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INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN IN RED RIVER VALLEY.

The president's call for individual and organized effort in greater food production to meet the war crisis has found patriotic response in the Red River Valley. Pursuant to a call issued by the Red River Development Association for a meeting to be held at Crookston on April 17th and 18th, delegates assembled from eleven Northwestern Minnesota counties. Earnestness and enthusiasm pervaded the conference. Every delegate gave his best with a determination to make the meeting more than a mere talkfest. Through reports of representatives from various sections, a survey was made of the valley with reference to seed, land, and labor conditions. The principal problems discussed were: 1. Increased acreage and means to secure it. 2. Labor mobilization. 3. Organization of the city and rural schools for increased production. 4. Work of interesting the women, both in production and in preventing waste. 5. Live-stock promotion work. 6. Financing of the work, and necessary steps to organize the district.

Public Welfare Committee Organized.

To carry on the work effectively, the meeting organized The Minnesota Red River Valley Crop and Public Welfare Association. At the head of this they placed a general committee consisting of one member from each county and five members at large as follows: C. G. Selvig, chairman, Crookston; P. B. Gaass, Red Lake Falls; T. Guinness, Barnesville; W. W. Pritchard, Sr., Thief River Falls; R. C. Mathwig, Warren; with the chairmen of the county committees. These are: J. H. Bradish, (Kittson), Hallock; W. H. Williamson, (Roseau) Roseau; J. H. Hay, (Pennington), Thief River Falls; Dr. N. M. Watson, (Red Lake), Red Lake Falls; A. D. Stephens, (Polk), Crookston; Donald Robertson, (Marshall), Argyle; L. Jensen, (Clearwater), Clearbrook; E. J. Herring, (Norman), Ada; A. L. Thompson, (Mahnomen), Mahnomen; E. H. Roberts, (Clay), Moorhead; and L. Benshoof, (Becker), Detroit. It was further planned to organize each county and some divisions of counties under a managing committee consisting of six members and a chairman, as follows:

Pennington County: J. H. Hay, Chairman. C. W. McDaniel, J. A. Labree, Rev. R. C. Zarrackman, Mrs. H. A. Pratt and Henry Werner. Roseau County: W. H. Williamson, Chairman. Paul Anderson, Carl VanRohr, Rev. Saunders, Mrs. Geo. Stebbins and Benjamin Franklin. Polk County: A. D. Stephens, Chairman. C. L. McNelly, M. O'Brien, N. A. Thorson, Rev. P. B. Albert, Mrs. T. R. Sewall, Wm. Dietrich and C. E. Brown. Becker

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KITTSON COUNTY FARMERS' CLUBS.

(By W. V. Longley, Hallock.)

The farmers of Kittson County have kept pace with the farmers all over the state in organizing Farmers' Clubs. By this means they are learning better to co-operate with their neighbors which is helping them in their other co-operative enterprises. It is also educating them along broad gauged lines and most important of all it is supplying a means for the bringing together of the people socially, thus aiding in taking away much of the isolation of the farm.

For the beginning of the movement in this county, we go back to the fall of 1913 when Geo. F. Howard, of the State Agricultural Extension Division, assisted the County Superintendent, Blanda E. Sundberg, in a series of meetings throughout the central and southern parts of the county. As a result of these meetings Red River, Svea, Bridgeport, Halma and Bronson Clubs organized, the honor of being first going to Svea Club which organized in Jan. 1914. Thompson Club organized after the Farmers' Week Short Course in Hallock in March. Cannon came next in July followed by Hallock, Grenville, Enok and Happy Corner. Grenville Club did not succeed due to lack of community spirit and alone has dropped out, although one other is quite inactive.

A county federation was effected in March, 1915, at the Short Course at Hallock, but no county picnic and general get together meeting was held until June, 1916, at which time Supt. A. D. Wilson, of the Extension Division, was the speaker. Thus far the federation has been rather inactive, but we hope for better things in the future, as all clubs in the county should have a common head.

Club exhibits at the county fair at Hallock have been made the past three years, two and three clubs competing. Thompson Club has carried off the honors here, with Red River second one year, Hallock not showing; and Hallock second the other two years. Red River showing one of them. Hallock, last year, won the fair banner for winning the most prizes. These three clubs along with Svea and Enok have always been well represented at the Crop Shows at Crookston, winning many prizes on grains and other products exhibited by members. In 1917 Thompson Club won the farmers stock judging cup while the previous year they stood second with Hallock third.

