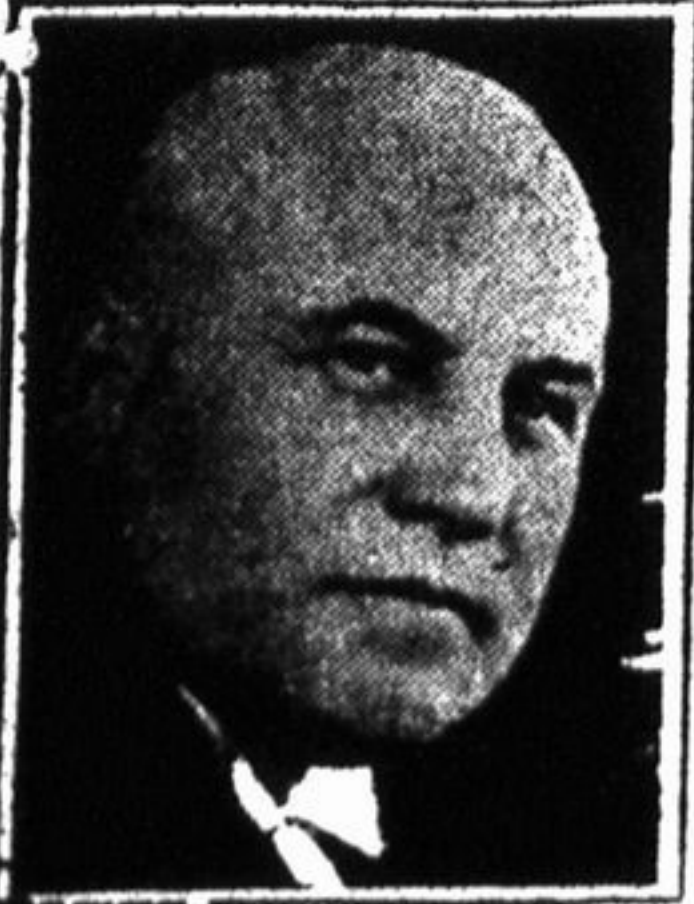


A MODEL FARM FOR EVERY U. S. DISCHARGED MAN

By Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior—Special to the Reporter, N. E. A. Service

All over the United States there are quantities of lands that are capable of producing cotton, corn, wheat, and fruit, which are out of use. Altogether there are perhaps 250,000,000 acres of such lands that in two or three years by scientific drainage or irrigation or by stumping could be converted into first-class farms.

In the far west, in the arid country along the Colorado River in Ari-



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zona, along the Snake in Idaho, the North Platte in Wyoming and Colorado, and near the great rivers of the west, there are millions of acres of lands that can be irrigated; while in the south and in the northwest there are more than 100,000,000 acres of land that have been logged off but which are lying idle today.

Put Land To Use and Everybody Gains

The plan which I have presented to Congress means that we shall put this land to use. That is where the country gains. It means that it shall be put into condition by the soldiers after they have been mustered out. That is where the soldier gains. Every man who has been in the ranks of the army or the navy shall have an opportunity to go on to one of these projects and have a job at the current rate of wages in building a dam or a ditch or leveling land or pulling up stumps, building dikes, clearing land, building houses or roads or fences.

Can Select Farm in Any Climate

This means that when the boy reaches New York he goes back home for a time, meets people, and then is given a chance to take a place in one of the great camps that will be formed for the reclamation of some of this unused land.

He gets his wages there. Out of these he will pay a certain amount for his board, save enough in a year and a half or two years while he is working to pay a first installment on a farm anywhere—north, south or west, and have that as his own. It will be a farm that will be prepared—not a piece of wild land, but a farm in a settlement which has its roads already built.

It will be a farm already surveyed, fenced, a house and a barn built, the land cleared, so that a man can move in his furniture and begin life at once. They will be connected with railroads, if they are not immediately on it, by good roads. They will be chosen with reference to the marketing of the produce that will be upon them.

In short, each man can have a job, the government advancing the capital, and out of the combination of his own labor and the government's capital he can be given an independent living.

It's Not Charity Act, But Partnership

But this is not to be done in the slightest bit as a charity affair, nor is any man to be coerced into taking up the work. It is an opportunity by its boys gives to them. They will which the government out of appreciation for the fine service rendered pay back the money with interest, but they can pay it back over a period of 40 years. The man who drains a great area in South Carolina may choose a farm in Arizona or in Idaho.

We have spent \$50,000,000 a day fighting the boche, and surely we can afford to spend what was a few days' war outgo in setting up for life the men who whipped the Hun.

It will be a profitable arrangement all round. The money will be advanced by the people. It will be returned by those who take the farms.

