

FARMS ON LINKS

Golfers Will Raise Food Products
For Country.

F. U. ADAMS ORIGINATES PLAN

Idea of Well Known Author Has Been Enthusiastically Received—Adopted Motto "We Are Not Too Proud to Hoe"—Expect to Realize Several Million Dollars.

New York.—The golf players of the United States will turn farmers and raise on their links huge crops of potatoes and other food products for the use of the United States and its allies. Such is the movement set on foot by the Dunwoodie Country club at a special meeting held in its Yonkers clubhouse. The plan originated with Frederick Upham Adams, author and golfer.

The plan of operation is simple and is declared to be practical. Dunwoodie



FREDERICK UPHAM ADAMS

in common with all golf courses, has several acres of fertile soil not used for golfing purposes. The club has set this aside for cultivation. More than a hundred of the members have already volunteered to do the work of cultivation, and it is predicted that this volunteer farming corps will soon number fully 250 golfers who will try to prove themselves as efficient with a hoe as with a mallet. These volunteers sign the following pledge:

"The Dunwoodie Country club has the honor of taking the initiative in a national campaign on the part of golf clubs to aid in winning the war now declared. We propose to set aside for cultivation all of our land not absolutely needed for golf purposes. We propose that our members shall cultivate this land; that the club shall purchase its product at a fair market value and that members shall do the same, and that the total cash proceeds shall be devoted to the purchase of ambulance trucks and other necessities required in the successful prosecution of war.

"The undersigned members of the Dunwoodie Country club now volunteer their services in the Dunwoodie volunteer garden corps and pledge themselves to work in these gardens for an average of two hours a week for the twenty weeks which constitute the season. We also agree to pay \$1 as initiation fee and further pledge ourselves to obey the rules which will be adopted to govern the execution of this patriotic duty."

Two hours a week for twenty weeks makes forty hours' work for each member, which means that a volunteer corps of 250 members would perform 10,000 hours of farming labor. This now has a market value of not less than 30 cents an hour, an item of \$3,000, and the Dunwoodie farming experts predict that the muscle of their golfers will create a product which will sell for not less than \$4,000, of which the club will be chief patron.

Mr. Adams, President Austin L. Babcock of the Dunwoodie Country club and other originators of this movement point to the fact that there are fully a thousand golf clubs in the United States and predict that several millions of dollars will accrue for war purposes from this campaign.

"The Dunwoodie plan" has the hearty support of Howard F. Whitney, secretary of the United States Golf association.

The Dunwoodie Country club will at once prepare a pamphlet containing the details of "the Dunwoodie plan" and will mail it to all of the golf clubs in the United States.

The motto adopted is "We are not too proud to hoe," and the popular anthem for golfers this year will be "Way down yonder in the cornfield."

GYPSIES RIDE IN AUTOS.

Caravan de Luxe Attracts Much Attention at Briarcliff Manor.

Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.—A band of about twenty gypsies, traveling de luxe from Boston to San Francisco, camped here. Three new high powered automobiles are used to carry the gypsies, and three smaller cars carry their goods. The men are plentifully supplied with money.

The caravan attracted much attention as they passed through the village and pitched their camp in a small clump of woods at the foot of the hills.

ANOTHER OFFER OF MOTOR-BOATS TO UNITED STATES

St. Louis Men Ready For the Work of Submarine Chasing.

St. Louis.—More than a score of motorboat owners of this city have offered their services and their boats to the navy. It was announced by Nelson Thomas, secretary of the St. Louis Yacht club. Some of the boats are large and swift enough to be used for submarine chasers, and others are of such construction that anti-aircraft guns can be mounted on them for harbor duty.

Albert Bond Lambert, a wealthy aviation enthusiast, and 125 other expert fliers of this city are at the service of the country, the offer having been made a short time ago.

A number of St. Louis manufacturers are advertising for girls to enter their factories and learn the work in order that a large number of men may be released for service. The Western Union has established a class for the training of girl operators and already has an enrollment of fifty, which will be raised to 500 if possible. The chamber of commerce began the enrollment of all able-bodied men in this district.

WAS ONCE A BIG TOWN, BUT ALL MOVED AWAY

With Closing of Postoffice There Is Now Nothing Left of Laprairie.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Final steps in the dissolution of Laprairie were taken when Eugene Arnold, postmaster, sent in his final reports and locked the doors of the office for the last time. Village organization long since has been discontinued.

With the removal of the name from the books of the postoffice department Laprairie as a village will become only a memory.

In the early history of that portion of the state Laprairie because of its location at the junction of the Mississippi and Prairie river became the largest town in its territory.

In the days when the logging industry was at its height and the rollicking lumberjacks of the old type were going into or coming out of the camps Laprairie was a "booming" town, with a population fluctuating between 1,000 and 3,000. Millions of feet of logs were driven past it both on the Mississippi and the Prairie.

