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After a world peace of some sort is achieved, many readjustments will have to be made. Some of our rural young people who are now moving into the cities will, after three or four years, likely return to the country; a number because they will have found that they enjoy living in the country more than in the city, and others because they cannot find profitable city employment.

At present and, perhaps, for the next few years while we are in a state of war, agricultural production will fall heavily on the shoulders of older people who should be easing up in their activities rather than taking on larger responsibilities. There will be young people who will remain on the farm if they can. The young men will likely have their farm careers interrupted by military service but this should not cause them to give up their desired objectives. If they do not, I think they will have an advantage because farming will continue to be an important industry long after many of the present urgent wartime activities will have disappeared. I hope the students of the Northwest School will keep this in mind and will not be lured away from farming because temporarily other occupations are so much more attractive.

—W. C. Coffey.