

Soldier Boys Depart.

Griggs county drafted men were given a royal send-off at Coopers-town last Friday, when they left on the first lap of their journey to Camp Dodge, where they will start training to fight the Germans in the cause of democracy. Thousands of relatives and friends of the draft men were at the depot to bid them farewell, a band and school children rendering patriotic music for the occasion. The farewell was most impressive as mothers, sisters and sweethearts, unable to hold back the tears that swelled to their eyes, bid God speed to their loved ones. The boys bore themselves bravely and attempted to cheer those they were leaving behind them.

The boys were called to Coopers-town for roll call Thursday. In the evening they were tendered a banquet by the Sons of Norway and a movie entertainment at the Strand theatre.

Early Friday afternoon patriotic exercises were held in the gymnasium. Farewell speeches were given and the boys made to feel that they were leaving behind them friends that would watch their progress with eager eyes—and friends who were proud of them as soldiers of the great cause.