

### March was a Record Breaking Month

The temperature for the month of March was the highest for 38 years according to the summary just issued by Mrs. M. R. Grasse, special observer of the Moorhead weather bureau. The mean temperature for the month was 36 degrees and normal for the month, the average for 38 years, is 21.4. March 1889 was the next highest with 33 and 1902 and 1905 were tied at 32 degrees. On the 10th the low point — 6 was reached and the high record was on the 30th with 74 above zero.

During the month the total precipitation was .37, which is .77 below the normal, 1.14 for the past 38 years. The accumulated deficiency in moisture since Jan. 1 is 1.25 inches.

There were 20 clear days during the month; five partly cloudy and six cloudy. During the month the wind traveled a total of 7,468 miles at the average rate of 10 miles an hour and with the southeast as the prevailing direction. The highest velocity of the March wind was 29 miles on the 27th.

### The Silo a Profitable Investment

Stephen Messenger, Prof. McQuire in his talk at the Wednesday session of the Short Course now on, brought up the question of silos and in advocating their use called the attention of the farmers to the silo owned by Mr. Boyd. After everyone present admitted that last year was a poor year for corn as any this community might expect to experience, he told them that Mr. Boyd had a very good grade of silage from his last year's corn crop and was not worrying about sufficient feed to take care of his herd until the pasture was ready. As soon as farmers realize the great savings to be made by feeding silage everyone of them will build a silo. At the present prices of feed it is possible to save 3 cents per cow per day by feeding silage. This amounts to \$324 for a herd of 20 cows fed six months. This would more than pay for a good silo in two years.

### Dates for Loan Payments Announced

Payments for the next Liberty Loan bonds have been announced according to Wesley C. McDowell of Marion, state chairman of the committee.

Five per cent of the amount purchased is payable on May 4; 20 per cent on May 28; 35 per cent on July 18; 40 per cent on August 15th.

The official date for the end of the drive in the ninth district, which includes North Dakota and Minnesota, will be April 27th, according to Mr. McDowell, and the drive will begin April 15, at 8 o'clock in the morning.

"With early spring seeding which is prevalent over the state," said Mr. McDowell recently, "and with the payments running into the middle of August, conditions are most favorable for us. North Dakota people are ready and willing to do their share."

### Service Flag Dedicatory Address

The following is the address given by I. A. Kampen in the dedication of the Service Flag in the Lutheran church on Easter Sunday:

This flag with the red border and the blue stars on the white center is the authorized service flag of the United States. The ten stars represent the ten young men from the Hannaford Lutheran congregation who have gone to fight for our country. Some of these boys are already in France; perhaps at this very moment they are in the gigantic battle which is being fought on the plains of Picardy in Northern France. Others are still in the training camps in this country or on their way to France. Wherever they are we may be sure that they will so conduct themselves as to be an honor to the community whence they came.

It is not necessary for me to discuss the causes of the war nor the things for which the U. S. is fighting. These things are well known and need not be repeated here. But I want to call your attention to the kind of boys who make up the fighting force of our country. A little, apparently insignificant news item which appeared last fall in a weekly journal throws a world of light on the character of our soldier boys. The news item related that 850 enlisted men from Minnesota unanimously adopted this resolution:

1. We stand to respond to the call of the country in ready and willing service.

2. We undertake to maintain our

part of the war free from hatred, brutality or graft, true to the American purpose and ideals.

3. Aware of the temptations incident to camp life and the moral and social wreckage involved, we covenant together as American soldiers to live the clean life and to seek to establish the American uniform as a symbol and guarantee of real manhood.

This covenant was drawn up and subscribed to voluntarily by the 850 young men referred to a moment ago. It has later been adopted by numerous bodies of soldiers all over the country. It is for such soldiers we to-day dedicate this flag. A soldier who signs a pledge like this of his own free will can be trusted to act the part of a gentleman no matter where he is.

"We stand to respond to the call of the country in ready and willing service" expresses the sentiment of every true American. A poet, Jens K. Grondahl, has given poetic expression to this thought in the poem, "America, My country."

America, my country, I come at thy call;

I plight thee my thoth and I give thee My all;

In peace, or in war I am wed to thy weal—

'Th carry thy flag thru the fire and steel.

Unsullied it floats o'er our peace-loving race.

On sea nor on land shall it suffer disgrace;

In reverence I kneel at sweet liberty's shrine.

American, my country, command, I am thine.

America, my country, brave souls gave thee birth—

They yearned for a haven of freedom on earth;

And when thy proud flag to the winds was unfurled,

There came to thy shores the oppressed of the world.

Thy milk and thy honey flow freely for all—

Who taks of thy bounty shall come at thy call;

Who quaffs of thy nectar of freedom shall say:

America, my country, command, I obey.

America, my country, now come is thy hour—

The Lord or Hosts counts on thy courage and power;

Humanity pleads for the strength of thy hand.

Lost liberty perish on sea and on land.

Thou guardian of freedom, thou keeper of right.

When liberty bleeds we may trust in thy might.

Divine right of kings or our freedom must fall—

America, my country, I come at thy call.

### CHORUS

America, my country, I answer thy call.

That freedom may live and that tyrants may fall;

I owe thee my all and my all will I give—

I do and I die that America may live.

### Lest We Forget

An anonymous American soldier is credited with writing the following. For beauty of expression, for stately and musical phrasing, for the richest essence of true poetry, exalted vision and soul-reaching appeal, this excerpt has never been excelled.

"They say, those who have come back from Over There, that at night the troubled earth between the lines is carpeted with pain. They say that Death rides whistling in every wind, and that the very mists are charged with awful torment. They say that of all things spent and squandered there young life is held least dear. It is not the pleasantest prospect for those of us who yet can feel upon our lips the pressure of our mother's good-bye kiss. But, please God, our love of it is not so prized as love of right. In this renaissance of our country's valor, we who will edge the wedge of her assault make calm acceptance of its hazards. For us, the steel-swept trench, the stiffening cold—weariness, hardship, worse. For you, for whom we go, you millions safe at home—what for you? We shall need food. We shall need care. We shall need terribly and without failure supplies and equipment in a stream that is constant and never ending. From you, who are our resource and reliance, who are the heart and hope of that hu-