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—Come see these gifts!—

WARD COUNTY SCHOOLS ENTER STATE ESSAY CONTEST
In connection with the "Appreciation Week" movement, the schools of Ward County entered the state essay contest on the subject, "North Dakota, Her Opportunities and Resources." Seventy-four essays were received at the office of the county superintendent. From these Mrs. Florence Perrett and Mrs. P. O. Mehl of the Minot Normal, and County Superintendent Wendt, acting as judges, selected five high school essays, five graded school essays and five rural school essays to represent this county in the state contest.

The following pupils were awarded places of merit:
Iva Brundage, of the Minot high school.
Marie Darling, of the Berthold high school.
Floyd Greene, of the Kenmare high school.

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Otto Thorndal, of the Kenmare high school.
Helen Vander Sluis, of the Minot high school.
Floyd Burns, of the Surrey graded school.
Margaret E. Dickinson, of the Minot graded schools.
Damarius Kelley, of the Ryder graded schools.
Teddy Shaft, of the Minot graded schools.
Edith Yoder, of the Surrey graded school.
Mildred Anderson, School No. 2, Rice Lake District No. 131.
Grace Hansen, School No. 3, Denmark District No. 30.
Arthur Swanson, School No. 2, St. Mary's District No. 17.
Lawrence Steffens, School No. 2, Ferman District No. 105.
Rachel Van Fleet, School No. 1, Norway District No. 7.

The Board of County Commissioners has appropriated the sum of \$50 to be used for the purchase of suitable awards for these successful contestants.

The following is one of the Ward County essays which, although not a prize winner, is published as a recognition of merit. It was written by Enid Young, of the Surrey high school:

North Dakota As An Agricultural State.

As we look back over the past years in the history of North Dakota, we are filled with pride when we think of the progress our state has made. Especially do we notice the advancement from an agricultural standpoint. In the pioneer days, the land was inhabited mostly along the Red river, but gradually the population pushed westward, until those rich, expansive prairies upon which Indians and buffalo once trod, are now covered with fields of golden grain.

Our state may well be called "the Granary of the Union," wheat being the most productive grain. Diversified farming has shown its great benefits to the farmer, who farms with a rotation of crops instead of using the one and two-crop method. North Dakota possesses one of the best Agricultural colleges in the Union. Farmers' Institutes are held yearly, which prove to be of great benefit to the

farmer, for here he learns of new experiments and better methods concerning his occupation.

More fertile land is waiting to be cultivated by men of a moral and intellectual character, who may come here to better the conditions of this free land of ours. No truer words can be spoken with more appreciation of our state's worth, than those of Foley, when he said:

"All its billowed acres quiver like the shudder of the sea, And its waves roll, rich and golden, in upon the shore for me."

So, as the years roll on, let us, with the beautiful prairies, the balmy air, and glorious opportunities as our guide, elevate this land of sunshine and flowers to the height of perfection, and may we be able to say:

Full many a year have we thus fought,
To make this land that we have sought,
The grandest, noblest and the best,
From the eastern border to the west.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT ATTRACTED LARGE CROWD.

The school program and box social supper given at Liberty School No. 4, last Saturday evening, was represented by a large crowd, the neighbors gathering from far and near.

A good number of songs were given by the pupils as well as some classical and highly amusing dialogues and recitations, the pupils delivering them all in an eloquent manner.

Due credit must be given to their able teacher, Miss Sullivan, for the graceful and clever manner in which she had them drilled.

A play was given by six local characters of the community, entitled "The Irish Linnen Peddler." It surely afforded a great deal of amusement and laughter. Pat, the peddler, was certainly amusing thruout, while the other members also acted out their parts in an expert-like way.

After the program was over, the suppers were sold and the proceeds added up to the neat sum of \$60.50. School furniture and other necessities are to be bought with the money received.

—By One Who Was There.

MAN, 55, LEARNING TO SMOKE.

Can Burn One Cigar a Day by Taking Two Shots at It.

Atchison, Minn., Dec. 2.—Altho he has a grown family of children, James M. Chisham, aged 55, superintendent of the city water company here, is just learning to smoke and is having a hard time mastering the art. However, he says he is making some progress; that he can now smoke a cigar a day by taking two shots at it. He is learning to smoke to cure himself of nervousness.

Sleighting must be good around Sherwood. One firm sold 88 sets of bobs in one week.



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