

# GRIGGS COUNTY LEADS IN STATE

Heads the List in Purchase of War Savings Stamps in 1918 - Per Capita Sale of \$23.43.

The 1918 War Savings campaign ended. Griggs County went over the top. Only two counties in the state reached their quota. Griggs county with a per capita sale of \$23.43 heads the list. Sargent county is second with \$22.02. Nelson third with \$18.72; Foster fourth with \$17.78. The per capita sale of state as a whole is 11.80 which is a little better than the average for the whole United States. Griggs County has reason to be proud of its record. To every one who purchased his full allotment or who exceeded his quota, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation of their liberality and patriotism. In the glory of what you have done we forget the very few who refused to do their duty. Especially do I want to thank the 78 chairmen and monitors of the county for their liberal contribution of time and effort to achieve this splendid result and to the banks of the county for their hearty co-operation.

The following communication has been sent me to be forwarded to the purchasers of War Savings Stamps, and I take this means to bring it to your attention:

Many people are asking redemption of their War Savings Stamps. Why? Because they do not think in terms of interest. They do not consider the value of these securities or of their duty to the government. Liberty Bonds are being sold and for less than their face value. Why? Principally because a large number of people do not realize how foolish it is to part with them at an unnecessary loss, and are trading them for merchandise and questionable securities, or for cash with which to purchase nonessentials. The real value of Liberty Bonds is proved by the fact that they are being picked up in large quantities by shrewd investors who will hold them until they can reap a handsome profit, a profit which the original purchaser is entitled to but does not get. United States Bonds will go to par and probably above par before their maturity. Hold your securities—Savings Stamps and Bonds. Keep them as a nest egg for the future savings and as a guard against unexpected financial disaster. They

are the safest investment in the world! Your money in these securities is working for you day and night. They are the most perfect collateral. Borrow on them but do not sacrifice them. The nation's job is not yet finished. It will not be finished until our soldiers are at home and the reconstruction problems are solved. Until then it is your duty to back up your government by holding the securities you have and buying as many more as you possibly can. Make an accounting with yourself. Decide whether you are wasting money that you should be investing. What is a nickle worth? It is more than interest on a dollar for a whole year. When you waste it you nail down or tie up a dollar for more than 365 days. Think these things over. Hold your government securities. Eliminate waste. Save. Invest. These are your duties now."

Sincerely yours,  
T. E. Sweger,  
County Chairman W. S. S.

## Home From France.

Sutton Reporter: Private John E. Davidson, of the U. S. Marines, arrived here Tuesday on a 30 day furlough, coming direct from Washington, D. C. He has been mixed up in some real fighting, having been in the famous battle of Chateau Thierry in which 8000 Marines engaged 16,000 Huns and defeated them. The victory was won at a terrible loss to the Yanks, however, as over 6,000 of them were killed or disabled. It is said the Germans were dressed in parade suits before this battle, as they confidently expected to reach and capture Paris within a few hours. However, it marked the beginning of the end for them as only a few weeks passed before they showed the white flag. John is wearing a medal of honor, the Croix de Guerre, bestowed by the French upon those who distinguished themselves by their bravery. In this instance he and three other Marines during the battle referred to above, rendered vital aid to a sector of the French army that had lost their maps and thus became confused. The four Marines possessed the necessary maps, scouted for the French and thus brought them out of a dangerous situation to safety. After the battle the French captain called the boys out and in the presence of the army, pinned the medals upon them. He also wears the Marine's sharpshooter's medal, as well as one bestowed upon those who were in the second battle of the Marne.

His service does not end with the war, as he enlisted for four years. At the time he was reported killed he was injured by being gassed and by falling into a 20-foot dugout.