The aggressive spirit of these clubs is well illustrated at Red River where

the club has the material on the ground for the erection of a club hall, while Thompson Club is making preliminary plans for building. The Stock Shipping Association has been organized as a result of the co-operation of the clubs around Hallock and other clubs are talking of joining. It is not only, though, in the marketing of stock that the clubs are helping, but in the bringing in of better stock, thus helping to improve the stock of the county. Also by aiding the stock industry, they are helping to make farming more permanent and by the development of community spirit they are making farm life more worth while, thus materially aiding in the development of the country.

TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL, JUNE 18 TO JULY 27, 1917.

The Northwest School of Agriculture is ready at this time to announce complete plans for its teachers' training school, to be held for six weeks, beginning June 18th. This summer term is organized and maintained by the Department of Education, and is under the immediate direction of Superintendent C. G. Selvig as conductor, and Supt. J. H. Hay, Thief River Falls, assistant conductor. Its purpose is:

FIRST, to afford academic instruction in the subjects required for common school certificates, first and second class.

SECOND, to offer professional training in the fundamental common school subjects and to provide the means by which teachers who seek to earn a first class certificate may meet the professional standards in those subjects which are now required by law.

THIRD, to offer instruction and personal training in such special subjects as will entitle teachers to receive a first class certificate or one of higher class.

FOURTH, to give instruction in agriculture, manual training and home training as now required of teachers of these subjects in consolidated schools.

The act, which became effective in August, 1915, requires that all public school teachers who at that time had taught less than eighteen months and who apply for a first class certificate must show a given amount of professional training for teaching to entitle them to receive a first class certificate, or one of higher class. Such professional courses are provided in this course this year.

Credits in connection with the issue for first class certificates may be earned under two general divisions. Academic credit through definite and systematic work is provided, and pro-

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Credits in connection with the issuance of second class certificates may also be earned under these two general divisions.

Those, who wish to earn credits, should register on or before June 18th, and be in attendance throughout the six weeks. Much inconvenience may be avoided by sending in registrations before the opening of the term. Certificates of perfect attendance will be issued to all students who are neither absent or tardy from class or assembly periods for the full period of six weeks.

Summer School Lectures.

While it is too early to announce definitely the entire number of lectures for the 1917 session, every effort will be made to make the list a strong one. Enough definite replies have been received, as this paper goes to press, to assure us of an attractive series of lectures. The following noted educators have already been engaged to speak: President M. L. Burton, University of Minnesota; Supt. C. G. Schulz, State Department of Education; Mr. R. E. Denfeld, Duluth; President F. A. Weld, Moorhead Normal School; Asst. Supt. W. F. Webster, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dean Joseph Kennedy, School of Education, University of North Dakota; Rural School Commissioner, C. C. Swain; Mr. T. A. Erickson, Rural Club Specialist; Dr. Thomas Wood, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.

Well known educators of wide practical experience in public school work and teachers training schools have been secured as the faculty. Many of the list are familiar to former summer school students, as they have served on the Crookston faculty for a number of years.

The Faculty.

- C. G. Selvig.....Conductor
- J. H. Hay, Thief River Falls.....
- Asst. Conductor
- J. P. Bengtson.....Geometry
- Cora L. Bigelow.....Primary Methods
-Reading and Literature
- Mildred E. Coe, Crookston.....Music
- John B. Hagen, Detroit.....Civics
- Anna F. Haig.....Composition-Grammar
- Mrs. Genevieve L. Stoue.....
- Physical Geography-Geography
- E. M. Mitchell, Warren.....Physics
- G. H. Sanberg, Crookston.....Algebra
- Mrs. T. R. Sewall.....
- Home Economics and Physiology
- Alice E. Glise.....Sewing
- T. R. Sewall.....Manual Training

- Grace B. Sherwood.....Rural School Methods and Penmanship
- Bernice B. Smith.....Librarian
- Julia Thompson, Fisher.....
- Model School Assistant

Industrial Teachers.

