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ENROLLMENT INCREASES 33 PER CENT

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING NEW HOME FOR SCHOOL

The Y. M. C. A. building at the corner of Twenty-ninth street and First avenue has become the new home of E. M. N. S., all the administrative offices and several classrooms being housed there.

On the first floor are found the general offices. Dr. McMullen has a commodious office overlooking First avenue. Mr. Stuber, too, has been quite bewildered in his spacious quarters. Even the office force has been able to muster an occasional smile since there is plenty of space for records, supplies and what-not. On the same floor also is the recreation room for the girls of the dormitory, a very large room with many windows and a huge fireplace.

Library on Second Floor

On the second floor, to the left at the head of the stairs, is the pride of the school—the new library. Miss Rich is especially proud of the storeroom which adjoins the library. The physical features of the reading room are excellent, and the arrangement of the equipment makes it a most pleasing environment for study.

It takes some inside information to find the domain of Miss Dewey and Mr. Shunk. On reaching the second floor one must turn to the right, pass through the swinging doors and continue to the end of the hall. The first room there is Miss Dewey's classroom, with a costume room adjoining. Crossing the hallway one enters Mr. Shunk's laboratory, where large windows offer a congenial growing place for many plants.

The third floor has about forty sleeping rooms, thus making it possible to house a large number of girls under the supervision of Miss Stevenson. The annex has several large rooms with private bath. These are now occupied by faculty members.

COURSE IN ARCHERY PROVES POPULAR

A new course in archery for both boys and girls has been organized under the direction of Mr. Bjorgum.

This is the first time that archery has been a part of the course in physical education offered at E. M. N. S. All students are required to make their own bows and arrows. The equipment must be of standard size and construction because all contests will be conducted under the rules of the National Archery Association. There are 30 students enrolled in the archery class, which meets at 10 a. m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



View of New Library

"Bear Man" Speaks

Ranger Philip Martindale, a member of the U. S. Ranger Naturalist Service, gave a talk on "Wild Life" Monday, October 5, 8:15 p. m. at the gymnasium in the new school building. Besides the student body, many citizens of Billings heard his talk.

Mr. Martindale, whose work is in Yellowstone National Park, gave an extremely interesting talk on wild life of that region, besides recounting many humorous incidents that had occurred during his ranger life. The story of the bears and their improvised "lunch-counter" was quite entertaining. Martindale brought with him a case of a hundred or so colored slides depicting Park wonders, which he explained as the slides were thrown on the screen by Mr. Shunk.

Mr. Martindale, noted for his wit and humor, has been actively engaged in this kind of work for some time. He, in his own words, is "loaned" by the government to go on tours and give these lectures. He has addressed countless school assemblies, besides many civic clubs.

Previous to his talk to the normal school, he addressed the Rotary Club of Billings; the Kiwanis club heard him the day following. Still having 190 audiences to address this season, he left for Iowa Tuesday, October 6.

"Kind hearts are more than coronets, and simple faith than Norman blood."

Prexy Directs Orchestra

The school orchestra, under the leadership of Dr. McMullen, has met twice. Tuesday evening a short organization meeting was held at the Washington building with seventeen present, including Dr. McMullen and Mr. Ridgely. Each signed up for the instrument he plays. Those not owning instruments were given the privilege of borrowing school instruments. The time for regular practice has not been set, but the group met on Wednesday, October 14, at 3 p. m. for the first practice, with twenty members present. After a good hour's practice music actually began to pour forth. All the members seem enthusiastic about this new organization, and it has bright prospects for developing into a good orchestra.

The personnel of the orchestra:
First violins: Marie Day, Lilybel Hawks, Marie Bowser.
Second violins: Strong Paulson, Olin Metzger, Norman Larson.
Viola: Lois Elda Howard.
Obligato: Ray Meyers.
Bass Viol: Marie Rademaker.
Cello: Ruth Jahrig.
Cornet: Horace McBride, Maxine Hitch.
Saxophone: Dolores Haas.
Mellophone: Alice Bureau.
Trombone: Oliver Rock.
Drums: Jane Roberts.
Piano: Margaret Venek, Elma Chappell.

The old-time girl was usually a clinging vine. The modern girl is usually a rambler.

RECORDS SHOW 314 STUDENTS REGISTERED

According to the latest registration figures compiled by H. N. Stuber, registrar and business secretary of E. M. N. S., there has been an increase in enrollment of 33% over the first month's registration of last year. The total enrollment for the first month last year was 236. This year 314 registrations have been recorded.

For the entire fall quarter of 1930 there were 244 students attending E. M. N. S. As a possible enrollment figure for the 1931 fall quarter, 325 seems a conservative estimate.

During the first month of the 1930 fall quarter 86 former students and 147 new students were enrolled. The 1931 fall quarter enrollment shows 123 former students returning and 191 new students. These figures prove beyond a doubt that E. M. N. S. is a growing institution.

NEW COURSE OFFERED

Dr. Hines is offering a new course, Psychological Testing, on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock. The enrollment has reached 52, and this fact has made it necessary to alter the original plan for the course.

Instead of offering a specialized course, such as could be carried on with a small group, Dr. Hines will cover the theory and technique of individual testing. It is anticipated that a specialized course may be offered during the winter quarter if there is a demand for it. The evening meeting hour makes this course available to Billings teachers as well as to students.

BJORGUM GIVES MORE TIME TO ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Oscar Bjorgum, who has had charge of physical education for men since the beginning of the school, will now devote three-fourths of his time to the physical education program because of the curtailed activities of the Y. M. C. A., whose athletic work he has conducted in the past.

As we now have the exclusive use of the Y. gymnasium and swimming pool, we are indeed fortunate that Mr. Bjorgum can give instructions in swimming and archery for both men and women. He is planning a program of intramural contests which will offer all a chance to compete.

Stop talking about seizing every opportunity and begin making use of those at hand.