

HE'S WATCHING YOU



Rural School Notes

Mr. J. A. McFarland, assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction was in the county two days last week speaking in the interests of consolidation. The first meeting was at Karnak and later the same afternoon, another interesting meeting was held in the Vigessa school. The Broadview people are greatly interested in Consolidation and a large crowd had gathered to hear Mr. McFarland. Mr. McFarland gave a convincing discussion showing in the course of his address the progress that had been made in every phase of life except the rural school buildings. Instead of the light sailing vessels which often required a period of several weeks to cross the ocean, we have the modern ships with every convenience of a city hotel, making the trip in about a week. Great trains with conveniences for every comfort, eating, sleeping, bathing, barbering and tailoring, carrying hundreds of passengers at a speed of 60 to 75 miles an hour have replaced the little old trains with a few cars within the last fifty years. Great progress has been made in homes, farm homes and machinery within the last twenty-five years, but the little old one-room rural school in many cases is the same building as of twenty years ago. Improvement has been made in equipment, text books. Why should not the boys and girls of these great rich Dakota farms have the same educational advantages and privileges as the town and city children? The Consolidated School is the solution. A meeting was held the following day in the Houghton school in Cooperstown School District. As soon as the condition of the roads improve, Consolidation meetings will be held in Sverdrup, Ball Hill, Greenfield and Broadview. We hope other districts will become interested and decide to provide better schools for their boys and girls.

Greenfield District No. 2.
Walum School, Minnie and Selma Olson, Teachers. The following pupils received perfect attendance certificates this month: Ida, Thelma and Oscar Overby, Lucille and Vernon Wogslund, Rolf and Ruth Toenberg, Leo Marson, Harvey, Floyd and Anna Canfield, Clarence Wallum, Sylvia Wallum, Ruth Chester and Gladys Olson. The pupils receiving three months' perfect attendance certificates are Leo Marson, Rolf Toenberg, Ruth Toenberg and Harvey Canfield.

Helena District No. 8.
Steinborn School, A. C. Paulson, Teacher. Clarence Paintner has been unable to attend school on account of sickness. We had our monthly examinations the past week Gertrude Wells received the best average. We have learned another new song this week. All Physiology classes have their last few recitations on the study of diseases and how they enter the body. We had some very interesting discussions. We do not appreciate the recesses now, since we have no place to play except the mud puddles.

Revere School, Agda Olson, Teacher. The pupils who took the eighth grade examinations received their returns from Miss Regner last week. The pupils all received passing grades and Ines Richardson received the highest grade in Spelling

and Glen Richardson the highest grade in Agriculture. Our Basket Social Friday evening was a success. The proceeds will be used in purchasing hot lunch equipment and two pictures for the school room. Gordon Richardson and Maisel Olson visited school. We are glad to have Florence Palm with us again after a prolonged vacation. Edna Cairy, who previously attended school at Jamestown, entered our school last week. She is in the third grade. The following pupils have had perfect attendance last week: Ella, Fern and Leida Harrington, Myrtle and Thomas Koukal, Hilda and Myrtle Mogard, Carry, Polly and Dora Nelson, Vera, Kermit, Ruby and Albert Olson, Florence Palm, Glen and Ines Richardson, Amy Halvig, Hazel and Arthur Lepper and Edna Cairy. Rows 1, 2 and 6 have received stars for neatness the past week.

Dover District No. 4.
Dover Consolidated School, Anna B. Larson, Teacher. We will have a week's vacation beginning April 11th. The following pupils have three months' certificates: Anna Magnuson, Laura Pederson, John Hanson, Edna Kruse and Earl Buck.

Sverdrup District No. 16
Westley School, Ruth Josephson, Teacher. Those having perfect spelling last week were: Noel Tougas, Beatrice Tougas, Orville Taxdal, Albert Taxdal, Junet Erickson. Those having perfect attendance last week were Ernest Erickson and Victor Wulflestad.

Ball Hill District No. 17.
Michaels School, Albertina Steinborn, Teacher. The following pupils have had perfect and punctual attendance the past month: Robert Houghton, Ernest, Lloyd, Otto, Leif, Alice, Erma, Jessie, Thelma and Maynard Watne, Henry, Walter and Roy Ashland, Irvin Sharpe, Walter Michaels and Thelma Fuglestad. Three months' perfect attendance certificates were given to Walter Ashland, Erma Maynard and Lloyd Watne, Thelma Fuglestad last month. Those having the highest average during the month are: Thelma Watne 91; Jessie Watne 93; Marcella Michaels 82; Alice Watne 91; and Lloyd Watne 90.