- C. E. Brown, Northwest School.....Poultry
- William Dietrich, Northwest School.....Animal Husbandry
- T. M. McCall, Northwest School.....Horticulture and Gardening
- F. L. Kennard, Northwest School.....Agriculture

A summer school bulletin, explaining in great detail all the courses offered, will be mailed on request. Any one wishing further information should address Supt. C. G. Selvig, Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston.

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INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION
CAMPAIGN IN RED RIVER
VALLEY.

County: L. Benshoof, Chairman. H. S. Erickson, G. D. Hamilton, J. B. Hagen, Mrs. W. B. Carman and J. K. West. Kittson County: J. H. Bradish, Chairman. W. V. Longley, G. Goodman, E. C. Borley, Mrs. E. C. Borley and C. L. Gast. Red Lake County: Dr. N. M. Watson, Chairman. Dr. N. M. Watson, C. A. Kankel, N. W. Speece, J. D. Houston and Chas. Fellman.

Marshall County: Donald Robertson, Chairman. Argyle Community: C. C. Lake, Earl Foster, Fred Tiedt, A. E. Pfiffer, J. M. Ryan, Ira E. Moats, Rev. F. E. Stillwell and O. M. Knutson. Stephen Community: C. R. Gillespie, A. J. Lovestrom, C. L. Yule, Rev. S. M. Kelly, Mrs. H. I. Yetter and I. P. Schoonover. Warren Community: C. L. Lundquist, H. L. Wood, C. L. Spaulding, E. M. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Melgaard and L. Lamberson.

Clearwater County: L. Jensen, Chairman. Albert Henderson, E. H. Reif, J. H. Sommerfeld, Mrs. Geo. T. Hamery and R. M. Day. Norman County: E. J. Heringer, Chairman. B. F. Tenny, C. C. Allen, Rev. A. B. Hinderlie, Mrs. W. B. Holmes and R. F. Holmes. Clay County: H. E. Roberts, Chairman. T. Gunness, T. B. C. Evans, H. P. Hendrickson, R. L. Scott and A. H. Costain. Mahanomen County: A. L. Thompson, Chairman. J. S. Sluke, Victor Dryden, A. I. Jedlicka, J. M. Hardy and Julius Owen.

General Committee Meets.

Immediately after the general conference a meeting of the general committee was called at which definite plans were worked out for carrying out the campaign effectively. Plans were made for looking after the seed situation of the entire valley. The county chairman was made responsible for securing definite information as to seed needs and the seed for sale so that all might be informed as to what was being done and as to what was needed in the way of seed, labor and money. Special efforts were made to find funds necessary for buying seed and breeding stock. The county chairmen were instructed to report to Mr. Selvig, general chairman, the progress made, and any new ideas successfully carried out in order that these might be spread to the entire valley and beyond.

Seed Needs Met.

The Northwest Experiment Station has become a real clearing house for seed. Every day there come scores of letters and telephone calls, either asking for seed or offering seed for sale. The Station has been able to furnish a considerable number of farmers with seed from its own stores. There are plentiful offerings of seed wheat, but reports indicate a shortage of seed oats, barley, and flax. In preparation

for next year, large acreage of alfalfa and clover is being seeded this year.

Demand for Poultry.

That farmers are going to raise more poultry is evidenced by the run that is being made on the poultry department for setting eggs. Mr. C. E. Brown, the poultryman, reports that he is almost two weeks behind now in his ability to fill the orders for Barred Rock and Leghorn eggs.

Letters received at the Northwest Experiment Station indicate that the acreage of forage crops for feeding livestock will be greatly increased. This is a good sign, as a high proportion of food stuffs may be saved for human use in this way.

Thorough and enthusiastic work is being done in the eleven counties to extend local organization.

All Counties Hard at Work.

