

4,000 WAR MEN STUDY FARMING

Disabled Ex-service Men Placed in Agricultural Training in Various Institutions.

1,500 READY FOR COURSE

Many of the Men Are Illiterate and Must Be Given a Course in Elementary Work to Fit Them for the Farm Course.

Washington.—More than 4,000 disabled ex-service men have been directly placed in agricultural training and in addition there are probably 500 engaged in prevocational work preparatory to a course in agricultural training. Perhaps 1,500 more have been approved for the course.

Special placement has been suggested and is being sought for tuberculous men in hospitals and sanatoria.

The men approved for agricultural training may be classed into three general groups:

(a) Men who went into the war from college or high school, and, returning, have entered the agricultural colleges.

(b) Men with an eighth grade preparation who are admitted into subcollege two-year courses, Smith-Hughes or other schools of agriculture.

(c) Men of elementary grade, ranging from illiterate to the seventh or eighth grade, who of necessity must have prevocational instruction in order that they may receive scientific training intelligently and benefit to the greatest degree.

The first and second groups have given the federal board and the institutions to which they have been recommended very little trouble, as they enter the classes if sent to the institution at the beginning of the school year or a term, and if not they frequently can be brought up to class work by coaching.

Third Class Troublesome. The third group has given the federal farm board and all the institutions great trouble. Insurmountable difficulties seem to have arisen. In varying numbers they form the problem at every state agricultural college and school, and they constitute from 25 to as high as 50 per cent of the men approved for agricultural training.

This large percentage is due to the fact that these men for the most part are from isolated country districts where the opportunities have not been so great for early education.

Farmer parents have been unwilling to allow the boys more than a very ordinary education, for fear of losing them from the farm. Many have had no opportunity. Such are usually older men, 15 or 20 years past country school age. Many of the men are therefore practically illiterate, and to this number must be added the foreign illiterates; that is, foreigners who are illiterate from the English standpoint.

These difficulties constitute a real problem to the federal board and the institutions to which these men are sent. State institutions are not always prepared to do the elementary work necessary to advance the men to a knowledge of English and mathematics where they can receive and be benefited by the agricultural training.

However, without exception, the state institutions are convinced it is their patriotic duty to assist the federal board in making preparation to extend the necessary prevocational training, and have changed wonderfully in favor of training disabled men in spite of their educational handicaps. As students the institutions are beginning to appreciate them.

Forms a "Guidance School."

Dr. Walter J. Quick, training officer, worked out an elementary school, which he termed a "guidance school," where such men were collected and instructed in the elementary common branches and in elementary agriculture. The school has been made prerequisite to certain courses that Dr. Quick has designed as agricultural unit courses. They are divided into units of one month each, cover one year continuously from month to month and may be entered any month.

A man may take one or several unit courses, one as a major and others as minors related to the major, while at the same time he continues in the common branches of the guidance school.

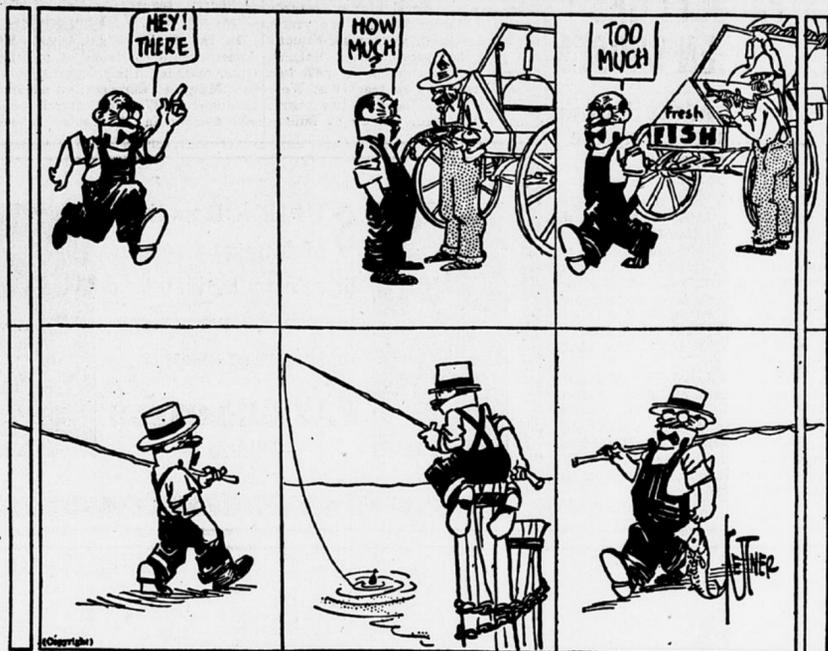
Nearly all the state institutions will allow the men credits for the work done in the unit agricultural courses, which now include a two-year course, as well as the one-year.

These plans of the guidance school and agricultural unit courses were reduced to definite form and mimeographed for the benefit of all institutions offering agricultural training to the disabled class.

Stops Court for Farmer.

Anderson, Ind.—The Madison county circuit court has a judge who appreciates that production should come before litigation if there is to be plenty of honey for buckwheat cakes next winter. He proved it when he ordered a recess in a jury trial so that James M. Forkner, one of the jurors, could go back to the farm. Forkner got a telephone call from his wife that his bees were hiving and urging him to hurry home. The bees were hived before the case was resumed.

