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COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Commencement week, June 10 to 14, will be marked by a number of very interesting activities. On Monday, June 10, there will be an exhibit of Art work. Miss Roberts and Miss Ewing have some very unusual and attractive pieces of work to display as the result of the courses in Public School Art, Applied Design, Basketry and Toy Making. On Tuesday, June 11, under the direction of Miss Marjory Stevenson, the Physical Education department will present a Spring festival. The play "Old Lady 31" will be presented on Wednesday night, June 12. This performance is given by the members of the Dramatics Class and is sponsored by the Katoya Players. On Thursday night will occur the home concert of the Glee Club. The program is a varied one which is meeting with much favor on its tour of neighboring towns. After the concert there will be an Alumni Get-together, at which it is hoped many of last year's students will give an account of themselves.

The culmination of the week's events will be the commencement exercises on Friday morning. The school is exceptionally fortunate in having secured as speaker on this occasion Dr. Henry Neuman, the leader of the Society for Ethical Culture in Brooklyn, New York.

CLEAN UP DAY

Two years ago the city of Billings gave Eastern Montana Normal School a fifty-two acre plot of ground for a campus. It lies north of the city, at the foot of the rimrocks.

Since weeds and cows were undesired inhabitants it was decided to clean and fence the plot. Students and faculty met on the afternoon of April 17, for that purpose. Organized groups worked hard at their allotted tasks, and at six o'clock all were ready for a hearty picnic supper. Since that time the ground has been plowed and is to be used for vegetable and flower gardens by the members of the faculty.

THE MID-WEEK GET-TOGETHER

The mid-week luncheons of the Eastern Montana Normal School have been very interesting and profitable to the many students who have availed themselves of the opportunity to attend during this quarter. Dr. W. A. Allen, a pioneer citizen of Billings, talked very entertainingly on the events of early days here. Lieutenant Vern Lucas, Instructor of Billings Airport, told of the wonderful strides made in aviation in the last four years. The Reverend James Robertson, who has since accepted the pastorate of Billings Presbyterian Church, gave an instructive after-luncheon talk on "Character Building." M. C. Gallagher, Principal of the Billings High School, told in a most interesting manner the reasons for Saint Patrick's Day. Members of the

Dramatics Class have presented enjoyable features; the readings and musical numbers given by faculty members, students, and friends of the normal have been varied and pleasing. Carlin Lanzendorfer, representative of the Broadway Pharmacy, has twice given movie programs, the last being pictures of Clean Up Day, taken on the grounds during the activities at the normal site. A spirit of good fellowship always is present at our luncheons.

THE ANNUAL CUSTER BATTLE FIELD TRIP

Many of the students and faculty members will see the famous Custer Battlefield for the first time on Saturday, May 18. The trip has been carefully planned by Mr. N. C. Abbott of the Social Science department, who has visited the field many times. The party will stop at Garry Owen Station, Reno Ford, Reno Creek, Reno Entrenchments and Reno Hill. Mr. Abbott will explain the historical importance of these places. There will be a picnic lunch at Crow Agency. The next points of interest are the southern end of the Custer Battlefield proper, the monuments, the site of Fort Custer, and the spot where the steamer "Far West" anchored.

THE MEN OF THE SCHOOL ORGANIZE

The Trail Blazers was organized to foster a better spirit of fellowship among the men of the school, both faculty and students.

Harold Miller was elected president, Franklin Dorfler, vice-president, Phillip Scarrah, secretary, and Roy Olson, treasurer.

The name "Trail Blazers" was suggested by Ora Dickson and chosen by Mr. Leon Foote from a number of names submitted by the members. As a reward for having submitted the best name Mr. Dickson was given an annual.

The first social gathering of the club was held at the Northern Hotel Tea Room, March 22, following the commencement exercises. Chancellor Brannon, the honor guest, gave a most enjoyable talk.

THE RIM ROCK NEARS COMPLETION

The work on the 1929 Rimrock will soon be completed. Some new features are being added. The students and faculty members who paid for their annuals in advance were given the privilege of voting for the most beautiful girl, the most fickle man, the grouchiest professor, et cetera. The results of this contest will be published in the annual and should be of interest to all. Another feature will be the publication of the prize winners in the informal essay and poetry writing contests. The art work will exceed the high standard of excellence attained by the 1928 annual. The Rimrock will be a most enjoyable souvenir of student days which both alumni and students will want to possess. It will be ready for distribution during the first week in June.