J. H. Hay and W. W. Pritchard, Sr., members of the general committee from Pennington County, report great interest in meetings that are being held in various parts of the county. A meeting was held at Hazel and a later one at Torgerson. Township organizations are fully organized. Under Chairman J. H. Hay's leadership, groups of boys and girls in most schools are raising a pig, a calf, chickens, or garden truck. The increase in vegetable production in the city of Thief River Falls is estimated at least fifty per cent. W. W. Pritchard, Sr., states that after years of effort to have dairy cows purchased on the so-called one-third monthly-cream-check payment plan, this increased food production movement has started several farmers to build up and pay for a dairy herd on that plan. Both Mr. Hay and Mr. Pritchard join in sharing the joy of community co-operation that comes from this great patriotic movement. It is a movement in which each one may do his "bit." It is hoped that the Red River Valley's "bit" may be of considerable size, as it likely will be according to the program that is being made. Mr. Pritchard's enthusiasm is expressed in the following words: "Believe me, there is something doing every minute of the day. Let the good work go on. I hope we can keep our health and nerve."

Under the leadership of Henry Werner, high school agricultural instructor at Thief River Falls, a great impetus is given to increasing live stock holdings. He offers the following suggestions to that community which could well be followed by the entire state: Supply a boy or farmer with a bred gilt, a pair of six weeks old pigs, a pure bred beef or dairy calf, or supply bred heifers or dairy cows on shares or on the half creamery check plan. If not any of these, then, supply a carload of grade beef calves to be distributed among boys of the county and at the end of six months feeding period have calves exhibited and prizes given, supply ewes or lambs on shares, or offer prizes for competitions in raising of calves, pigs, or poultry.

This county is well supplied with seed wheat, but it was found necessary to secure an additional carload each of oats and barley as a result of the first day's agitation for increased acreage. Many farmers have changed their original plans, and are putting wheat on land originally planned for

oats and barley. Buying this additional seed indicates an increased wheat acreage.

Red Lake County Scores.

Dr. N. M. Watson and P. B. Gaass, members of the general committee for Red Lake County, report that an especially active campaign has taken place there, and will continue until every necessary step is completed. Committees have been appointed in the different townships and villages, on seed and increased acreage, farm labor, and live stock. A census has been started to ascertain the number of unemployed in Red Lake County, the farmers in need of help, the wages offered, and a plan whereby each township will be in direct touch with a central labor supply. The telephones are used every evening, at which time the local township leaders communicate with the farmers and get in touch with the needs each day.

Marshall County Efficiently Organized.

Marshall county has organized for efficient work through grouping townships around the cities of Stephen, Argyle, and Warren in the western part; Newfolden in the central part and Middle River, Holt, and Grygla in the eastern part. The Argyle community has a very enthusiastic organization. Their stationery with Old Glory and the printing in the national colors reflects their spirit of patriotism. Steps have been taken to secure a full inventory of seed needs and also of crop acreage in that territory. Following is a list of the committees pushing the work. Finance: Fred Tiedt, chairman; S. H. Gerber, John Sinclair. Labor: J. M. Ryan, chairman; C. G. Moline, A. A. Buckingham. Church: Rev. F. E. Stillwell, chairman; Rev. Father LaFloch, Rev. H. Mossberg. School: Ira E. Moats, chairman; W. S. Robertson, O. L. Melgaard. Seed and Increased Acreage: A. E. Pfflner, chairman; T. Chandler. A. W. Headrick. Live Stock and Poultry: O. M. Knutson, chairman; W. J. Loyd, W. O. Gast. Ladies Committee: Mrs. N. S. Hegnes, president; Mrs. J. M. Ryan, Mrs. H. R. Meisch. Township Representatives are, South Half Wright: Ellis Blackstrom, Mike Urbaniak. South Half Wanger: John Lundquist, Joseph Urbaniak. South Half Tamarac: Paul Krogh, Fred Craik. South Half Parker: Fred Labine, James Hardy. South Half Fork: J. T. Brosdahl, Arthur Parr. Big Woods: Nils Malm, J. P. Insdahl. Bloomer: Harry S. Beckwith, Albert Malm. Middle River: William Erickson, Thomas Landreville. Alma: Frank Nowacki, Louis Hedquist. Foldahl: Theodore Willer, Carl A. Olson.

