

# URGES PUBLIC TO BUY STAMPS

An Open Letter by Rev. Sweger to  
Every Man, Woman and Child  
in Griggs County.

Cooperstown, N. D.,  
Jan. 21, 1918.

Fellow Countrymen:

Is this your war? Are you heart and soul in it? Perhaps in the secret channels of your mind you doubt the wisdom of it. Then question your patriotism. Are you really loyal to your country? Do you want to see justice done to every nation great and small? Do you want to rid this world of the hideous, haunting nightmare of militarism? Shall we make it possible for peace, contentment and brotherly love to dwell again in the habitations of men? Then must we drive from his lair and slay this monster of militarism, whose jaws drip with the blood of millions, not soldiers alone, but innocent women and children, that he might strike terror to the soul and still his lust for conquest.

Then do something. You are not going across. Your bit is to be done here. Dig deep your trenches of defense. Grab hand grenades and fire at the enemy. Every one of you can be, must be a soldier of America. How? Save your substance. Loan your money to your country in its time of need. Your money will be absolutely safe, pay a good rate of interest and fulfill a patriotic obligation. How many of you will loan our government 25 cents every day to carry on this war for liberty? Hold up your hands. You say that is too little. Twenty-five cents from every citizen in this country is \$25,000,000 a day. How many promise to buy a War Savings Stamp every month of this year? Show your hands. Not a one of you but can do something. If you don't you are not loyal. You are biting the hand that, by the grace of God, feeds you, protects you, gives you justice and the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Let me tell you what to do. Go to the nearest bank, postoffice or depot and ask for one or more thrift stamps, which will cost you 25 cents each. When you receive the stamp you will be given free a Thrift Card, with space arranged for 16 Thrift Stamps. Place the Thrift stamp in on space 1 of your card. When you have purchased 16 Thrift Stamps and have filled your card, costing you \$4.00, take the card back to the place of purchase together with 12 cents this month, (1 cent additional for each succeeding month of the year) and you will receive a \$5.00 War Savings Stamp together with a War Savings Certificate. Upon this certificate space has been arranged for twenty War Savings Stamps. Place the \$5.00 stamp on space 1, buy another Thrift card and start as before. When you have filled the twenty spaces it has cost you \$82.40 and on the 1st of January, 1923, the

government will pay you \$100 upon the surrender of the certificate. You may vary this program to suit yourself. The main thing is that you have some program and carry it out. The War Savings Stamps bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent compounded quarterly and are non-taxable. Registered at the post office, they will be restored to you in case of loss. They will be redeemed at any time prior to maturity by giving ten days notice at the post office. But no patriot will ask for their redemption before the war is ended except in case of absolute necessity.

Sincerely yours,

T. E. Sweger,

County Chairman, War Savings  
Committee.

## More Coin to Fight Barberry Pest.

As a result of information from Washington that the committee on agriculture in the lower house of congress was considering favorably the increase of the annual appropriation of \$20,000, for the eradication of black rust to \$50,000, Dr. Ladd and Prof. H. L. Bolley of the Agricultural college sent the following telegram to Congressman George M. Young:

"Fargo, N. D., Jan. 19, Geo. M. Young, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

"Estimated loss in spring wheat belt in 1916 180,000,000 bushels of wheat from rust, due from barberry bush.

"North Dakota estimated wheat in 1916 was not less than 160,000,000 bushels. Rust in one week cut the yield to 39,000,000 bushels.

"It is all important that barberry bush be eradicated in the wheat belt. North Dakota has enacted and put in force an eradication law.

"The Tri-State Grain Growers' convention passed a resolution calling for the destruction of all barberry bushes and appointed a committee on Friday to go to Washington to urge a measure for the protection of the country. A similar committee was appointed from the conference at Crookston.

"Fifty thousand dollars is not too much for the eradication of the bush in the spring wheat belt and the bill should carry authorization for the eradication of all barberry bushes."

## Shocking Dissipation.

"My dear, you mustn't let anybody read the letter from cousin George at the front. I'm surprised that he writes such things."

"What's the matter with his letter? It's mighty interesting."

"Some parts of it are, but his confessions of his disgraceful conduct are dreadful. I wouldn't for the world have any one know of his doings."

"I don't get you at all."

"Didn't you read that part of his letter where he says he was out with a British tank last night, and they rolled all over the place?"

For Sale Full blooded Duroc Jersey boar, two years old. -C. O. Arneson.