

HOBO HAS LITERATURE ALL HIS OWN; QUOTE MOST MERITORIOUS SPECIMENS

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Ill., July 12.—The hobo has a literature of his own. He has his ballads as well as the cowboy, the mountaineer and the sailor. Much of his literature is oral, but one hobo organization has published a paper-bound anthology of verse and another issues a magazine.

"Much hobo verse lacks poetic quality because the author is trying to present a brief, to voice a grievance," said Nels Anderson, who is making a study of migratory men under the auspices of Chicago philanthropic agencies. "In some, on the other hand, there is genuine feeling. The work of the late Bill Quirk is particularly meritorious."

The paper-bound anthology bears on the cover some discriminating definitions: "A hobo is a migratory worker. A tramp is a migratory non-worker. A bum is a stationary non-worker."

Migratory Worker Needed
"The migratory worker," said Mr. Anderson, is essential to industry. "Sheep-shearing and salmon fishing, being seasonal tasks, can only be performed by wanderers. Occupational diseases send men from one kind of work to another. Other men wander because they lack the backbone to stay at one job, because they are queer and fail to fit into their original environment, or because they have lost out in the struggle of life."

One of Bill Quirk's efforts contains these lines:

Have you rotted wet in a grading camp
Or scorched in a desert line?
Or done your night stunt with your lamp,
Watching the timbers drip with damp
And hearing the oil rig whine?

I do no kicking at God or fate
I keep my shoes for the road—
The long gray road, and I love it,
mate—
Hay-foot, straw-foot—that's my gait,
And I carry no other man's load.

Grim humor characterizes "A Story of the Jungles." It relates the boasting of a genial liar who was supposed to be cooking "Mulligan stew" for his comrades at a hobo camp:

Now Checkers, he was a good fellow,
As far as good fellowship goes,
But he will never again be a hero,
Or kill any more of his toes.

He is sleeping at peace in the valley,
O'er his head grow the laurel and fern;
He shall lead no more rattlers or ponies,
For he let that Mulligan burn!

The "hobo working stiff" defends himself from abuse as follows:

When the wheat is ripe in the field
Of grain,
He climbs on a passenger blind,
And haggard ways on that trembling train,
As it rushes through the rough night wind.

On the road, he's a cat, a bloody flink,
And a scissor bill to spare,
And a bindle-stiff is a gentle link
In the names he has to bear.

And the truth of it is, he's neither a tramp,
A flink, or a Johnny Yegg,
A fly-by-night, a vagrant scamp,
Or much of a fellow to beg.

Yes, the hobo worker is the lad that plods,
Up the track as the train goes by;
He builds the road and rides the rods,
And his cutes light the sky;
But he has never a bed to lay his head,
Or a roof to hide his grime,
He harvests the wheat that the world may eat,
And goes hungry most of the time.

Defines Unusual Terms
Mr. Anderson defined some of the unusual terms used here. A scissor-bill is a hobo who grinds scissors, though the term has been transferred to apply to any man who is new to the road, a green-horn. A flink or a yegg, is a criminal. A bindle-stiff or bundle stiff is a wanderer who carries his bedding in a bundle: a blank-et stiff.

"The mission and the employment agency contribute to the life of the tramps' neighborhood," said Mr. Anderson. "So does 'Paddy the Pig,' the old fat man who sits on the curb or argues with street corner idlers, assuring them, 'You're all ignorant. I used to be ignorant myself.' So does the woman who goes about feeding the alley cats for an area of several blocks."

"This particular woman dislikes foreigners and prides herself on being an American, but she has a kind spot in her heart for homeless men as well as for homeless cats. She says, 'The city could give work to all you boys if it would set them to cleaning chimneys and the roofs. The soot on the roofs blows on the clothes when they're hungout on the roofs to dry.' She does her own part by scouring the fountains on the street regularly, gratis."