But it was not long before men with foresight recognized the latent power of the Mississippi grand rapids several miles up stream. Grand Rapids was born. Slowly the lusty new town supplanted the vitality of the old, business changed its hunting place, and many of the buildings were moved. Then came the courthouse contest, which resulted in the establishment of the county's business at Grand Rapids.

Since then Laprairie's decline has been rapid. And so Mr. Arnold, the town's chief booster, after locking the door of the old postoffice building, crossed the road, once the principal street of the village, to his little white cottage thereafter to devote his time to the cultivation of his small farm, which comprises the greater portion

ALL WEDDING GIFTS NOT BRIDE'S PROPERTY

New York.—Think of it, girls! A jury in New York decided that all wedding gifts do not belong to the bride nor does the wife own all the household effects. Mrs. Amy Philbrook Clark was suing to recover lots of things, including an automobile, all valued at \$44,000, when the blow fell. She said when her husband brought action for divorce he put a new lock on the family safe.

SUGGESTS WAR HONORS FOR ARMY OF FARMERS

Recruit All Unfit For War Work For Service in the Fields.

New York.—Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, has laid before the council of national defense a plan to remedy the shortage of agricultural labor by the mobilization and training by the government of an agricultural army.

The scheme provides for enlisting able-bodied men unfit for the army and navy on account of minor defects, such as weak vision, deafness, tooth trouble, and so on, and also of conscientious objectors.

"In view of the present food situation and the need for more food in future," said the commissioner, "the farmer must have help in increasing his crops. American agriculture has suffered from the drift of farm labor to munition factories, and when the nation begins to raise an army there will be further subtraction from farm labor through enlistments, while the consumption of food certainly will not decrease.

"Under the circumstances it seems we ought to honor the man behind the plow as well as the man behind the gun. Each is serving the nation. Such an army might easily number several hundred thousand. It would be regularly organized and officered, and its men would wear uniforms, marking them distinctly as engaged in the service of the United States. After brief training they could be distributed in regiments or companies where needed, according to crop seasons. These men would be paid by the government, just as soldiers are paid, and they might well receive the advantages after honorable discharge that are given in some places by law to ex-soldiers. Farmers who receive this aid from the government could pay the wage rate current in their neighborhoods."

HONOR FOR ONE REDHEAD.

Dr. Marion Leroy Burton to Be a Life Member of the Association.

Alexandria, Ind.—A life membership in the National Association of Redheads probably will be voted to Dr. Marion Leroy Burton, president of the University of Minnesota, a redhead, when the organization meets in Indianapolis.

The Minnesota educator, worked in a drug store in Minneapolis twenty-five years ago, delivering packages at a salary of \$6 a week. To his friends he was known as "Redhead" and "Bricktop." Now he receives \$10,000 annually as the head of the state university.

Plans for the annual meeting of the Redhead society in August will be made in a short time.

Virgin Islands Postal Order.

Washington.—Postmaster General Burleson has issued an order making the domestic postage rates and conditions applicable to mail exchanged between the Virgin Islands, formerly known as the Danish West Indies, and the United States.

GETS LETTER MAILED SIXTEEN YEARS AGO

Salem, Ore.—Sixteen years on its way a letter has just reached E. M. Croison of Salem, Ore., from J. Sutton Burns of Booneville, Mo. Mr. Burns had crossed the plains in 1846 with Mr. Croison's parents, and the son wrote the pioneer in 1910. He had given him up for dead until the letter came. It had apparently been lying somewhere in the hands of the postoffice department.

WENT TWO MILES ALONE WITH HIS LEG BROKEN

Rancher Injured by Fall Shows Gameness Getting to Neighbor's Cabin.

Laramie, Wyo.—An idea of the gameness of some of Wyoming's ranchers was gained recently with the arrival in Laramie of Bob Holcombe, a rancher in the Sand creek country, who went eighteen hours with a broken leg and no medical aid.

He crawled one mile on his hands and knees with a broken leg dragging after him. He made another mile on improvised crutches made out of a one inch plank and then put on his own splints with a broken up cracker box and five empty flour sacks.

Holcombe was working a bunch of cattle about four miles from his ranch and two miles from the nearest house. The horse he was riding slipped and fell on Holcombe's right leg. It snapped between the knee and ankle.

Knowing there was no help within two miles, the gameness of the man asserted itself. Suffering excruciating pain, he crawled on his hands and knees for a mile, where he had noticed a one inch plank. With the aid of a knife he broke this plank lengthwise and, putting one piece under each arm, used them as crutches and traveled a mile to the cabin of a friend.

