

NOT ALL CITY MEN ARE GOOD FARMERS

Some of the Helpers Going to the Country Ignorant of the Work Expected of Them.

By A. R. GROH.

Don't think, George, just because you quit your job as a soda water clerk or a blacksmith and go out on the farm that you are a hero and a patriot.

That, in itself, doesn't prove patriotism any more than rising when the "Star-Spangled Banner" is played.

That, without anything else to back it up, may merely indicate that you are a near-slacker.

To prove that you are a real patriot and really want to increase your country's food supply you must work over you get on the farm. Work, work, work "like sixty." Work your head off, figuratively speaking. Work like the soldiers work. The young officers up at Fort Snelling work from 5 a. m. to 9 p. m. Eight hours they spend in hard drilling. Other hours they spend in study.

Should Discipline Yourself.

If you go on a farm you ought to put yourself under a voluntary discipline as hard as a military discipline. Just imagine there is a sergeant over you all the time, making you hoe weeds or plow corn right "up to the scratch."

In Germany they're making their farmers and city youngsters work on the farms. You can bet your bottom dollar there are no dawdlers on the German farms.

Some farmers of the state are making complaint about workers they are getting from the city. Some of them are all right, of course. But others seem to have come to the farms just to try to escape military duty. Such fellows are not only slackers, but hypocrites.

One farmer writes from Gretna: "We have two city fellows here who couldn't even hitch up a team of horses and didn't seem very anxious to learn how. One tried to drive a fourteen-foot barrow through a ten-foot gate and did more damage than he will do good in a week. I wanted a young man to help around the house and tend to the chickens and they sent me a big, brawny blacksmith who would be more use to the country working at his trade."

Must Fit in Their Place.

This is what must be avoided. We must look out that no square pegs get into round holes and no round pegs into square holes.

Each man ought to take a conscientious survey of himself. He ought to ask himself whether he would be most useful in his present position or as a farmer or as a soldier. He ought to decide honestly, according to his qualifications.

And when he has decided that he can render more service to his country on farms than in arms he should take a patriotic oath with himself that he will work his hardest this summer, that he will plow and "weed" and reap and pitch hay just as vigorously as though he were in the military branch of the service.

Make Every Minute Count.

Each day, each hour, he should do his honest duty as he sees it with all the vim and force that in him lies and just as thoroughly as though he had to rise and drill and study under military rules, like the boys at Fort Snelling.

Only by so doing can he maintain his self-respect and his respect in the eyes of the world.

Working (hard) on the farm makes you a patriot. Shirk on the farm makes you a slacker.

Gym Girls Postpone Camp

Cleanup Week Until June 9

The gymnasium girls of the Young Women's Christian association who planned to do overalls Saturday morning and clean up the summer camp grounds have postponed their cleanup campaign until June 9 because of inclement weather.

June 23 is the day set for the formal opening of the camp and anyone wishing to register may do so now.

FORMER POSTMASTER NOW WITH BANKERS REALTY.



B. F. THOMAS.

B. F. Thomas, prominent Omaha lawyer and widely known through Nebraska by reason of many years in public life, announces his recent connection with the financial department of the Bankers' Realty Investment company.

Among the many prominent places Mr. Thomas has occupied was the postmastership of Omaha, which appointment he received from President Roosevelt in 1908 and where he served until March, 1912. He also served Douglas county as state senator for two terms, 1905 and 1907, and was a member of the Omaha School Board for two terms, during the last year of which he was president of that body.

Big Plant of Booze is Unearthed by Officers

Three cases of beer, one quart, nine pints and seven half pints of whiskey, two quarts of Muscatel wine, one quart of Sherry wine and one quart of port wine were found in the home of Richard Smith at 1607 Burr street by officers who had secured a search warrant after his conviction for selling liquor.

He admitted the selling of a quart of whiskey at his place of business, 507 South Thirteenth street, to Maud Morris and was fined \$100 and costs, as this was his first offense.

Evidence regarding his disposing of liquor contrary to law was discovered when officers went into 507 South Thirteenth street to have them remove broken glass from a window over the street. They found Anna Miller intoxicated and Laura McCredy and Maud Morris with liquor in their possession. After being brought to the station they told officers where they had secured their booze.

Friday morning Anna Miller paid a fine of \$10 and costs. Laura McCredy and Maud Morris were both sentenced to thirty days in jail, which was suspended on condition that they return to their parents' home at once.

Electricity for Power Increased in Cleveland

While the Cleveland Electric Illuminating company of Cleveland, O., has increased its rates on current for commercial uses, the Omaha Electric Light and Power company is seeking to stave off the increases as long as possible, though coal and everything that goes to the making of current has greatly increased in cost in the last few years.

Under the new contracts in Cleveland the increase amounts to 40 per cent to users of 2,500 kilowatts per month, 37 1/2 per cent for the next 35,000 kilowatts and 20 per cent for users of 310,000 kilowatts.

Three Children and a Man Bitten by Mad-Dog

The 6-year-old son of Charles W. Dickerson, Charles, Jr., 2304 North Twenty-sixth avenue, was one of four persons bitten by a mad dog Thursday evening in the neighborhood of Twenty-sixth and Grant streets. The child was sitting on a curb stone in front of his house when the

From Our Near Neighbors

Irrington.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the Evans home for dinner Wednesday.

