

## 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 Quirke 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 Quirke'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 gentil lar 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 foes.

He is sleeping at peace in the valley,  
O'er his head grow the laurel and fern;  
He shall ride 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 sways on that trembling  
train,  
As it rushes through the rough night  
wind.

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

And the truth of it is, he's neither a  
tramp,  
A fink, 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  
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Up the track as the train goes by;  
He builds the road and rides the rods,  
And his cities light the sky;  
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Or a roof to hide his grime.  
He harvests the wheat that the world  
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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 fink or a yegg, is a criminal. A bundle-stiff or car bundle stiff is a wanderer who car-

**Milton Church Building Committee Head Named; Selection of Site Soon**  
MILTON, Ind., July 12.—With \$12,000 pledged toward a new church, the Christian church board of trustees have appointed Fred Wagner as chairman of the building committee. The action was followed by pledges given by farmers Sunday night, of free labor in amounts of from one to several days by the farmers and material hauled and much of the excavation done by them.

A site has not yet been settled upon for the new church which is to replace the one burned several weeks ago. It is expected, however, that the site committee will be ready to report soon, and meanwhile interest is centering on the plans of the new building. Features of the Milroy and Montpelier churches are favored.

It is expected that the new Milton church will have a large auditorium surrounded by class rooms which can be thrown open for additional seating capacity, and with a balcony which also will be divided into class rooms. A large basement which can be used as a community gathering place, also is favored.

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ries his bedding in a bundle: a blanket 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 hung out on the roofs to dry.' She does her own part by scouring the fountains on the street regularly, gratis."

**Suburban**

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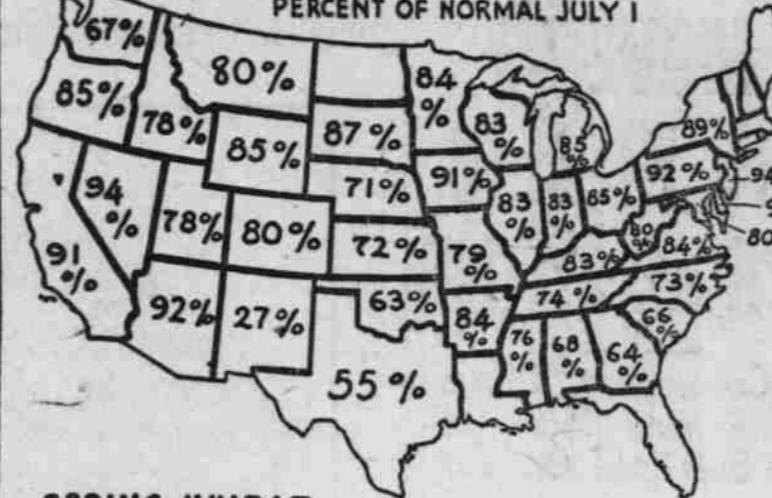
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## WINTER WHEAT TO YIELD 569,000,000 BUSHELS

Crop Condition 77% of Normal, Agriculture Department Announces

CONDITION BY STATES  
PERCENT OF NORMAL JULY 1



SPRING WHEAT  
ESTIMATED YIELD 248,000,000 BUSHELS  
CONDITION 83.7% OF NORMAL

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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 the crop 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

is due to the fact that the wheat 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 Mrs. Henry Brumfield, Leslie McNeal, Lewis Weber, Walter Brumfield, Clayton Brumfield and Mrs. Hugh Stevens of Richmond; Gabe Smoker, Oscar Smoker and Miss Mattie Smoker of Abingdon; 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 Mrs. Lamott of Centerville, and Mrs. Sarah Brumfield, Abingdon, 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 Omella, Mrs. Grace Smith and Miss Bessie Buhl spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Small, in Knightstown. . . . Misses Carrie and Martha and Hugh Cheeseman 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 Kindle, 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. Rabourne 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. Peele the latter part of last week. . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Alsmar 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. . . . Ernest Tremp and family visited George Cramer and family at Green-

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. Orozco 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 Keever, Miss Mae

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