At Stephen there is the closest of cooperation between village and country. The following township committees have been appointed: S. 1-2 Eagle Point, C. Thibodo; Donnelly, Jule Pagrac; Sinnott, John Whalen; Augsburg, H. Hoper, Jr.; S. 1-2 Nelson Park, Erick Paulson; N. 1-2 Wright, I. Zakrzewski; N. 1-2 Wanger, J. J. Sinclair; N. 1-2 Tamarac, F. A. Green; N. 1-2 Parker, E. Freecheit; N. 1-2 Fork, Martin Nelson; Seed Supply and Increased Acreage, C. R. Gillespie, chairman; W. B. Rusling, E. A. Kindler, J. Mikkelsen, J. Gillespie. Labor, A. J. Lovestrom, chairman; S. S. Beebe, H. Hoper. Churches, Rev. S. Keily,

chairman; Rev. Gronseth, Father Fraling, Rev. Gronberg. Schools, C. Yule, chairman; S. D. Lincoln, Nancy Lyons. Woman's Work, Mrs. Yetter, chairman; Mrs. Lee Schoonover, Mrs. Ed. Henderson. Live Stock and Poultry, I. P. Schoonover, chairman; George Avery, F. A. Green. Finance, B. B. Brett, chairman; C. R. Gillespie, H. I. Yetter, Thos. Olson.

At Warren, R. C. Mathwig represents the community on the general committee. A strong effort has been made to get every available acre into crop land, which otherwise would be unused, will be cropped on a share basis by groups of farmers having land in the vicinity of unused land. This has resulted in an increased acreage in that community.

The complete organization of Becker County in the campaign covering increased crop acreage and food conservation, was completed during the last week in April by a corps of local men aided by T. M. McCall, of the Northwest Experiment Station. Nine local organizations were perfected, covering every city and village in the county.

Becker County to the Front.

Becker County, following as it does diversified farming and dairying, will have no idle acreage of farm lands, but the spirit of interest shown at the various meetings would indicate that the people are fully aroused to the world food shortage, and that in so far as it is humanly possible, crop raising this season will be intensified as never before in the history of the county.

Editor L. Benschopf, who is chairman of Becker county association, expressed himself as immensely pleased with the results of the county campaign, and he expects to have his complete list of local organization officials ready to send in soon.

The vacant lot and gardening proposition is being readily grasped by the people of Becker county, and this season will see an added increase of several hundred acres to this class of food products.

Polk County Thoroughly Aroused.

In Polk County, the Federation of Farmers' Clubs, through its secretary, C. L. McNelly, of McIntosh, sent out a call for special meetings of the different farm clubs. These were held April 26. Reports indicate a good attendance, and that active steps were taken to further the food production movement. Through the county chairman, A. D. Stephens, of Crookston, most of the townships of Polk County have been organized. In each one, a person has been appointed who will be responsible for gathering data as to seed, labor and stock needs. Martin O'Brien, of Crookston, who has charge of the labor mobilization work in Polk County, has received unanimous response from the various villages and cities in reply to an appeal to guarantee to the farmers labor necessary for harvesting large crops. "There is positive assurance," says Mr. O'Brien, "that every business man who can do so, will let his work go during harvesting and threshing and bend all his energies to gathering and storing the largest crop ever produced in Polk County." At a meeting held at McIntosh during the week, Mr. O'Brien was met with a gathering that overflowed

the assembly hall. He was informed that the next day there were inquiries on every hand as to what could be done to push still further forward the movement in that community. Meetings have been held in most of the townships to put into effect the suggestions made by the general committee. The responses in most cases indicate a willingness to do everything possible this year to meet the food needs of the nation and the world. Mrs. T. R. Sewall, of the Northwest School of Agriculture, is in charge of the women's work for Polk County. She has prepared the following suggestions which will be of the greatest value:

1. Keep an accurate account of all materials used in the home, checking carefully to locate needless expenditure, for instance, a too liberal use of lard or an over generous use of sugar.
2. Concerted action toward simplicity in the meals served at home every day or for special occasions.
3. Conscientious study of foods and food values with a view to getting the best returns for money expended.
4. Careful planning of meals with two aims: (1) Properly balanced meals to conserve the health of the family, thereby diminishing doctors' bills. (2) Meals so planned that all left-overs are wisely used.
5. Help to produce abundant quantities and to use the foods one can most easily get as garden produce, eggs, and milk—a generous use of skim milk is especially recommended in soups, etc.
6. Can all left-over garden produce, preserving eggs, freeze or can meat, and pack all root crops in sand in the cellar.
7. Remember it is not wise to cut down on total food lest the members of the family suffer, but the aim should be the selection of cheaper foods of highest nutritive value.

