draft registrants of grammar school education fit for general military service. The men will entrain Sept. 1. Voluntary enlistments will be accepted until Aug. 26.

All of these men will be sent to schools or training centers for instruction for special service for which they are wanted. The calls on the different states and the points to which men are ordered include: Indiana, 206; Bloomington, Indiana University; North Dakota 206; Grand Forks, North Dakota School of Mines; South Dakota 124, South Dakota School of Mines, Rapid City, S. D.

E. Munyer's Auto Catches On Fire

A Pullman touring car belonging to E. Munyer of this city narrowly escaped being burned Sunday when it caught on fire in front of the Great Northern Hotel on Main Street. An over flooded carburetor and an overheated engine started the fire. The oil and grease on the engine quickly caught and would have caused considerable damage had they not extinguished the blaze with a fire extinguisher procured at the hotel.

Cornielson Not Classed As Slacker

Last week we gave an account of the capture here in the city of one who was thought at the time to be a draft evader, who went by the name of Bud Wilson here in Williston but whose right name was Cornielson. Mr. Cornielson had been placed in class five by the draft board of Divide county, and thought that there was little chance of his being called to service for a while at least. Several notices had been sent him from Divide county but they failed to reach him here and he was ignorant of the fact that he was wanted for service. When examined by the local board he seemed to be sincere in his statements and willing to enter the service at once. We are glad to be able to correct our statements of last week and not have Mr. Cornielson placed on record as a slacker or draft evader.

Steel Train Wrecked Friday

A long freight train loaded with steel for the ship yard on the west coast collided with a work train loaded with gravel which was working at the new siding at the stock yards east of town last Friday afternoon. The steel train hit the work train which was just pulling onto the main line from the siding and derailed the engine of the steel train which rolled into the ditch on the north side of the track.

Through some changes in the yard limit the engineer of the steel train was not warned of the presence of the work train till he was on top of it and although only going about ten miles per hour was unable to stop his train on account of the enormous weight of the cars of steel. Two of the gravel cars were badly wrecked but did not leave the track.

A wrecking crew was summoned from Williston and with the aid of the crew working at the stock yards they soon had the track cleared.

The large engine that went in the ditch didn't seem to be very badly damaged but railroad officials claim that by the time they have the engine back on the track and repaired it will cost them several thousand dollars. No one was hurt in the wreck as all the train men had plenty of time to jump before the trains came together.

Senator Gallinger Died Saturday

Franklin, N. H., Aug. 17.—United States Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, died at a hospital here early today.

Senator Jacob Harold Gallinger, of New Hampshire, was the oldest member of the United States senate both in years and in point of service. Ever since 1891 he had been a conspicuous figure in the senate, taking not only a leading part in its discussions, but ranking as a dominating figure in its leadership and in the councils of the Republican party. As a minority leader the senator had been active until quite recently, despite his advancing years.

Making Plans For Tennis Tournament

The Williston Tennis and Golf Club has sent out invitations to players in this section of the state, inviting them to take part in a tournament here on August 27th and 28th. The club has three very fine courts and expect to give the visitors a couple of good days sport. Among those invited is State Champion Blatherwick and if responses to invitations are what is expected Williston people should have the opportunity of seeing some very good tennis.

Alexander, McKenzie county, is planning on having a tournament the 29th and 30th.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Department of Agriculture Local Office, Weather Bureau Charles F. Marvin, Chief

Report of the weather condition at Williston, N. Dak., for the week ending August 21, 1918:

Highest temperature 18, 17th.
Lowest temperature, 57, 19th.
Average temperature, 68
Normal temperature, 68
Precipitation, 3.00 inches.
Normal precipitation, 23 of an inch.
Extremes of temperature on any of these dates in the last 5 years:
Highest temperature, 95, 16, 1917.
Lowest temperature, 43, 19, 1914.

JOHN CRAIG, Observer.
.18 of inch of rain fell since 7 P. M. last night, making total for last week up to this morning 3.18 inches.

BRITISH MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS, WHILE FRENCH GAIN NEAR NOYON

Haig Springs Surprise Attack and Gains Two to Three Miles— Tanks Used — French Slowly Advance and Threaten Noyon and Three Valleys

Former Williston Boy Is Gassed

Mr. Harry Weatherwax received a letter from Dwight Wallace formerly of Williston stating that he had been unfortunate enough to run into a bunch of German mustard gas and was now rapidly recovering in one of the American Red Cross hospitals back of the lines. His letter was written on August 1st. and he stated that he received his dose of German gas on July 15th. He expected to be back in the fight again soon. In commenting on the life in the front line trenches he stated that a fellow needed a carload of rabbit feet and a stack of bibles for good luck and if a young fellow ever prayed he sure would after being in the front line for a while.

New Partnership In Law Firm

John Murphy and U. L. Burdick entered into partnership in the law business this week and the new firm will be known as Burdick & Murphy. Mr. Burdick has moved his office and is now located in the office of John Murphy formerly the office of Murphy & Metzger. Ivan Metzger former member of the firm left Monday to enter the officers training school at Camp Pike.

