

## Harold Thoreson Won Essay Prize

Another former Hannaford boy is in the lime-light as a result of winning a prize in a contest conducted at Fargo by the Boy Scout council of that city. Harold Thoreson, son of Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Thoreson, who is attending school in Fargo, entered the contest which was open for seventh and eighth grade boys. No opportunity for special preparation was given, as the boys were not notified of the assignment until they were in the class-room, making outside help impossible.

They were required to write a 300-word essay about the work of Boy Scouts, and Harold won a \$5 prize by the following essay on "Why a Boy Should Be a Boy Scout":

"There are several reasons why a boy should become a member of the Boy Scout organization. The most important reasons are, that it improves him physically, mentally and morally. A Scout must be brave, clean and reverent.

"His aim to promote the ability in boys to do things both for themselves and for others. To be a Scout one should know something about the woods and the animals that inhabit them. He must also know how to take care of himself when camping, traveling or when an accident occurs.

To be a Scout is one of the greatest advantages a boy may have in his life. Some of the largest business concerns in the United States prefer a Boy Scout to fill their vacancies that might exist in their force. A Scout never kills an animal or other living creature needlessly. He loves to study their habits and haunts. He would rather study nature and its ways than go to a moving picture show. Camping, which is one of the great activities of the Boy Scouts, affords all these pleasures.

"A summer spent in camping puts red blood into a boy's veins, a glow of health in his cheeks, and fits him for the school months that follow. Scouting presents another opportunity which is one of the greatest; this is the development of the boy religiously. It has done more for this than any other movement instituted solely for boys. Its aim is to develop the boy physically, mentally and morally. This is being realized very widely."

Harold has his picture printed, together with his essay, in the Fargo Forum Monday, as well as the pictures and essays of the other two prize-winners.