Ole Olson, driver for Urdike, was kicked by a horse last Sunday and badly injured.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Thompson and family returned Sunday evening from a two weeks' automobile trip to North Platte and other places.

Mrs. Wesley Williams and son, Ralph, came down from Chappin Monday evening to visit relatives.

Mrs. Baler and daughter, Bertha, of Wood Lake, Neb., visited at the S. R. Brewer home from Monday until Thursday.

Avoca.

Mrs. Elmer Smith is entertaining relatives from Omaha this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Rehmeier were Weeping Water visitors, Wednesday.

Miss Stella Opp, who has been teaching school at Columbus, has returned to her home.

Miss Clara Marschall has returned from Havelock, where she has been teaching school.

Miss Lizzie Reed was here from Weeping Water over Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Akker were here from Berlin, Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Bertha Booth of Julian, was here this week for a visit with relatives and friends.

Frederic Hill and family of near Plattsmouth were visiting at the Henry Walt home, south of town Sunday.

Mrs. Louis Gosech and children were

dog came up from behind and bit him in the cheek. He was given medical treatment and no consequences are feared.

Before the dog was captured he had bitten Sybil Maryfield, 9; Mauley Marshall, 12, and Henry Harvey, adult, all of whom live in the same neighborhood.

One Thousand Flags to Be Sold for Decorating Cars

The flag sub-committee of the M. C. Peters registration day committee has obtained 1,000 flags which they have arranged to sell at cost, 75 cents, to those who want them for decoration purposes during the week of June 2 to 6, when the entire city is to be aflame with the Stars and Stripes.

The Omaha Auto club has taken a large number of these flags and will dispense them to its members for use on the automobiles and in other decorations at cost.

The oil companies have taken large numbers of them to be sold at the oil filling stations to those who want to decorate their cars with them. With the flags obtainable at the filling stations and at the headquarters of the Auto club, it is expected that cars will be well decorated with the national colors during those days which embrace the draft registration day, June 5.

Business houses and office buildings in the city in general are responding splendidly to the call for special decorations, and though flags and bunting are somewhat scarce in the city, they have all indicated that they will have their respective places well draped with the colors.

Omaha Shows Building Gain for Month of May

Although Omaha showed a decrease in the number of building permits for May as compared with the corresponding month last year, it more than made it up by the increase in value of the permits.

Figures compiled by the building inspector show that 142 permits aggregating a value of \$1,008,787 were issued as compared to 192 aggregating \$961,240 for May, 1916.

For the last five months ending May, 482 permits were issued for structures to cost \$2,964,282. Six hundred permits were issued during the same period in 1916 with a value of \$2,707,847.

Mary Flirts With Morals Officer, Who Pinches Her

Mary Graham, who says she lives at Norfolk, didn't know she was flirting with an officer of the morals' squad. She said the officer made eyes at her and she couldn't resist. Before Police Judge Madden she denied she was a vagrant.

"If I give you your freedom will you go back to your home?" Madden asked her.

"I can't, because I always quarrel with the folks. But I'll get a job," Mary said.

She was released.

Springfield.

Mrs. Taylor Jarman of Ashland is the guest of her friends here.

L. E. Reed of Washington, D. C., visited his brother, A. C. Reed, this week.

Tom Hamilton and Ernest Kieck graduated at Creighton college this week.

Miss Gertrude Smith, who has been teaching at Neligh, is home for the summer.

Lucenia Ward of Omaha was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Graham last Wednesday.

Mrs. E. P. Swain and daughter, Mrs. Loebner of Lincoln, were here on Decoration day.

Judge Wakely of Omaha was the orator at high school commencement last Friday night.

Mrs. Clara Hoag and daughter, Phoebe, of Oregon, are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hencock and daughter, Edna, of Excelsior Springs, Mo., are here visiting relatives.

Mrs. George Snyder of Fremont and Mrs. P. C. Ashmussen and son of Omaha, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Daw this week.

The school district, of which Springfield is a part, will vote on a proposition to issue bonds for a \$28,000 school house, on June 11.

The following class graduated from the high school this year: Ruth Healey, Clara Dunlap, Edith Stoenie, Jean Smith, Helen Vieregger, John Latham and William Mueller.

Valley.

A fine daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Green Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddy and children motored to Fremont Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Green of Iowa are visiting their son, T. F. Green this week.

Mrs. Annie Robinson returned from Los Angeles, Cal., last week after spending the winter there.

Rev. E. E. Zimmerman and family of Bellevue spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heimbach.

Mrs. Young and Miss Welch moved back to their home at North Bend to spend the summer vacation.

Mrs. Mary Hempstead and Donald Pollock came down from Tilden Wednesday to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. A. Gardiner.

The Valley school closed last Friday. Commencement exercises were held in the opera house Wednesday evening. Prof. E. U. Graff of Omaha schools made the address.

A memorial service was given in the opera house Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Valley band and the Welfare club. Frank Whitmore was master of ceremonies and Rev. Bain gave the address. The band and Valley male chorus furnished the music.

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