Suburban

MODOC, Ind.—Mrs. Sarah Petro spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Alden Petro and children near Losantville. . . . The Community Chautauqua will close Wednesday evening, July 12, and close the evening of July 13. . . . Mrs. Wilbur Johnson, Mrs. Burley Conwell and Mrs. Charley Ford spent Thursday in Muncie. . . . Miss Lavonne McGunegill spent part of last week in Muncie visiting her sister, Miss Madonna McGunegill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gaddis have returned from their vacation trip. . . . Miss Edith Driskill spent last week with Miss Alice Lee. . . . Carlton Swain of Muncie spent the week-end with his wife and daughter. . . . Rev. John Martin spent last week in Muncie. . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hodson and granddaughter, Crystal Rubush, spent Saturday evening in Farmland. . . . Mrs. Belle Gaddis spent Saturday afternoon with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Ankeny. . . . The Busy Bee class of the U. B. church will hold their annual picnic at a grove on the farm of Oscar Severe, Tuesday. . . . Mrs. Oscar Severe and Mrs. Sarah Petro spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Emma Hodson. . . . Mrs. William Hutchens and Helen Swain of Muncie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swain. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stults and daughter Mildred spent Saturday evening in Hagerstown. . . . Dig Davidson of Muncie spent the week-end at his home here. . . . Clarence Wright spent Saturday afternoon in Hagerstown. . . . Mrs. Ollie Naylor and son Max spent Monday with Mrs. Almeda Bennett. . . . Beckett of near Muncie spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Grubbs. . . . Gerald Edwards and Van Dean Swain spent Sunday evening in Muncie. . . . E. S. Gilliam spent Sunday evening with William McGunegill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lee and daughter Nadine spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fox. . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hodson and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hodson, son Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Orzo Rubush spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hodson and children at Carlos. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Emmet McGunegill spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hodson at Carlos City. . . . Albert Swain is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Omer Ross at Cleveland, Ohio. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gravel Jones, daughter Olive and son Charles, Mrs. Lura Roberts spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Chalmers. . . . Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Severe and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ridenour spent Sunday evening in Winchester. . . . Miss Cryst-

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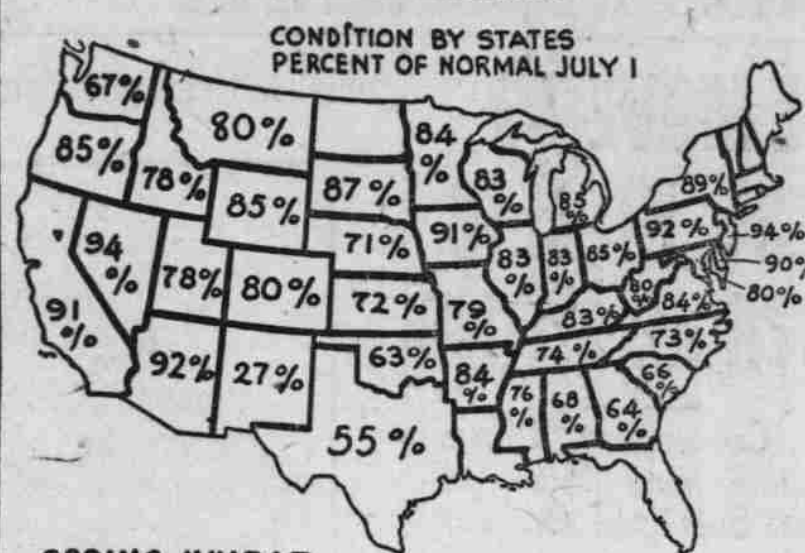
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By Ralph F. Couch
WASHINGTON, July 12.—Nearly one billion dollars will go into the pockets of American farmers during the next few months on the basis of the forecast just completed by the department of agriculture for the nation's wheat harvest.

Farmers now are receiving from \$1.00 to \$1.39 per bushel for their wheat in a majority of states. The price is expected to soar during the fall and early winter as a result of crop failures and short crops throughout Europe.

Approximately 817,000,000 bushels of wheat will be harvested this year if the agriculture department's forecast becomes an actuality. This is on the basis of a winter wheat crop of 569,000,000 bushels and a spring crop of 248,000,000 bushels.

This forecast, made on the basis of reports from every section as of July 1, shows a slight reduction as compared with June 1. On that date the all-wheat harvest was estimated at 855,000,000 bushels. The reduction

tal Mae Rubush is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hodson. . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Barker spent part of last week in Dayton, Ohio, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hurst. . . . Mrs. Orzo Rubush and daughters spent Friday with Mrs. Emma Hodson. . . . Mrs. William Wright and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Lenard Darrah at Winchester. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hodson, son Charles, Mrs. Mary Ketter, Miss Mae

will tend to increase prices, government officials believe.

The present forecast represents a probable harvest 18,000,000 bushels in excess of the average yield during the five year period 1916-20. The world demand for American wheat is expected to increase steadily during the next few months. Repeated reports from abroad emphasize the shortness of the wheat crops of England and all European countries. The Argentine crop is reported as slightly below normal while the Australian crop is forecast as unusually small. Russia is importing wheat and other cereals and can export no grain whatever, according to information officially received by the department of commerce.

Farmers of the United States and Canada must make up what apparently is about to develop into a world shortage of cereals, according to the view of officials of the commerce department.

Wheat may sell at \$2.00 a bushel before the end of 1922, it is believed by some officials. By others this is regarded as a too optimistic outlook. All agree, however, that present prices are probably the lowest that will obtain in several months.

Keever and Mrs. Emma Hodson spent Saturday in Muncie. . . . Mrs. Almeda Bennett and son Chester entertained Monday Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cain and daughter Anna Bell, Miss Kathryn Hammond, Mrs. Jane Taylor of Huntington, Mrs. Mary Cain of Hagerstown and Mrs. Ollie Naylor and son Max.