Ol' John B. Thrift, Sr.



NEWS OF NORTH DAKOTA

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Velva Gets Silos
Velva, N. D.—M. H. Frank, Velva's "silo man," has unloaded a carload of silos here this week, being the last of several brot here for farmers during the summer. It is expected, however that at least another carload will be sold before the season ends. Farmers here have found the structures highly valuable in the dairying industry which is growing very rapidly in this community.

Slope County Fair
Dickinson, N. D.—Slope county fair boosters are hard at work putting the finishing touches on the final arrangements for the big farmers' fair which will be held at Amidon next Friday and Saturday, August 27-28. Exhibits in all lines promise to be many. A sports program that will be the best ever held in this section of the state is included in the program.

Fargo Gets Boost
Fargo, N. D.—Three hundred ninety persons will be added to the population of Fargo by the incorporation of North Fargo into the city, according to report by the census bureau at Washington yesterday. North Fargo's population was given at the above figures, which will make the total population of Fargo, 22,352, when North Fargo becomes a part of the city.

Bad Fargo Fire
Fargo, N. D.—Fire caused a loss of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 Wednesday, August 18th, destroying the Frank Lynch warehouse and the paper and rag warehouse of the Fargo Iron and Metal company. Four

new threshing outfits were also destroyed by the flames. The fire, which started in the Lynch warehouse, is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

Dickinson Crops Good
Dickinson, N. D.—The first grain threshed in this locality was brot to a local elevator this week by Albert Olson, the product of 160 acres planted to wheat. The yield, according to Mr. Olson, will average 30 bushels to the acre. General reports do not indicate the entire region will prove as productive as Mr. Olson's field but it is believed that nearly a 20 bushel crop will be harvested in the entire district. "The best crop the Dickinson country has seen in several years," was the comment of a local grain buyer.

New Normal School
Fargo, N. D.—The State Board of Administration, in session here August 18th, let the contract for the erection of a new dormitory building in connection with the State Normal School at Dickinson. The successful bidder was Mr. Bakke, contractor of Dickinson, the amount of his bid being \$75,280.00.

The wiring and plumbing are to be let in separate contracts, but it is believed that the total cost of the building will come within the appropriation of \$95,000 made for it by the last session of the legislature.

Has Grasshopper Trap
Plummer, N. D.—Ed. Larkin, a farmer of this vicinity, has invented a grasshopper trap that gave excel-



MANY NEW HOMES ARE NEEDED FOR NEXT WINTER

Health and comfort—perhaps life—depends upon them. Many very much needed new homes have been delayed or postponed for a variety of reasons.

All homes that are a real necessity for winter comfort MUST be planned and started very soon if they are to be realized in time for early winter occupancy.

Remember that the railroad difficulties will very likely make deliveries of material from the mills from now on very slow—may stop them altogether for a time.

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lowed by the parents and neighbors. When found by a neighboring farmer, the child seemed to be none the worse for his experience.

Officers Is Shot
Crystal, N. D.—James McCann, marshal for the city of Crystal, was severely wounded in the right hand and in the left arm when he approached three men who were seated in front of the postoffice here at 1:30 Tuesday morning, August 16th. The marshal demanded of the men what their business was, whereupon they opened fire upon him, the first bullet taking effect on a knuckle joint of the right hand and the second bullet piercing the left arm. The men then fled.

In the morning a quantity of nitroglycerine and a number of tools were found, indicating that they were eggs intent upon blowing a safe when interrupted by the marshal.

Mr. McCann has been taken to the hospital at Grafton and the assailants have not been found. The sheriffs of Pembina and Walsh counties are busy in an effort to trace the gunmen.

Morris & Company Selling Gold Notes

Chicago, Ill.—Morris company have announced the sale of \$15,000,000 worth of ten year 7-1/2 per cent gold notes to Chicago bankers. The proceeds will be used to relieve outstanding indebtedness. Public offering of the notes will be made shortly, it was said.

"Cigarette Fire" Near Starkweather

Starkweather, N. D.—One large barn, a granary, over 500 bushels of feed, one horse and two calves were lost in a fire Tuesday, August 17th, on the Mads Mikkelsen farm, a few miles southeast of here. The total loss was estimated at several thousand dollars.

"Cigarettes are charged with causing the fire," it was said. Hired help,

according to reports, have been accused of throwing lighted cigarettes, unintentionally, but nevertheless with the costly result of the fire.

New structures will replace those burned, to be erected this fall in all probability. Only a small percentage of the loss was covered by insurance.

Our Occasional Observance.
A man will sit by the hour matching pennies, but if his wife asks him to match a piece of dress goods, what a howl of rage and indignation there'd be!—Individuals' Sense

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Pumpkin, fine grade, per can	17c
Per dozen cans	\$1.90
Tomatoes, No. 3, standard, per can	25c
Per dozen cans	\$2.75

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Apricots, fine quality, Hamar brand, per can	45c
Per dozen cans	\$5.25
Peaches, fine quality, Hamar brand, per can	45c
Per dozen cans	\$5.25
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Per dozen cans	\$5.25

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