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BIOGRAPHY

Althea Varnum Reed was born in Cass County, North Dakota. She was a student at North Dakota Agricultural College. Her parents were Robert B. and Edith Maude Varnum Reed. She lived in Fargo and became a teacher. She married John Duckstad. They had four children. She passed away in November, 1971 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery.

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The survey of Crosby, North Dakota was completed by Althea Varnum Reed as a project at North Dakota Agricultural College. The survey includes a blueprint of the town, questionnaires, maps, newspaper clippings, and photographs. Subjects include history, pioneer experiences, schools, farming, athletics, exhibits, music, social functions, and organizations. Divide County was originally part of Williams County. It was organized in 1910. The county seat was located at Crosby. It was too much of a grade for the Great Northern Railway to build to the original site of the town, so Crosby moved east to the railroad. The first train arrived in Crosby in 1907.

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