

## MILITARY PLANS FOR U. S. BOYS' RESERVE

Lads for Farms Next Year to Be Specially Trained and Go Out in Companies

An army of boys specially trained for their work, disciplined and organized on U. S. Army lines, is planned by the Illinois branch of the U. S. Boys' Working Reserve for Illinois next year, working in co-operation with the State Council of Defense.

Organization and training under the new plan will begin this fall in the schools and on the farms. Boys will be fifteen years of age and boys who will be below the draft age by Spring are eligible to be enrolled in the Reserve. They will then be uniformed and given thorough training as part of the school course.

The boys will be organized into companies of fifty, with each company in charge of an instructor. These companies will form divisions bearing the name of the school the members attend. Companies from smaller schools will be grouped under a combination name.

In addition to the class room work and military drill, there will be laboratory work and practical training in barns and machine shops. The companies will be divided into squads of ten each, and will learn to groom, feed and harness horses, and to drive machinery. Team owners and machinery people will co-operate with the schools by allowing use of their equipment.

The method of placing the boys in 1919 will be radically different from methods used in the past. Boys will be sent out in companies. Each company will have an instructor who will remain with it all summer. A headquarters. Each county will have a central point where the boys can gather evenings and Sundays, which will be a point of contact between the Reserve, the parents and the county director. Rigid inspection of sanitary arrangements of the farms will be a part of the duty of the instructor in charge.

Farmers who make application for Reserve volunteers will pay a fee of \$5, which will make a fund to defray expenses of the instructor and the headquarters. Each county will estimate the number of boys needed to determine the number of companies to be assigned to the county.

### JUST AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE DONE

The Pleasant Valley Community club, which is the organization of Dow township, McHenry county, affiliated with the State Council of Defense, reports a record month:

September 10, at the farm of J. L. Barnes, plowing contest and exhibition of school work, handiwork and cooking; attended by 1,500 people.

September 14, demonstration of milk cooking for the County Improvement association at Woodstock.

September 16, opened the Liberty Loan advance campaign with a meeting addressed by Judge Fenton W. Booth of the U. S. Court of Claims at Washington and David E. Shanahan of the State Council of Defense; band from the Great Lakes training station.

September 19, weighed and measured the children of the township.

What township can show a better record?

### War Savings And Gambling

H. E. Benedict, executive secretary of the War Savings section of the War Loan organization at Washington, has issued a warning against the use of lottery, raffling or gambling devices in the sale of War Savings securities. The Treasury department is strictly opposed to the employment of such methods whether or not they come technically under a legal prohibition. "Any device in the nature of a game of chance, or which has the aspect of a raffle or lottery, should be stopped," says Mr. Benedict's warning. "Of course, the local chairmen or others initiating such movements probably do so in good faith, and after the lottery plan has got under way it is often difficult to stop it without chilling the whole community to the sale of the Government securities. It is, therefore, exceedingly desirable that every possible precaution be taken to prevent such movements originating."

### War Savings Items

When you save a thoughtless dollar, Whether put in bonds or war stamps, You help to make the kaiser holler And on his kultur put the clamps.

You save the labor it would buy, Release it for more vital work; Our dollars make the bullets fly, Defeat the German and the Turk.

Bonds Buy Food For Soldiers. Buy Liberty Bonds.

SAVE AND SERVE.

### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

*Again the Government comes to the people of the country, with the request that they lend their money, and lend it upon a more liberal scale than ever before, in order that the great war for the rights of America and the liberation of the world may be prosecuted with ever increasing vigor to a victorious conclusion. And it makes the appeal with the greatest confidence because it knows that every day it is becoming clearer and clearer to thinking men throughout the nation that the winning of the war is an essential investment. The money that is held back now will be of little use or value if the war is not won and the selfish masters of Germany are permitted to dictate what America may and may not do. Men in America, besides, have from the first under now dedicated both their lives and their fortunes to the vindication and maintenance of the great principles and objects for which our Government was set up. They will not fail now to show the world for what their wealth was intended.*

*Woodrow Wilson*

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### ILLINOIS NEAR THE TOP

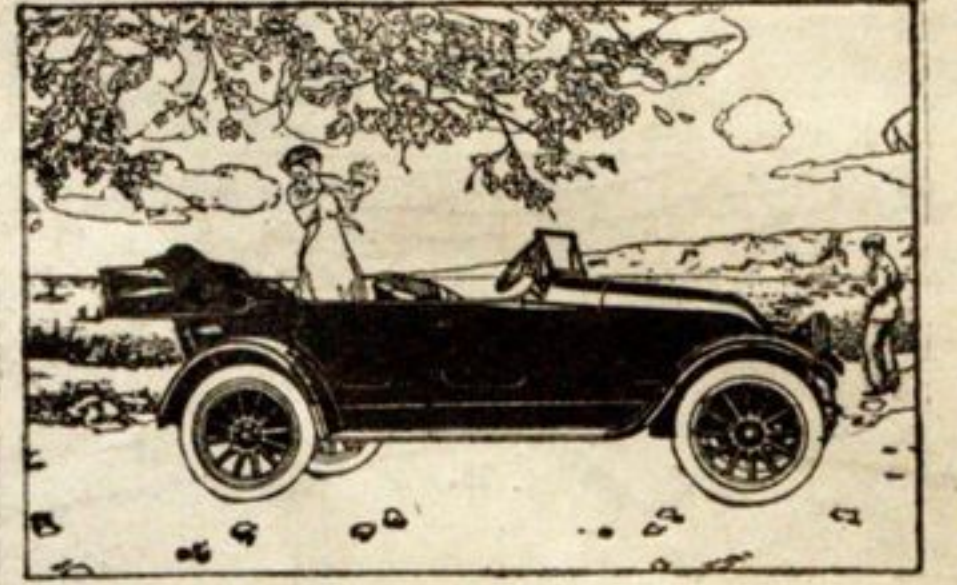
Illinois during the month of August sold \$7,552,718.20 worth of War Savings and Thrift stamps, and was surpassed in the amount of sales only by Ohio and New York, according to figures received today from the Treasury department at Washington. Ohio leads for the month of August in War Savings stamps sales with a total of \$11,379,866.52. Illinois was

18th on the list in the August sales and 24th on the total sales of the campaign up to September 1, the figures show. This brings Illinois' per capita up to \$6.73 for the year.

The figures for the Chicago post office sales during the past week are expected to show a decided increase due to a number of special drives held in the outlying postal districts. More than \$3,000 worth were sold last week in Austin by a corps of pretty young

girls, under Mrs. Bernard J. Mahoney, director of the Austin postal district. These girls operated booths at the Madison Square theater, and other local movie houses and on street corners. They were assisted by soldiers from the Austin militia units and bluejackets home on leave.

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