

The Community Programs

The second number of the Community Programs has come and gone. In all our experience for years past there has never been any entertainment in town that has received as uniformly enthusiastic endorsement from all sides as did this program, and it is one that we feel free to write about in the highest terms of praise without fear of exaggeration.

All three sessions were attended by good sized crowds, and so well pleased were one and all with the programs that the two remaining numbers of the course will not be missed by any of those who heard this one.

The music and song furnished by the "Merrie Maids" were pleasing and entertaining to the audience, and Dr. Frank Weber, the lecturer, held his hearers so enthralled that one of his hearers expressed it, "I could have enjoyed two hours more of his talk."

Dr. Weber confined himself strictly to subjects of a local character, which perhaps was one of the reasons he was able to hold his audience so interested. His theme was community co-operation and he showed how all the members of a community, both in town and country, must work in harmony, if the greatest prosperity is to come to both. No town can be prosperous if the surrounding country people are not well off; and no rural residents can enjoy the best advantages if the nearby town is not flourishing. Get together, co-operate, help one another; that's the secret of success.

He also discussed the mail-order evil. Regarding this part of his discourse we will quote from the McHenry Tribune, whose editor heard Dr. Weber last week:

"Community building is a most audacious movement, if it is done in the right spirit. A community can not be built up and made prosperous by patronizing mail-order firms of the east. However, this change must be brought about on a competitive basis, not by knocking the tar out of the mail-order houses in voluminous, yet ineffectual persiflage. The merchant must show the consumer just what it will cost him to get his goods (as the mail-order houses are doing), and not by complacently sitting back in his chair with the serene thought that the consumer knows, "I am in business here and whenever he needs anything he will get it," while, as a matter of fact, the prospective (?) customer is reading over his eastern mail-order catalog to find out just what is denied him by his local merchant: To know just what the goods are going to cost him without asking the price on each individual piece. In other words, he must be shown in "black and white", and that means figures, and—have the goods to back up his prices. That is the biggest part of the secret in a nutshell, as far as the "mail-order evil" is concerned."

Rural School Notes

Greenfield District No. 2:

Goplen School No. 2. Laura Fogderud, teacher. We have an enrollment of nineteen pupils. Orville Goplen, Lillian O'Brian, Helen Everson and Eleanor McLellan have re-entered school having been absent during the winter months. Those having perfect attendance for the past week are: Helen Everson, Clara, Ella, Hans, Hazel, Selma, Sophia and Oliver Haugen, Lillian O'Brian, Eleanor McLellan, Olga, Alma and Inga Kaastad. Conrad Fogderud received a perfect attendance certificate for the month of January. We have had the following visitors this term: Supt. Regner, Ole O. Kaastad, Oscar and Martin Haugen, Norman Wallin and Mr. and Mrs. Eric O. Wallin. Mrs. Wallin treated us all to a delicious lunch which was served at four o'clock. New classics, some new desks and a suspension globe have been added to our equipment.

Helena District No. 3:

Steinborn School No. 1. A. C. Paulsen, teacher. The following have had 'three months' perfect attendance: Robert Paintner, Marian Paulson, Marie Anderson, Ronald Anderson, Fred Paintner. Our attendance is improving, besides giving attendance certificates for perfect and punctual attendance, a quarter holiday is given for a month's perfect attendance, providing behavior and class work is satisfactory. One reason for teacher's nerves—answers found in examination papers last week—"A map is a sheet of paper with a large piece

of land on it." "Transportation is necessary in order that we can breathe." The intermediate class in physiology is studying the Nervous System, the upper class. Poisons. We have had several surprise examinations during the past week, some of the grades received were also a surprise. Valentines were made during the month.

Revere School No. 3, Agda Olson, teacher: School notes by Ella Harrington. The pupils having perfect attendance during the past month are: Leida, Burton, Ella and Fern Harrington, Mabelle, Myrtle and Selma Mogaar, Carrie, Polly and Dora Nelson, Albert, Vera, Ruby, and Kermit Olson, Glen and Ruth Richardson, Hazel and Arthur Lepper. We have had hot lunches three days this week consisting of corn and cocoa. On Friday afternoon we had a valentine box. It was decorated by Vera Olson and Inez Richardson. School notes by Peter Mogaard: Twenty-one pupils are members of the Red Cross in our school. Amy, Judith and John Halvig have been absent this week on account of influenza. The fifth grade completed the work in McMaster's Primary History and Hazel and Arthur Lepper finished their Primary Readers this week. Hilda Mogaard, Dora Nelson and Polly Nelson have had the best work in spelling this week.

Ball Hill District No 17:

Michaelis School No. 2. Albertine Steinborn, teacher. Alice Watne has received 100 per cent in arithmetic all week. Leif and Alice Watne have an average of 100 per cent in spelling for the week. The seventh grade has completed "Evangeline" and is now studying "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." The fifth grade is learning "The Daffodils." The sixth grade has been reading "The King of the Golden River" for language work. The following pupils have received gold stars: Thelma Fuglestad, Thelma, Jessie, and Lloyd Watne, Marsella Michaelis, Robert Houghton and Irvin Sharpe. The following pupils have received gold stars in spelling, Alice and Leif Watne, Walter Ashland.

Skjelset School No. 4, Edith Olson, teacher. Three abridged dictionaries and a water cooler have been added to our equipment. We had a valentine box last Friday, Norman Njaa acted as rural carrier. Violet Peterson and Freda Colberg returned to school Monday after being absent for several weeks.

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Proposals for the construction of a 20-foot span reinforced concrete bridge to be located on section line between Secs. 23 and 24, Helena Township, Griggs County, over Ball Hill creek, will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Griggs County, at the court house in Cooperstown, North Dakota, until 2 o'clock p. m., April 7, 1919.

Plans and specifications are on file in the county auditor's office. The county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated Feb. 28th, 1919.

H. S. REARICK,
County Auditor

The new Gordon Hat is here. Please call and look it over. Hannaford Merc. Co.

Commissioners' Proceedings

Board of County Commissioners met as per adjournment this 27th day of February, 1919, with all members present.

The following bonds, having been approved by the state attorney as to form, were approved by the board as to sufficiency:

First National Bank of Cooperstown, Depository bond in the sum of \$34,000.00.

First National Bank of Bismarck, Depository bond in the sum of \$17,000.00.

William Angus, Justice of the Peace bond in the sum of \$500.00

The following bills were on motion allowed and warrants drawn in payment:

C. L. Brimi, services on board of insanity	\$7.00
John Sad, services on board of insanity	2.00
A. A. Njaa, recording bonds, postage, box rent, etc.	15.34
Alph. H. Overby, County Treasurer, envelopes, express, freight, etc.	\$9.24
Tena P. Regner, Supt. of Schools mileage	58.74