Prof. Wm. Dietrich urges increased live stock, and especially now, the necessity of providing an abundance of leguminous feeds, such as alfalfa and clover, and a liberal supply of corn and other forage crops. He is conducting meetings to stimulate live stock production, and is meeting with success.

Clay County in Earnest.

In Clay County, speakers have been sent to the various communities, and the ministers are co-operating by making an appeal from the pulpit. The county schools are being organized and a concerted movement is taking place through twenty-two farm clubs of Clay county. County Agent A. C. O'Banion is the leader in this movement. Following is a list of township chairmen: Chris Rehder, Alliance; C. A. Sieber, Barnesville; N. B. Hanson, Barnesville; M. A. Giere, Cromwell; Carl J. Knutson, Eglon; D. A. Lamb, Elkton; John Schmidt, Elmwood; Peter Sanders, Felton; G. O. Osmundson, Flowing; H. P. Skorstad, Georgetown; E. D. Grant, Glyndon; Nils Hammer, Goose Prairie; Edw. A. Treenes, Ilgen Prairie; Chas. Gibbons, Hawley; C. J. Cederberg, Highland Grove; David Askogaard, Holy Cross; F. E. Kieselbach, Humboldt; Michael Dauner, Keenc; Alfred Olson, Kragnes; John I. Smith, Kurtaz; A. T. Bekerus, Moland; P. J. Landin, Moorhead; Nels N. Melvey, Moorhead; Martin Olson, Morken; O. M. Steen, Oakport; E. O. Peterson,

Parke; F. J. Raleigh, Riverton; Lewis Quam, Spring Prairie; H. T. Waure, Skree; B. P. Selum, Tansem; L. A. Opsahl, Ulen; Geo. H. Levitre, Viking.

Kittson County Organizes.

J. H. Bradish, chairman of the committee in Kittson County, reports great activity in that section of the state. The banks have organized definitely to provide seed and also to do the utmost in their power to increase the amount of stock. The seed situation is well in hand. Mr. G. Goodman, in charge of providing farm labor, has organized the county in ten divisions, each being under a man who will make a record of labor needs, and secure help needed. The co-operation of the state committee will be requested in this connection when details of the labor needs are known. E. C. Borley has made an active campaign among schools and churches for increased acreage, and the women have been organized under E. C. Borley into twelve community groups. In addition, representatives will be in charge of each of the villages and townships.

Norman County Reports.

The work in Norman County is progressing satisfactorily under the leadership of E. J. Herringer, of Ada. Meetings have been held at Twin Valley and at other points in Norman County, with committees at work in all the townships. Chairman B. F. Tenney in charge of the seed demands has been called on to look up additional carloads of good grain. R. F. Nelson, high school agricultural instructor in Ada, is actively promoting live stock work as well as getting a line-up on the seed situation.

Clearwater County Is Doing Things.

L. Jensen, of Clearwater County, states that the bankers and elevators have lent great assistance in securing the necessary seed. The needs of the farmers have been made known through the farmers' clubs of which there are a large number in that county. He reports the ground to be in excellent condition, the best in years. Through the Potato Growers' Association of Clearbrook, the school children have entered the potato growers' club, and are actively at work. Many new silos are being planned, and the farmers are being advised generally not to sell immature stock. A scarcity of swine is reported, and each new litter of pigs is awaited with fluttering expectancy, and treasured with the same care and devotion as pets.

Roseau County in the Ranks.

Three carloads of potatoes were recently distributed as seed in Roseau County. From Baudette, close to the Canadian border, Supt. N. E. Schwartz, of the local schools, reports patriotic activity among farmers and stock men. It is predicted that the potato acreage will be quadrupled in Roseau County during the present year. The crop is going in fine shape, and all that is needed is fair weather, and an even break with other conditions. Committees have been appointed in all of the townships, and the newspapers are doing everything possible to acquaint the people with what is expected of them. Agriculture Instructor W. H. Williamson of Roseau is tireless in his efforts

to bring about the best results possible.

The Movement Grows.