CENTERVILLE, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. William Smoker entertained at their

home south of Centerville, Sunday, a number of friends and relatives in honor of the eighty-ninth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Mary Smoker, his mother. A splendid dinner was enjoyed. Mrs. Smoker received a number of gifts. Guests enjoying this occasion were Messrs. and Mesdames Henry Brumfield, Leslie McNeal, Lewis Weber, Walter Brumfield, Clayton Brumfield and Mrs. Hugh Stevens, of Richmond; Gale Smoker, Oscar Smoker and Miss Mattie Smoker, of Abington; Harry Weber, of Chester; Earl Smoker, Milton; Harry Brumfield, Mrs. Belle Mills and son, William, and Marion Brumfield, of Webster. Mark Lamott, Winchester, John Sullivan and Nate Lamott of Centerville, and Mrs. Sara Brumfield, Abington, and families of each also were included. There were 47 persons present. . . . Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Yates of Richmond, Winifred Eikenberry and Miss Yates, of Dayton, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Talbott last week. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Trout and two daughters, of Newcastle, were guests Sunday of Mrs. Thelma Lashley. . . . The ladies of the Methodist church cleared about \$40 at the ice cream festival Saturday night; the next festival will be given by the Old Settlers' committee, on Dunbar's corner, next Saturday evening. . . . Mrs. Grace Peale, Mrs. Noel Mathews, Mrs. Earl Able, Mrs. Robert Omelia, Mrs. Grace Smith and Miss Bessie Buhl spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Small, in Kintnersville. . . . Misses Carrie and Martha and Hugh Cheesman entertained the members of the I. T. class of the Methodist church at their home south of Centerville Tuesday evening. A very pleasant time was enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served. . . . Miss Dorothy Kinde, of Richmond was the week end guest of Miss Joyce Oskin, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Oskin had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Donahoe of Indianapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ralbourne and family of Cincinnati. . . . Plans have been made by the Centerville council to open Maplewood park to tourists. Ovens and other provisions will be made for their accommodation. . . . Earl, Wayne, Arlene and Iva Duff visited John Jackson and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Peale the latter part of last week. . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Almsman visited at Greensburg and Shelbyville over the Fourth and returned home Wednesday evening. . . . Sunday evening services will be resumed at the Friends church next Sunday evening. There will be Sunday evening services every other Sunday evening until yearly meeting. . . . Miss Marie Cassel and Mrs. Sadie Commons dined with Joseph A. Commons Sunday. . . . Miss Eva Commons and daughters, Ruth and Martha, were among those who composed the party to Winona to visit Billy Sunday last week. They report a great treat—that of hearing Charles Gabriel sing. . . . Ernest Tremps and family visited George Cramer and family at Green-

field Sunday. . . . Mrs. Earl Able, Mrs. Noel Mathews and Mrs. Anna Clark will entertain the Women's Home Missionary society at the home of Mrs. Able Thursday afternoon. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Glidewell, of Indianapolis, and Quincy Lyons of Richmond, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bertsch the first of the week. . . . Ruth Davis, Kathryn Kimmel, Mary Harris, Esther Meek, Faye Darnell, Nettie Hülligro, Marjorie Nelson, Hazel Brumfield, Mildred Hill, Charlene Jackson, Louise Moulton, Virginia Knapp, Elizabeth Wright, Irene Jackson, Martha Hatfield and Gladys Tice formed a picnic party Thursday at Medearis Grove, north of town. They were chaperoned by Mrs. Leroy Kimmel and Miss Audrey King.

special representative of the department of labor and will investigate conditions among women in industry in Europe. The appointment, it was explained, is similar to that recently of the late Lillian M. Russell Moore of Pittsburgh, who investigated immigration conditions in Europe for the department.



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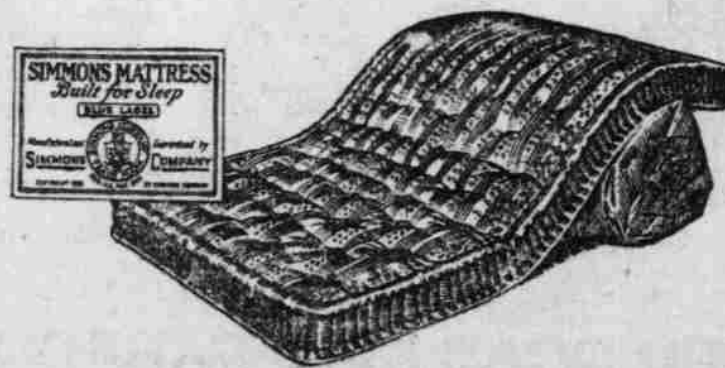
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