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### DIED DOING HIS DUTY

In the tragic death of Sgt. Milan Pratt we are reminded that in life we are ever in presence of death; that we know not when we are to be called to close our accounts in this world and be recorded on the books of the hereafter.

Sgt. Pratt, who made the supreme sacrifice Saturday demonstrated that he was a thorough American and his death in discharge of his duty in the organization, the Michigan State Police, guardians of the people, places his death on the roll of honor alongside those who have died before in defense of the home and society. Having served through the world war as a member of the navy, being one of the very first to volunteer his services to his country when war was declared, and then enlisting in the ranks of the state police where he won approbation and promotion from his superiors as well as holding the confidence and respect of the public is no more than should be expected from the red-blooded American youth.

### IN THE BACKGROUND.

Whenever a story of tragedy breaks forth in the newspapers, with the central figures evidently actuated by motives of revenge, hatred, jealousy or cupidity, it can always be taken for granted that somewhere in the background there stand the figures of those who must silently suffer for the deeds of others.

When David Luft confessed the slaying of the man who, he said, broke up his home in the background of the awful story stood the figures of the three children in his farm home at New Hudson, the two boys and a girl who must go through life with the knowledge of all the sordid details of this domestic tragedy seared into their souls.

When Judge Jean Day of Oklahoma City killed the friend when he says he found attacking his wife, in the background was the figure of his daughter, a winsome girl, with all of life before her in which to remember the terrible story of violence so closely touching her.

When Anson Best was convicted of the murder by strangulation of a pretty telephone girl in the background stood the figure of the pathetic mother who would not believe him guilty in spite of his confession and has tried in every way since to get him freed.

These are strongly emphasized cases. But they are not by any means exceptional. Every day brings forth new tales of crime and sin and ruin wrought by the passion, the revenge, the recklessness or indifference of men and women, and always the chief actors in the affair are those who come most clearly to notice, but always in the background are the silent sufferers who must bear an equally heavy share of the penalty for what has happened.

We can't act alone in this world. Through reflexes and reactions every deed, good or bad, has its effect on someone else, or on many someones.—Pontiac Press.

### Farm Boys' Conference At Davisburg

The farm boys of the county will be very much interested to know that the services of T. J. Cornelius have been secured for the farm boys' conference, Sunday morning, April 23, at the Methodist church in Davisburg.

Mr. Cornelius is an Indian Y. M. C. A. secretary who has worked his way through Oberlin college and has been teaching post-graduate work in the Association college in the University of Chicago. He is spending some time in Michigan in the interests of the rural fields of India. He is well versed in western manners and customs and a splendid speaker, and is very anxious to get in close touch with our typical farming and rural conditions.

It is anticipated that Mr. Cornelius will return to India shortly to engage in work among the native farming population.

### Barley Used For Brewing Now Marketed For Hog Feed

Barley as a hog feed is coming on the markets in increasing amounts, probably for the reasons that its use for brewing purposes has fallen off and the hog industry has been moving into the barley-producing districts. The United States department of agriculture has taken up the problem of finding out the relative feeding value of light and heavy barley. There are no federal standards for this grain, but light and heavy grades are recognized on the market.

During 1921 the department made feeding tests of the two grades, and the results will be reported. Now enough data are available yet for definite conclusions as to the relative merits of the light and heavy grain, but the results have shown that high-class barley has a feeding value only slightly lower than good shelled corn. When these tests are completed the department will

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have additional information on the methods of feeding barley, whether or not it should be fed whole, rolled, dry, or soaked.

It is expected that barley will be used much more in the future as a hog feed, especially when there is a scarcity of corn, and when barley is comparatively cheap.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for the United States department of agriculture to receive Captain Amundsen's weather reports, and the further proposals for transmitting reports to Europe have been taken up by the proper government authorities.

### Fifteen Hundred Acres In Crops Near Fairbanks.

An Alaskan cooperative association, known as the Tanana Valley Agriculture association has recently been formed to aid in the development of agriculture in the region near Fairbanks. This district is about 500 miles from the coast, and is the northern terminus of the government railroad. One of the five Alaskan experimental stations of the United States department of agriculture is located near Fairbanks. The department has received data from the Tanana Valley association showing the acreages and yield for this region in 1921. The estimate value of the products is placed at \$192,000. This was from 1,400 acres under crops. In addition, 1,100 acres newly cleared and 180 acres left fallow during the summer. The new flour mill at Fairbanks is now producing white, whole wheat, and Graham flour to its capacity of 25 barrels a day and has been doing so since it began operating in December last.

The acreage is divided among vegetables, all grains, and hay. One hundred acres were planted to vegetable and 500 tons were produced. One thousand and six tons of oats were obtained from 1,030 acres. From 152 acres of potatoes, 9,750 bushels were produced. On 28 acres, or 1,270 bushels of oats and barley, were grown, but 3,15 bushels of wheat, mostly Siberian No. 1, were grown on 188 acres. The variety of wheat was originated by the Alaskan Agricultural station at

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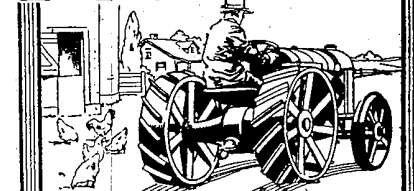
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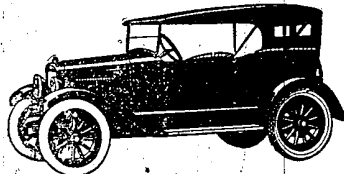
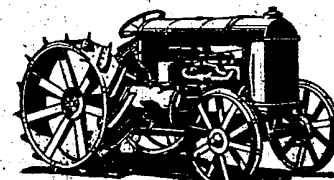
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