Skjelsest School, Edith Olson, Teacher. Our school has joined the Red Cross. The following pupils had perfect attendance for the month ending April 4th: Hazel, Perry, Willard and Clarence Haaland; Pearl, Jeanette, Orville, Norman and Clarence Njaa; Alice and Elbjorg Krogsgaard; Elsie Jensen, Pearl and Archie Peterson. Clarence Haaland, Clarence Njaa and Perry Haaland have had three months' perfect attendance. The second grade has finished the Brook's second reader and is now reading Williams Choice Literature. Norman Njaa has had two months' perfect attendance this year and with his seven months' perfect attendance last year he is entitled to a nine months' Diploma of Honor. We collected old clothes for the Old Clothes Drive last week. We sent our box to the Hannaford Mercantile Store.

School No. 2, Albertina Steinborn, Teacher. Amil Larson and Jessie Watne have received 100 per cent in spelling the past month. The sixth grade has started a History contest with Jessie Watne and Robert Houghton as Captains of each

division. The purpose is to see which side has the best lessons at the end of the month. At the close of the last week Robert Houghton's division was in the lead. The seventh grade is studying Lowell's "Vision of Sir Launfal" for Reading.

Teacher—Name the blood conveying passages of the body.

Pupil—The heart, veins, capillaries and the artery.

You Can't Afford to Sag!

Every day, nowadays, you will hear people draw long breaths and say: "Well, the war is over; now we can let up and take it easy." It all depends, of course, upon what you consider easy. Some people take the easiest kind of life in the hardest kind of way, but if you consider life will be easy merely by attempting to shake off responsibility, you have lost your gas-mask, and the poisonous fume of cowardice will soon render you a despised no-account, a regular by-gum down-and-outer. The principle reason why many people are old in body at sixty or seventy is because they have lost interest in the vital things of life, because they sigh and say: "I have done my part, I have lived my life, and now I am going to quit and just sit around and wait for the last long roll." All right, if you just want to be a sitter and a sigher, go to it; but not for us. Up to our last conscious moment on this earth we want to be in the thick of the fight, doing our share to help solve the world's big problems and little problems, and our constant prayer is:

"Oh, Lord, don't let us sag!"—W. L. Brownell.

My God, How the Money Rolls Out

Bismarck, N. D. April 15.—"One reason why North Dakota has no money in the treasury today while \$150,000 in over-due bills remain unpaid is found in some vouchers which I have selected at random from the many to whose payment I have objected as a member of the auditing board during the last two years," said State Auditor Karl Koestaky.

"Voucher No. 191,310, for instance, is for 'hotel room and services, six days, \$31,' and 'meals, \$13.90.' The total cost of this official's six days' sojourn in Minneapolis was \$44.90; and of this amount \$31 was for 'hotel room and services.' The nature of the 'services' is not disclosed.

"Voucher 194,277 covers another jaunt to Minneapolis for one day only, and it calls for \$12.14 for room and \$2.85 for meals. The state, in addition to paying \$12.14 for a room for one night's sleep for this official, of course paid his railway fare, sleeper charge and meals on the diner en route to and from the city.

"Voucher 178,846 is also for a day's visit in Minneapolis, \$7.55 for room and \$1.50 for meals; a total of \$9.05.

"I need not ask how many of our farmers are digging deeper and deeper into their pockets each year to pay the cost of state government while appointees of the administration 'blow' \$14.99 for one day's board and lodging in the Twin Cities.

"Voucher 196,707 is for \$65.40 covering the cost of transporting an automobile which was driven from Minneapolis to Bismarck under its own power. The state doesn't own this auto, and in an auditing board meeting I objected to the size of this bill and had it cut down. The fact got to Townley's ears in some way, and the next time he was in town he came and 'jumped' me for it.

"Leave these little things alone and go after the big things," was his advice to me. I am taking that advice in going after the board of immigration bill which would take \$200,000 out of the already barren treasury for propaganda purposes; and after the printing bill, which for the benefit of a privileged few would double the amount the state pays for printing by requiring the publication of scores of worthless reports in which no one is interested; and after the board of administration bill which places the management of our great institutions in the hands of a few politicians, and after the judicial re-districting bill which increases our expenses \$15,000 per annum to make jobs for a few political friends of the administration."

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