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TRAINED FARMERS LACKING IN FUTURE?

MENACE TO AGRICULTURE

Report by Creamery Institute Says Fewer Students Take Course in State University

Danger of a lack of trained farmers in Illinois to keep agriculture where it belongs as the backbone of the state's prosperity is indicated in a report just issued by the Blue Valley Creamery Institute. Not only is a marked decrease in the enrollment of "junior farmers" noted in the state college of agriculture, but a survey of thirty-four of the principal agricultural institutions of the country, proves this condition to be general.

Fewer Students
The registration in the college of agriculture of the University of Illinois at Urbana, for 1924-25 is 647 as compared to 1,171 in 1914-15, the report states. This is a decrease of 530, or almost half over that of ten years ago, and a drop of 86 from last year. 1915-16 was the record year with an enrollment of 1231, and 1919-20 was another outstanding year with 1215. Since then there has been a steady decrease which has culminated in the new low mark touched this year. A similar decline has been noted throughout the country, the average enrollment having dropped from 458 in 1914 to 289 in the present year.

Vital Question
"Where are our trained agricultural leaders of the future to come from if this decrease continues?" is the question raised by Henry Sandbolt, executive secretary of the institute in announcing the findings of the investigation of farm educational conditions. "This is the vital question in the development of our basic industry. We need greater efficiency in agricultural production, better feeding, better breeding and better farm management. We need more trained leaders and the "junior farmers" are the ones upon whom we have to depend for the future betterment of farm conditions. The college training imparts vision as well as concentrated experience. Subtract it from our national farm equation and we suffer an untold loss."

Lack of Funds
The cause of this marked decrease in agricultural college enrollment is probably due to the facts, the institute's report concludes, that farmers have not had the money to send their sons to get this needed training and because they have not the vision to see that there is bound to be a big improvement in conditions which would make agriculture a more profitable life work for the younger generation.

Claimed the country was more honest in the good old days, but there wasn't any money then that could be stolen.

The old timers who deplore the fact that people do not attend church as they used to, may be the boys who used to go to prayer meeting to see the girls home.

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RETURNS HIS BONUS TO AID VETERANS

Col. Clarke of Greenville Sends Back Warrant for \$300 With Request

A warrant for \$300, issued him as his state bonus, has been returned to the Illinois Service Recognition board by Colonel Clarke S. Smith, of Greenville, Ill., to be turned back into the soldiers' compensation fund. The money is to be used for the relief of veterans of the world war, according to the provision of the bonus law. In returning his bonus, Colonel Smith said:

"In reading the act, it is observed that the balance of funds appropriated but not paid out, may be available under future laws for re-

lief of veterans of the late war. After due consideration, I have decided for personal and patriotic reasons, not to accept the payment nor any remuneration under the act above mentioned and have returned for cancellation the warrant for the state auditor the warrant for cancellation. The offer by the state of Illinois of this payment, although not accepted by me, is nevertheless greatly appreciated and is a source of much pride and gratification to me."

WANTED TELEPHONE TO BE INTERPRETER

In some parts of the world the telephone is still a decided novelty. Upon its introduction, not very long ago, in a certain town in Arabia, one of the Arab merchants was progressive

enough to have the new device installed in his place of business. It so happened, however, that the first person to call him up was a Greek who spoke no Arabic, and as the Arab did not understand the Greek language, the ensuing conversation was practically a total loss.

Enraged at what he regarded as a piece of incompetence, if not downright fraud, on the part of the telephone authorities, the shopkeeper promptly called on the manager of the local exchange. "See here," he said (or words to that effect), "I want you to remove my telephone at once, and put in one that will speak Arabic. You've given me a telephone that speaks only Greek, and I don't understand a word it says!"

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