

## SHORTAGE OF FARM LABOR IS SERIOUS

Reports From Local Communities Indicate Low Production for Year.

Jazz, luxurious dinners, plenty of shows and late hours together with easy jobs at high wages threatens to cause a labor shortage on farms this year which may be serious to the farmers of northern Indiana, according to reports.

Tempting offers by farmers in the grain belt generally, are meeting with little response and unless farm help is obtained shortly, farmers will have to work night and day to get in their crops, observers say.

Farmers complain. Farmers of St. Joseph county declare that prices which they are forced to pay their help are confiscatory and that unless there is a remedy one way or another farm production will be seriously impaired.

Even at these high prices the demand for farm help is far in excess of supply and many a local farmer is facing corn planting season and harvesting time without knowing how it is to be done. Wages paid average at least \$50 a month with lodging and board, and the farmers say, lodging and board are about all one gets out of money these days anyway.

The cause of the labor scarcity is laid at the door of factories and commercial enterprises generally. High wages, short hours and the allurements of city life as the "easiest way," is the heart of the trouble, according to the consensus of opinion among farmers in this vicinity. Members of the farm bureau which was organized to meet these conditions are considering ways and means of meeting the problems.

### OFFER HIGHER WAGES.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 31.—Farmers are offering 20 per cent higher wages this year than last for farm help, officials here said today. Wages are double, or more than double those paid four or five years ago.

"There is a farm labor shortage," said Dean R. W. Thatcher of the University of Minnesota agricultural school, "but we have a general idea that farmers are cutting down their acreage this year and won't need so much help."

### WOULD REDUCE H. C. D.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 31.—The only hope of ever reducing the cost of living is to get the people back to the farms, in the opinion of Harry Lippert, superintendent of the federal employment agency here.

Where in March of 1919 a total of 178 men were assigned jobs on farms, the total this month is only 77. And the demand is greater than it was a year ago. The wages are \$10 higher than in 1919.

### DOUBLE IN VALUE.

LANSING, Mich., March 31.—Michigan farm lands will double in value within a few years, Verne H. Church, field agent of the Michigan crop reporting bureau, declared here today.

The present drain on farm labor caused by abnormally high wages in factories and industrial establishments is a temporary condition, Church said. As soon as this condition shifts back to normal, the effect on the value of farm lands will be marked, he added.

### INDIANA SITUATION.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 31.—Food production in Indiana is threatened by a shortage of farm labor, George C. Bryant, field agent of the department of agriculture said.

Farmers generally contemplate reducing production about 15 per cent," Bryant asserted. "This is due mainly to the labor shortage and the high wages the labor is demanding. Another factor in causing reduction is the fluctuation of prices and the high cost of farm machinery."

### SEEK FARM HANDS.

TOPEKA, Kas., March 31.—Kansas can absorb 5,000 farmhands and contract to employ them every month in the year, according to W.

H. Cushing, statistician for the state labor commissioner. In addition, Kansas farmers who need permanent help express a willingness to provide a separate house for married men and grant them permission to keep hogs and chickens. Wages offered for permanent help vary from \$50 to \$75 a month, Cushing stated.

### POST OFFICE FLOODED WITH FOREIGN MAIL

The South Bend postoffice, like those of most other cities of the country, has been flooded with packages of food and clothing for overseas since the removal of the restrictions on mail service to Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Belgium.

According to officials the parcel post mail for those countries is extremely heavy and consists almost entirely of food and clothing, the latter being included especially in the packages for Poland. The postoffice somewhat resembles a freight depot this week. An unusual amount of express packages are being sent through that channel due, undoubtedly, to the express strikes, locally and in Chicago. Men have been working in the express department day and night in an effort to keep up with the rush of business. Much of the matter bears a special delivery stamp to insure prompt delivery.

The regular mail service as well as the parcel post service to North Russia, (Archangel and Murmansk districts) has been suspended until further notice, according to word received at the local postoffice Wednesday morning.

