

# Co-Operative Land Company Is Now A Going Concern

After what may seem unnecessary delay the directors of the Griggs County, N. D. Landowners Co-operative Association has this week opened an office in the building just south of Almklov's Drug Store, in Cooperstown, N. D., and is now in a position where it can begin to function. The undersigned has been elected Secretary, enough money has been pledged to make a start and the success or failure of the corporation now depends on you and me.

It will be no easy task to get this concern going in the way we would wish it to go, but we are at a point where we must make it a success. The splendid meetings had during the winter and spring show that the people are behind it and if we can keep that same feeling sufficiently alive and working, I have no doubt that the movement will be justified.

This is not a one man job. I know that by electing me secretary a great deal of the work will and should be mine, but it must not be forgotten that this is exactly what its name implies, a co-operative concern, and to make it really successful each must help as much as possible.

Our plan of operation so far as it suggests itself at this time is as follows:

First, we must have the moral support of every one. We must fully realize that from actual statistics our county is one of the very best in the state. That the present depressing conditions are no fault of the land, that our one great need at this time is more actual settlers to help us to properly farm this land, and that land values here in North Dakota, quality and price considered can not be equalled anywhere.

Second, all must help defray the expense of getting the company on a basis financially so that we can go ahead and advertise for stock, by listing of lands and by donations.

Third, we are now ready for listings and we ask that these listings be made as soon as possible so that we may be in a position to talk and advertise to prospective purchasers.

Fourth, Many of you have friends who may be in the market for land, some know of prospects here and in other states, and some may have

opportunities to write for publication in newspapers outside of this state, about our lands and the opportunities to be found here. To all those let me state that there is no better advertising than personal letters and it is our wish that as much of this be done as is possible. As secretary, I shall gladly be of any help I can in compiling letters and facts for correspondence.

Fifth, I want to get as many good views of farm buildings, growing crops, and other pictures of local conditions as is possible and I ask that any of you who have such pictures, will kindly bring or send me a copy thereof. I also want all the facts that you feel would be of interest to prospective customers.

Under our plan, each town will have a local secretary, such secretary to be chosen by the town itself. All the banks in the county will have lists of the lands listed with the company, and they will also take listings of land for the company as well as subscriptions for stock.

Finally, remember that this is your corporation, that this is your office and that when in Cooperstown, I want you all to call in here. Give me the benefit of your suggestions and counsel, the names of any one you may feel may be interested in our lands, and remember always that this is a non profit organization that should help seller and buyer alike, not only in avoiding high commissions, but in developing our part of the state, continuing to function for the benefit of both seller and buyer, and we trust bringing to us more actual settlers.

Sincerely,  
T. A. Thompson,  
Secretary.

## HOW A VET CAN TELL WHAT HIS BONUS IS

The veteran may determine the amount of his bonus this way:

Figure up the number of days of service. For each day of home service above the first sixty days \$1 will be allowed in adjusted service credit, and for each day of overseas service above sixty days \$1.25 will be given.

If this adjusted service credit does not amount to more than \$50, it will be paid in cash. Otherwise an insurance policy will be given. The approximate value of this policy may be determined by adding 25 per cent to the amount of credit due and multiplying the total by about 2 1/2.

Thus if a veteran served 400 days at home after the first sixty days he would be entitled to a policy valued at \$400 plus \$100 (25 per