Here he broke up a cracker box and with his knife whittled out some rough splints. With the aid of five flour sacks he bound on the splints. The friend then telephoned to a neighbor for a car and brought the injured man to the city.

NOVEL MANY YEARS AGO PREDICTED A WORLD WAR

Old World May Be So Depopulated and Impoverished That It Will Never Recover.

Basel, Switzerland.—Nearly thirty years ago, in 1888, a novel was published in Leipzig under the title "Satan." In this book the following prophecies appear:

"In 1904 the first clash between western and eastern countries will take place.

"In 1912 the Balkans will be drenched with blood and the corpses of hundreds of thousands of slain men will cover the battlefields. From this bloody struggle the most fearful war of all history will develop. The entire civilized world and even savage tribes will be drawn into the horrible conflagration, which will turn all Europe into a howling wilderness in three years. The war will continue until all of the belligerents are exhausted and the armies in the field rebel against the awful slaughter. It will end with a general uprising of the masses. The revolution will start in one of the largest countries engaged in the war and bring horrors which may make those of the French revolution appear like child's play. Within a few months the revolution will spread over all Europe, and when it ends the old world will be depopulated and so impoverished that it may never be able to recover."

The first two of these prophecies have come true, and the third one is partly fulfilled. In 1904 the war between Russian and Japan started, and 1912 brought the first Balkan war, which was followed at once by the second. From these struggles the present horrible world war developed. Almost the entire world is fighting. Revolution has overturned the government of Russia. Will the general revolution, the horrid climax predicted by the writer, also come?

BEAR INVADERS FARMS.

Kills Sheep and Pigs and Escapes into a Swamp.

Shelbyville, Del.—A large cinnamon bear is terrorizing the inhabitants of Costen Station. In several instances in the past few weeks the bear has made its appearance at farmhouses, frightening the women and chasing away the men.

The weather evidently has cut off its food supplies, and it is killing sheep and pigs on many farms. It has been hunted several times, but its trail invariably leads to a swamp which is practically impervious to man. It is supposed that the bear is one that escaped from a circus about seven years ago near Princecess Anna.

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The Springs Hotel has made a change that will be a convenience in the way of light by removing the partition between the office and the dining room. Pot plants are arranged on the banisters and window sills which gives the neat well-kept dining room a home-like appearance. Mr. Walker is no stranger here and the good service and home cooking is enjoyed by all. She solicits through the columns of the Current the patronage of her old customers and friends and extends a welcome to her guests. Besides first-class meals, she has well-kept rooms. Give her a trial and be convinced.

THE TANSILL DAM.

Work at the Tansill dam is progressing nicely. It is reported that they are a week ahead on the rock cut and going ahead with the fill, of which a third is finished and the two thirds will be completed in two weeks and a half. Twelve teams are at work now, which is about all that can be used. Mr. Tansill has unloaded two cars of lumber practically 52,000 feet. They expect to have many surprises to offer the city and surrounding country in the next ninety days in the form of diversified industries.

The cottonwood trees and mesquite bushes are rapidly putting on the summer garb. Bats have also appeared and can be seen flitting through the air in their usual way at dusk. All are heralding the approach of spring, as all nature seems to be rejoicing during the past few days. The past winter was one of unusual severity and no regrets or sighs have been heard this far at King Boreas bidding perchance a last farewell for the next six months. From a financial point of view, it probably makes very little difference as the coal man is about to take his departure and the ice man appears on the scene to provide comfort and incidentally LFFFFFF fort and incidentally to make us take the rubber off our bank roll.

The finance committee asked that can contribute a silver dollar at the Armory Monday to defray the expenses for gauze, absent cotton and much needed material for emergency bandages until we can arrange otherwise. This move in the right direction and many are interested in the work.

S. E. Albright, son-in-law of Mrs. W. J. Barber died yesterday morning in San Marcos, Texas. He was moved from the sanitarium in San Antonio Saturday to his home, knowing the end was near. Mr. Albright was called to San Antonio a short time ago on business and was taken very ill. His wife and small boy were called there by wire about a month ago, as Mr. Albright was to be operated on. The particulars have not been learned. Mrs. Albright is well and favorably known here, having been with her mother on the range since last summer. The Current extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

L. F. Enell, of Lovington, was guest of the Rightway hotel last week.

Announcement

WE ARE OPENING AN UP TO THE MINUTE SERVICE STATION AND SALESROOM FOR DODGE, FRANKLIN AND CHALMERS CARS IN THE SMITH BLOCK FORMALLY OCCUPIED BY LINN'S PAINT STORE.

We will carry a full stock of parts, and will be in every way qualified to take care of the above cars. Pennsylvania Vacuum Cup Tires, special oils, peculiarly adapted to Franklin, Chalmers and Dodge will be available here all the time.

We invite your inspection.

J. S. OLIVER