### EXPRESS EMPLOYEE WINS LENIENCY

Roland Hess, a former employee of the American Railway Express Co., who was charged with embezzling \$294 of the company funds won leniency from Judge Gilmer in the city court Wednesday morning when it was found that he was the only support of a widowed mother and upon the latter's promise that her son's shortage would be returned to the company.

Thomas A. Slick, attorney for the defendant, in a plea to the court said that his client had secured another job and that the complainant had agreed to drop the charges providing reimbursement was made. By agreement it was decided to refer the case to Probation Officer Lane for six months and a stipulated amount should be paid the express company weekly to cover the shortage which is now reckoned to be \$110.68.

### TO GIVE ADDRESS.

An address by Miss Virginia Tutt, city librarian, on "Your Public Library" will be a feature of the club night program at the Y. W. C. A. Thursday. In addition to Miss Tutt's address Miss Mary Bissell, industrial secretary of the central field of the Y. W. C. A., will address the board members and club girls on the issues of the association convention to be held at Cleveland in April.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 31.—The University of Michigan golf club will begin its tour to the Pacific coast April 9.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The sewer of Indiana Harbor, a Chicago suburb, were clogged with 800 pounds of raisins and prunes. Police officials believe some home distiller, fearing revenue officers, dumped his supply.

## HEALTH BOARD IN WARNING

New Ordinance Provides For Removal of Outdoor Nuisances.

In an announcement issued Wednesday by the board of health attention is called to the new ordinance which provides for the removal of all outdoor nuisances by July 1, 1920. A warning has also been issued regarding the enforcement of the measure. The announcement is as follows:

This zone includes that territory of the city located within the district described by St. Peter st. from the river to the city limits on the north, from this point along Tenth av. and Vassar av. to Blaine av. from this point along Blaine av. to Laporte av. to Chapin st. from this point along Chapin st. to Sample st., from this point along Sample st. to the river. All privies and cesspools located within this district must be cleaned out to the bottom and filled with fresh dirt or ashes and the respective premises connected with the sewer not later than July 1, 1920.

It is suggested that property owners at once arrange for these improvements. No leniency will be shown at the expiration of the time allotted by the ordinance for this work.

E. FREYERMUTH, M. D. Secretary Board of Health.

### GOAT REFUSED TO GIVE MILK, SAYS COMPLAINT

WORCESTER, Mass., March 31.—Wouldn't it get your goat after you had bought a goat for the purpose of providing milk for your children to find out it wasn't that kind of a goat?

That is what happened to George G. Rodgers, of Leicester, a short time ago, and now he is the plaintiff in a law suit for \$20 against John E. Paine, of Franklin, who is owner of a large goat farm.

## BUSINESS MEN HOLD DINNER FOR MARINES

Over 400 business men of South Bend welcomed the Roving Marines at a luncheon given in their honor at the Oliver hotel Wednesday noon by the Real Estate board, Kiwanis club and guests.

Addresses of welcome were given by Mayor R. W. Gaylor of Mishawaka, John DeHaven of the Board of Public Works, City Controller John Swygart in behalf of Mayor Carson, Frank Greene of the Chamber of Commerce, William Hupp of the real estate board, Wilbur Armstrong of the Kiwanis club and A. R. Erskine of the Studebaker corporation.

Gunner Marshall E. Simmons, in charge of the Roving Marines, responded to the welcome extended the marines by the city of South Bend. "We found that we were welcome from the time we stepped from the train," said Gunner Simmons, "and that the city had given us the open door."

### Change Easter Service At German M. E. Church

Because of the death of Rev. Fred Koehnemann's mother, necessitating the absence of the pastor, changes in the Easter services of the German M. E. church have been made. In place of the regular Sunday morning Easter services the children of the church will present a program. The vesper concert, which was to have been held Sunday afternoon has been indefinitely postponed and the Good Friday services will be discontinued.

### PENN DESCENDANT AND VETERAN DIES

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., March 29.—Thomas A. Moore, civil war veteran, a direct descendant of William Penn and a member of the bodyguard that conveyed Abraham Lincoln's body from Washington to Springfield, Ill., for burial, is dead here at the age of 78.

Mr. Moore was born in Christiana, Pa. A widow, two sons and a daughter survive.

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