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BILLINGS FIRST STATE MEET SUCCEEDS

DEMISE OF STUDENT BRINGS GRIEF TO ALL

Holiday Spirit Dampened.

For the second time in five days death has come into the student ranks of E. M. N. S. Marian Hazelton, a member of the June graduating class, died on Wednesday, April 22.

Miss Hazelton was in school doing her regular work on Friday, but was taken very ill with flu on Friday night. The deadly streptococic germ attacked her throat and ear, and by Sunday afternoon her recovery seemed very doubtful. She was removed to the Deaconess hospital Tuesday, and there she passed away at 1 p. m. Wednesday.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church on Friday at 4 p. m. Rev. Forrest Wertz officiating, assisted by the Order of Rainbow Girls. She was a very active member of that organization, having been recording secretary since its beginning. The pall-bearers were Lawrence Aher, John Abrahamson, Jim O'Connor, William Pentilla, Elmer Swanson and Glen Walker, all normal school students.

Miss Hazelton was 19 years of age and had spent her entire life in Billings. She entered the normal school in October 1929 and was to have been graduated in June. She was a member of the Katoya Players, but because of ill-health she did not identify herself with other organizations. She was especially gifted in art, having taken all the courses offered in the department. In the studio at the Washington building stands the unfinished cedar chest, beautifully trimmed in copper, on which she was working Friday before her illness.

At the commencement program in June, 1930, Miss Hazelton was awarded the prize for the best work for the year in the art department, and she was also presented with an agate ring for the best rock collection in the geology class.

She was a member of the staff of the Rimrock Echo, and had been chosen for the editorial committee of the current issue.

The faculty and the students, especially the Seniors, mourn her untimely death and extend sympathy to her family in their loss.

HAWKES JUDGES DEBATE

Mr. Hawkes judged a debate at Rapelje last week between Rapelje and Samatra. He cast his vote for Rapelje.

COMMENTS HERE AND THERE

Montanans should be proud of the performances of the school orchestras at the state music meet.

Tom Kelly has a twin brother entered in the music meet from Wolf Point. We hope that the two Toms get together.

We'll grant to Hardin the record for a contestant having the longest name—pronounce it—Miss Pauline Kleinhesselink.

Swanson as an amateur stage hand made a beautiful bow when the audience applauded an orchestra entering the stage.

The Big Sandy delegation brought their bed rolls, but believe me, they didn't sleep on the job.

A 500-mile auto trip through snowdrifts did not prevent Evelyn Hunsberger, 16-year-old Indian girl of Browning, from participating in the meet. We admire her persistence.

After all the blowing in the baritone contest the horns haven't lost their kinks yet.

The Whitefish delegates have the distinction of coming the greatest distance to the meet, but the two Baldwins, by courtesy of the Melody Shop, came from Cincinnati.

We hear that some schools represented have chaperons to chaperon the chaperons.

If you know your onions you won't eat them before going to a concert.

Here is some moral support to the Ismay contestants; they represent the smallest school entered in the state music meet.

We like the determined spirit of the people entered in the meet; they have a lot of push for their cars and reserve wind for horns.

Now is the time to get interested in "The Road Back."

CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING TO START JULY FIRST

Construction of the new Eastern Montana Normal School building will begin about July first, according to Dr. McMullen. Contracts for the building work will be let as soon as state bonds can be sold, June first.

The building plans drawn by McIver and Cohagen, local architects, have been approved and accepted by the state board of education.

The building will be a three-story structure with a two-story tower extending above the center of the top floor.

The front, according to the plans, will be 230 feet long with a back extension of 63 feet.

The first floor of the new construction will contain the general offices, a large lobby, the training

school, social science department, manual arts department and individual offices for each department. The second floor will have rooms for the education and English departments with offices and also the library with a stack room, a reference room, a work room and a main reading room 24 feet by 72 feet. The third floor of the building will contain, besides individual department offices, rooms for the art, botany, geology, physics and chemistry departments. The third floor will also have a large cafeteria 25 by 72 feet with an adjoining kitchen. Directly below the tower will be a room for a museum in which to display a large number of Montana fossils, plants, minerals and Indian relics owned by the school.

GRAND PARADE ATTRACTS CROWD

Over five hundred high school students, chaperons and school officials and more than two hundred E. M. N. S. students and faculty members composed the grand parade on Saturday morning.

Seven bands, which were entered in the competition, were included in the parade which was organized by Yellowstone post No. 4 of the American Legion, with commander

Nolan Talmadge as the marshal.

The parade, gay with banners of the various high schools represented, and E. M. N. S. banners and colors, started from the Commercial Club at 11:15 and marched through the business district.

A moving picture of the parade was taken for a permanent record in the Eastern Montana Normal School.

GRAND FINALE TONIGHT AT FAIR AUDITORIUM

Awards to Be Made

At the auditorium at the fair grounds tonight five "All State" groups will appear, singing and playing the assigned selections which they have been practicing through the year in preparation for the state program.

Two selections by the All State Mixed Chorus, Class A, and two by the All State Mixed Chorus, Class B, will be presented without rehearsal under the direction of Professor Estell E. Mohr, the contest judge in voice, from the music department at the State Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado. Class A chorus is composed of 95 members and the Class B chorus of 79 members.

Two selections by the All State Orchestra of 111 members, made up of all the class A orchestras, will be presented under the direction of Professor Knute Froysoa, dean of the school of music at State Teachers College, Valley City, N. Dak., who has acted as judge of stringed instrument contests. Dean Froysoa will also conduct the All State Class B Orchestra in one number, which is a substitute for the All State Girls' Glee Club, which was scheduled to appear.

Two selections will be played by the All State Band, Class A, with 109 members, and by the All State Band with 117 members. Mr. Joseph Brooks, bandmaster from Livingston, who has judged all contests of wind instruments, will conduct the bands.

All the orchestra and band numbers have been rehearsed once under the direction of the visiting judges.

Ensemble of Picked Groups

The appearance of so large a group of young people in one program will be a very unusual thing and a large crowd will certainly take advantage of the chance to hear the contestants. This program is not a contest in any way, but as an ensemble performance of the picked groups in voice, orchestra, and band, it forms a fitting finale to a series of rare musical treats.

Presentation of Awards

At the close of the program comes that dramatic event, the presentation of awards to all the fortunate contestants. Though only a few schools will win the coveted honors, it is certain that all the 700 young people have been greatly benefited by the three-day contest.