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Quarters for Classes Improved

This school year opens with new or improved class quarters in each building. At the Washington building two small practice rooms have been fitted up on the second floor to be used by the music department.

The first floor at Washington is to be used exclusively by Miss Roberts with her classes in art theory and public school art.

Manual Training Quarters

A large room in the basement has been finished with wall board, and the supporting columns and walls have been painted cream color. Here Mr. Manion of the art department will conduct classes in toy-making and manual arts. Adequate equipment for this work will soon be installed.

New Furnace

The new gas furnace will insure comfortable working quarters in the Washington building this winter.

Administration and McKinley Buildings

In the administration building the walls of the girls' dressing room above the gym have been finished with wall board. New benches have been made by Mr. Shunk, and more clothes hooks have been provided. There is also a separate room for storing the equipment of the physical education department.

The basement room at the McKinley, formerly used by Mr. Abbott's social science classes, is now occupied by the new normal kindergarten. It will soon be redecorated and suitably equipped.

Empire Building Soon Ready

The big event this quarter will be the move to the new Empire building on Twenty-ninth street between First and Second avenue, just two blocks from the administration building. The Billings Polytechnic has a ten year lease of the second floor and the E. M. N. S. has sub-leased six class rooms on the north side. Four of these rooms are twenty by forty feet and are lighted by skylights. Two smaller rooms face the front of the building.

The instructors to hold classes in the Empire building will be Miss Meek of the English department; Dr. Hines, Mr. Foote and Mr. Dean of the education department; and Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Abbott of the social science department.

The paint contractor states that the rooms will be ready the last week of October. This new arrangement will be most appreciated by those students who have made the constitutional trek to McKinley and Broadwater.



The Clan Assembles at Miles City

RECEPTION HELD AT COMMERCIAL CLUB

On Saturday evening, October 12, the members of the faculty officially welcomed both the old and the new students at a reception held at the Commercial club. The room flaunted the most beautiful autumn foliage. Miss Meek introduced the members of the faculty who presented the program. Dr. McMullen in his address of welcome expressed just pride in the progress made by our normal in the short period of its existence. Two vocal numbers were given by Miss Stevenson. Miss Dewey gave some original character sketches which provoked much merriment. Mrs. McMullen gave a very friendly and gracious invitation to all students to come to her home to get acquainted. After singing some rollicking songs, under the direction of Dr. McMullen, punch and wafers were served. The success of this event will insure full attendance at future social functions.

KINDERGARTEN IN MCKINLEY

The new kindergarten in the McKinley building on Thirty-first and Eighth avenue north offers an opportunity for students to observe and teach under Miss Wagner, the kindergarten instructor. This being a new department in the Billings school curriculum, it is of great interest to the readers of our paper.

The kindergarten is divided into morning and afternoon sections to accommodate the large number attending. In all there are sixty-seven children.

At present the supplies are limited, but all are happy and busy. Later when the modern equipment arrives the children will be able to make the best of it.

WORLD TRAVELER TALKS TO STUDENTS

Students and faculty of the Eastern Montana Normal school, and a number of Billings residents had the opportunity to hear Mr. Burton Holmes' interesting lecture about Siam, Wednesday evening, October 3. Mr. Holmes, the famous world traveler, discussed Siam from the viewpoints of civilization, art, and history. Throughout the lecture Siam was brought before the audience by means of beautiful motion pictures. This lecture not only proved educational and interesting but also corrected many wrong impressions of Siam.

The gracious personality and the fine enunciation of the lecturer made the evening a continuous delight.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Two new teachers have been added to our teaching force this year. They are Mr. Keith Manion of the art department and Miss Lillian Wagner, in charge of the new kindergarten.

Mr. Manion comes to us from Indianapolis, Indiana. He is a graduate of the Herron Art Institute of that city, where he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Art Education. This degree is unique in that Herron Institute is the only college to confer such a one. Mr. Manion has done art supervision in high schools previous to coming here.

Miss Wagner, who comes from Selma, California, is a native daughter of the west. She is a graduate of California Teachers college in Los Angeles, and has obtained both a bachelor's and a master's degree at Columbia university. Miss Wagner has had wide experience in kindergarten work, having taught in Los Angeles, and taught and supervised at Bisbee, Arizona, and Fresno, California.

Alumni to Gather at Miles City

A "get-together" of former students of E. M. N. S. is to be one of the very attractive features of the coming M. E. A. convention at Miles City. A luncheon is to be held Friday noon, October 21, at the Christian church.

Here old friends will gather to exchange experiences, recall days at E. M. N. S. and sing some of our school songs.

All the alumni and former students of E. M. N. S. will find it well worth while to attend this meeting, for besides joining in a "jolly good time" they will have the opportunity to discuss their problems with people who are working under conditions similar to their own. Nearly all of the faculty members will be present at the luncheon.

FACULTY TAKE PART

A number of the faculty members of E. M. N. S. have been invited to take part in the program at the meeting of the M. E. A. to be held in Miles City, October 24, 25 and 26.

Dr. L. B. McMullen will speak at the Schoolmasters' banquet, which is given for the men teachers attending the meeting. The program has been so arranged as to represent a recess at an old-fashioned school. Tag, 3-old cat and marbles will be some of the events. Dr. McMullen will give the closing toast entitled "The Progressive School's Call." He will also address the upper grade section on the subject of character building.

Miss Mary Meek will explain to an intermediate section the value of dramatization as a language activity. The demonstration for her subject will be conducted by a language class under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Elzea of Miles City.

N. C. Abbot will explain the value of correlating history and geography in high school work. This paper will be presented before the social science group.

Mr. Leon R. Foote will address the elementary school section on the teaching of fractions.

At the Schoolmasters' banquet Mr. C. V. Ridgley will play a violin solo, accompanied by Ralph Rauh of Billings.

FIRST YEAR CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

A first year class meeting was held immediately after the luncheon at the Commercial club on Wednesday, October 10. Class officers were elected for the quarter as follows: president, Erma Rogers; vice-president, Josephine Haug; secretary-treasurer, Laurence Aber; Student Council representatives, Lucile Ridgeway, Gladys Wagner, Signe Holm.