

## Cost of Raising Wheat

In an address at the Corn and Clover Convention at Grand Forks recently it is said that the United States Department of Agriculture in computing the cost of raising a bushel of wheat, states that 58 cents per bushel will cover labor, interest, marketing, depreciation, etc. This is based on an average production of about 15 bushels per acre. But Dr. Worst of the Agricultural College of North Dakota states that the loss of soil fertility is equal to 46½ cents more.

According to this estimate every bushel of wheat costs \$1.05 and the farmer loses money on every bushel he sells for less than that price. A change in his method, however, and the introduction of proper diversification soil building will allow him to grow wheat at a profit at regular prices.

This is a problem to be worked out by the Grain Club in each county, which are now being established in all the counties in the grain belt.

## Makes Splendid Showing

According to the government statistics on file in the office of The Development League, headquarters in Grand Forks, our state makes an excellent showing in the matter of the ability of her people to read and write. Only 3.1 per cent of the residents of North Dakota are unable to read and write, and in this respect she stands tenth among all the states. She is ahead of such states as Ohio, with a percentage of 3.2 per cent, Massachusetts with 5.2 per cent, Pennsylvania with 5.9 per cent, Texas with 9.9 per cent, Virginia with 15.2 per cent, and Louisiana with 29 per cent of illiteracy, as well as many others.

## Kensal Items

Mrs. Walter Cook and Miss Gertrude Cook, of Logansport, Ind., arrived last Wednesday evening for a visit at the home of Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hays of New Salem, N. D., arrived last Sunday evening for a visit with Mrs. Hay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steele.

Miss Hattie Zimmerman, of Harvard, Ill., arrived last week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. A. Hammersteadt.

Mr. Walter McCarty of Minneapolis, was a guest last week at the Don McKinnon home.

Miss Ida North returned the latter part of last week from Superior, Wis., where she has been attending a business college.

Mrs. Hester Sawyer, mother of Dr. Sawyer and Mrs. DeNee Chase, arrived Friday morning and will spend the summer here at the Chase home.

Mrs. DeNee Chase, who is attending summer school in Valley City, spent Sunday here with her mother.

Mrs. Arnold Radke visited with friends in Courtenay a few days last week.

A. Caven and the Misses Gertie and Hattie Kruback were visitors in Courtenay between trains Sunday evening.

John Jost of Maple Lake, Minn. but who for the past year has been employed here by section forman, D. O'Laughlin, was married last week at Maple Lake to Miss Susie Smith of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Jost arrived here Monday morning and went at

once to housekeeping in the former J. S. Tufford residence. Mr. and Mrs. Jost are both popular young people of Maple Lake, and are well and favorably known in Kensal, Mrs. Jost having spent several months here last winter with her sister, Mrs. Dennis O'Laughlin, and Mr. Jost having been employed here for the past year. To these young people is extended the well wishes of their many friends.

Miss Anna Clark arrived home Sunday morning from Minneapolis and will spend her vacation at the farm home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Clark, west of Kensal. Miss Clark is a stenographer for a firm in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Phillip Cook and Mrs. Miller Power, of Jamestown, arrived the first of the week for a visit at the J. H. Steele home, the parental home of the ladies.

Mrs. Dr. Sawyer and little Elizabeth Chase left Sunday evening for Mason City, Iowa, where they will visit for a couple of weeks at the home of Mrs. Sawyer.

Arthur A. Johnson of Brooks, Minn., is the new pharmacist at the Holmes drug store.

O. E. Holmes was a business visitor in New Rockford on Monday, going there via auto.

Carl M. Nelson and N. M. Boe returned Tuesday morning from Montana.

Ole Tweedton spent the Fourth at Nome and Fingal, the latter place being the home of Mr. Tweedton.

Mrs. Carl G. Emmons arrived on Tuesday morning from Keister, Minn., for a visit with her sister, Mrs. O. B. Christopherson and family.

Miss Anna Landa, who spent the Fourth with friends in Anamoose and Sunday with her sister in McClusky, returned home Monday afternoon, accompanied by Miss Stacie Neberlee, who spent the balance of the day here, returning to her home in Drake that evening.

Miss Alma Johnson arrived the first of the week from Fargo and will spend a couple of months here with her sister, Mrs. Hilma Kolb.

Sheriff Dana Wright, of Jamestown, transacted business in town on Tuesday.

## Bids Wanted

Sealed bids are wanted by Corinne School District for the letting of bus routes for the ensuing nine month term of school, commencing the 3rd of September, which are described as follows:

Route No. 1, commencing at the nw¼ of section 5, township 144, range 62.

Route No. 2, commencing at S. K. Wright's home and including Nelson, Hamilton, Skaar and Walk's places.

Route No. 3, commencing at Julius Hoenhouse's place and including the Clark, Fisher, Miller and Radsad places.

The party accepting the contract will have to attend to the driving or see that some responsible party is in charge, and by no means will any of the children be allowed to do any driving.

Bids will be opened on July 26, 1913, at 7 o'clock in the evening, at the town hall located on the school grounds.

FRANK WILSON, Clerk.

Engine repairing of all kinds done. Work guaranteed. S. J. Turner.