I expect hundreds of thousands of city-bred fellows will have this desire for an independent out-of-door life. There are a million men in our army, who came off of farms, many of whom will never have a chance to own a farm unless there is some such plan as this.

AUCTION SALES

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Francis H. Cramer, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will sell at public auction on the Cramer farm, 5 miles north of Lemont, 4 miles south west of Hinsdale, 1 mile south of Downers Grove, on Friday, March 7, 1919, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m. the following personal property: 6 head of Cattle consisting of 2 good milk cows, 2 heifers and 2 well bred Holstein Bulls about 15 months old and 2 hogs, horses and harness and Oats, Hay, Corn and Hay and miscellaneous farm implements.

Ray Cramer, Administrator.
Jos. V. Dieter, Auctioneer, W. H. Edwards, Clerk.

The undersigned will sell at Public auction on the Mey farm, one and one half miles northeast of Lisle, 1 mile northwest of Belmont, 4 miles south of Glen Ellyn on the Warranville road on Tuesday, March 11, 1919, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m. 3 horses, 8 head of Cattle consisting of 1 Durham cow, 5 yearling Durham heifers, 1 Durham Bull and 1 reg. Holstein Bull also Sheep and Hogs besides miscellaneous farm implement.

Henry Laung, Proprietor.
Grey & Dieter, Auctioneers, W. H. Edwards, Clerk.

SEWING MACHINES NOW BOW TO LIMOUSINES



The buzz of electric sewing and knitting machines no longer sound in the ears of Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, wife of the Montana senator. Instead, the hum of big town car motors, as the social season at the big Washington mansion again gets under way. Mrs. Walsh turned over the second floor of her home and installed equipment for extensive war work—now completed.

KNICKERS AND HOBBLE SLOWS UP WORLD



The world is slowing up. Traffic men say so—especially in territories where trains, street cars and jitneys attempt to run on last year's schedules. —Sh—hh! The women are to blame. It's the new jaunty silk "knickers" which have joined with the new long light skirts on the new spring styles. Knickers had to be. The skirts are so tight that the old fall petticoat was impossible as the breezy silk knickers are being worn. Here is the skirt—and the knickers.

CORP. McWILLIAMS DEVIL DOG, TOLD OF HARD FIGHTING

The somber side of war, with intimate glimpses of some of its hardships and horrors, was presented Sunday evening at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church by Corporal John McWilliams of the 6th Marines. He went through the Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood Battles, was wounded and invalided home. He said he was one of five survivors of his company's original strength of 250 and was the luckiest of the five.

"The only trouble with me now," he explained with a regretful smile, "is that I can't run. I like to play base ball. I may be able to bat but if I hit one I'll have to have some one run for me."

Corporal McWilliams had no set talk. He was introduced by the Rev. Hugh McWhorter, priest in charge of the mission, who explained that the Marine would prefer to answer questions. Prompted by Mr. McWhorter and members of the audience who filled the Sunday School room of the church, the corporal sketched vividly the tremendous tasks which the army high command set for the American Sea Soldiers.

One time, he said, a protective barrage fell on the Marine's front line instead of hitting the Boche positions. He said a sergeant was sent back to the artillery to ask them to correct the range but the major in command refused. Returning to his company the sergeant reported this to his company commander, who, according to

Corporal McWilliams, went back again to the batteries, accompanied by the sergeant.

"A few words served to show that the major was a German spy," said McWilliams. "The sergeant shot him in his tracks. He was court martialled as a matter of course but was released when the proof of the major's treason was brought out. That spy had enlisted in our regular army seven years ago."

The corporal also explained why the Marines took few prisoners.

"Red Cross men are supposed to be non-combatants," he said. "Our own Red Cross men are not allowed to carry as much as a pocket knife in the way of weapons. But we caught a Boche sergeant, in Red Cross uniform, who was sneaking about a battle field shooting American wounded with an automatic pistol. When he was searched four pistols, all loaded, were found on him. He didn't get a chance to fire any of them again and after that we took prisoners only when ordered to for the intelligence department."

TWO AFTERNOON SOCIALS GREATLY ENJOYED BY C. W. L.

Two splendid afternoon socials took place last Tuesday under the auspices of the Catholic Woman's League, one at the home of Mrs. Adam Dieter, which was attended by the members of the league living in Lisle and Belmont. There was a large attendance and the affair was a decided success from a business as well as a social

standpoint. The hostesses were Mrs. Adam Dieter and Miss Louise Ory. Mrs. Bahr, as a member of the philanthropic department, held a function at her home in the interest of this section of the league's working program. There were thirty-two guests and a royal, good time was enjoyed. Many beautiful souvenirs and favors were carried away by the lucky ones in the different pastimes that were indulged in by the ladies. The affair was most successful, socially and financially.



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