A veritable army is at work in the Red River Valley counties in response to the call sent out by the Minnesota Red River Valley Crop and Public Welfare Association, recently organized. Results, more far reaching than were anticipated by the leaders of this movement, are beginning to appear. While the urgent need of seed in various parts of this section and the necessity of having the largest possible acreage placed under cultivation were impelling motives a month ago, it is seen every day that the results will include hundreds of additional acres seeded to clover and alfalfa, a large increase in the corn, and best of all, increased holdings of live stock. Through the Northwest Experiment Station a request came recently for a carload of Herefords which were wanted by a farmer near Kennedy. At the same point there was recently established a herd of Holsteins which bids fair to become one of the leading herds of the valley. From Twin Valley comes a call for a carload of Shorthorns. While it will be difficult to make these purchases now, the demand is an indication of the fact that while increased grain acreage is being urged by all, there is a manifest determination not to neglect live stock and dairying. When the Thief River Falls creamery can report that twenty-six patrons' cream checks in April each exceeded fifty dollars, there is evidence of dairying gains.

Secretary John S. Pardee of the State Public Safety Commission has made inquiry regarding the plan of organization followed in the Red River Valley counties, following which a full report giving details of this organization was sent him. It is expected that he will use these agencies in furthering the work of the state commission. The executive committees of the Red River Valley Crop and Public Welfare Association will meet in Crookston within the next ten days to review the work done and make plans for the intensive labor mobilization activities which lie ahead. Other important gatherings including a joint meeting of the Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association and Live Stock Breeders' Association will meet at Red Lake Falls on June 27 and 28, at which time final reports will be made of this work. On May 16, the bankers of the ninth district meet at Crookston. Crop production measures occupy a large part of the programs. In the meantime, meetings are being held in cities, village, country school-houses and churches, and responses such as never before have occurred are met with.

After the seed situation is out of the way, the energies of the Minnesota Red River Valley Crop and Public Welfare Association will be directed toward providing sufficient labor to take care of a bumper crop. While wet weather has set back spring work, with the coming of fair weather from now on, the crops will go in in good shape. Chairman Selvig has visited various points of the valley, and enlisted the agencies that will cover the labor mobilization work.

THE GOVERNOR'S VETO.

Governor J. A. A. Burnquist vetoed the dining hall and service building for which the members of the legislature appropriated \$100,000. This act caused deep gloom on the Northwest School's campus, as it greatly retards the school's advancement and distinctly lowers its efficiency. Nothing can be done to remedy conditions in the present dining hall, as it is located in a dormitory which is not desirable as a permanent place. Any improvement made in the present hall would be money wasted.

Shortly before adjournment the legislative committees decided to postpone for two years action on the proposed new roadway from the school to Crookston. The idea was then that the new building was to be authorized and to limit the improvement to that single item. Had an intimation been given foreshadowing the veto of the dining hall, undoubtedly, the roadway appropriation would have been passed, and that much needed improvement would soon have been completed. As it stands, the Northwest School secured neither the roadway nor the building. An increase in maintenance was granted.

CROP PRODUCTION WORK.

These are war times when agriculture should be encouraged and stimulated. Regardless of temporary disappointments, the members of the Northwest School's staff, students, and alumni are girding themselves to work harder than ever for our country. The account of the forces which are at work in the valley indicates that all are aware of their duties and responsibilities, and will do everything in their power to further this movement.

ALUMNI.

Reports from various sections of the Northwest indicate that the Alumni are doing their patriotic duty in connection with the nation wide movement to increase food production.

Former students and Alumni will be interested in knowing that Willard Johnston '15, who spent last summer on the Mexican border as a member of Company H, North Dakota Infantry, has recently received a promotion, and is now first lieutenant.

Lawrence Floan '15, now a full fledged farmer in charge of his own farm, is making a specialty of pure bred Berkshire hogs.

The editor of the Northwest Monthly offers space in the paper for news items or articles of special interest to alumni. All graduates and former students are urged to make use of this opportunity, and make the paper a medium through which alumni may be kept in touch with one another. Write a note, if no more, letting us know what you are doing, and what you may have heard about the other fellow.

Alumni are also urged to send in photographs of their farms or community activities to be used by the school in publishing a picture booklet on the theme "Alumni Make Good." If everyone does his part, this booklet can be made of great interest and all former students of this school.