EDMOND SHEMMORY RECEIVES WOUND

WILLISTON BOY NOW IN FRANCE WOUNDED BY GERMAN MACHINE GUN

Mr. Wm. H. Shemmory received a letter from his son Edmond this week stating that he was in one of the American base hospitals back of the lines recovering from a machine gun wound which he had received in battle some time around the 23rd. or 24th. of July. The letter was written the 25th of July and it is presumed that he was wounded during the early part of the drive of the Germans across the Marne.

The bullet hit Edmond above the left knee. He was taken to one of the Red Cross stations and from there to a French hospital from which he was removed to one of the American base hospitals, where he is now receiving the best of care. Edmond is a member of Co. M. of the 26th infantry. He states that the only thing he is sorry about is that he will be unable to take part in the fight for some time.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR THE FARMERS

FARMERS LIVING IN DROUGHT STRICKEN AREA OF COUNTY CAN MAKE LOAN FOR RYE

Any farmer wishing to avail himself of the opportunity of Government aid in securing winter rye for fall sowing should send his name and address to the County Agent at Williston at once. Application blanks and information pamphlets will be forwarded to his address as soon as these are received from the government. The local banks will also have blanks for distribution. The drought stricken area will only be considered in this county.

The main feature required in the contract by the Government are: that the farmers has no means with which to purchase seed rye this fall, that the property is encumbered to the extent that the local bankers will not extend him further credit, that he will agree as a part of his contract to pay into a guaranty fund a sum not to exceed 75 cents per acre. This amount would vary with the yield per acre. No loan will be made to exceed \$300.00 per acre and not more than \$300.00 will be loaned to any one farmer. Interest will be charged at the rate of 6 per cent and the whole sum will fall due Nov. 1, 1919. No

With The British Army In France, Aug. 21.—In the first hour of the offensive begun this morning by Field Marshal Haig the British troops captured the towns of Ablainzeville, Beaucourt and Moyenneville.

The British attacked on a front of ten miles between Arras and Albert. The attacks extended from the Ancre river to Beaucourt, to just north of Moyenneville.

Some German field guns and 200 pounders had been taken in the British drive at an early hour.

All the German outposts and positions along the important Drancoutre ridge between Koudekot and the Locus Hospico have been attacked by the British. This front is in the Lys salient.

Courcelles and Achiet-le-Petit, also were captured in the British drive. Although prisoners said the Germans had been expecting the attack for a week, it was a tactical surprise. Tanks and infantry advanced through the heaviest fire in the gray morning light.

After a brief "crash" bombardment the British troops were upon the enemy almost before he knew it. The British attack this morning was between Moyenneville and Beaucourt-sur-Ancre, a distance of about eight and a half miles. It is reported that the British have advanced from two to three miles along this front.

The heavy night mist, increasing to steamlike smoke enabled the British to reach the points of assembly without the chance of detection.

A great concourse of tanks maneuvered into position as quickly as possible.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The new French attack by General Mangin on a 25-kilometer front threatens, according to the latest reports, the fall of Noyon, which slowly is being outflanked.

The attack, while lacking the element of surprise, has overcome the carefully prepared positions of the enemy. On his advanced lines the enemy had a formidable array of machine guns, forming a shield for his real line of defense. Thus he had two zones of combat. The new German defensive plan has been completely undone and enemy has been forced to seek new position for defense.

"The German army has lost its liberty of action," said Lieutenant Colonel Fabry, military critic of the Paris Oul, "and this plainly has been brought about by the entente high command."

The new offensive, it is believed here, will give the French control of the valleys of the Oise, Ailette and Aisne in the quadrilateral of Ribecourt, Noyon, Bichancourt and Soissons. Much territory filled with strong positions, however, is yet to be won. The strategy of General Mangin in first clearing the enemy's shield of machine guns before the big attack, forces the enemy to rely now on picked divisions.

Bad Storm Hits Williston

Friday night the people of Williston witnessed one of the heaviest rain storms that has visited this territory this summer. Over one inch of rain fell within a very short time and was accompanied by terrific lightning.

West of town a few miles the farmers reported that hail did damage to their corn and other grains that had not been cut.

The lightning hit the residence of Sam Hyde here in the city but very little material damage was done. Hundreds of birds that had gone to roost amongst the large trees around town were killed by the lightning. Under the large cottonwood tree on Metzger's corner were found about seventy-five dead birds the next morning.

tenants are eligible to apply for a loan. The owner of the land must negotiate the loan. To avoid unnecessary delay get busy at once and make your application so that if approved by the local committee it may be sent to the Department of Agriculture for final approval. A certificate will then be forwarded to the farmer so that he may use this in securing his seed. After the seed is planted and the field inspected the money will be advanced through the local banker. Detailed explanation of the conditions required by the Government will be sent to each applicant.