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MRS. G. S. COATES GUEST OF SCHOOLS

On March 11-12 the Eastern Montana Normal School had as its guest Mrs. Grace Stone Coates, noted Montana writer. Mrs. Coates is the author of two books—"Black Cherries," a group of short stories based on the experiences of her childhood; and "Mead and Mangelwurzel," a book of verse.

Speaks Before Poetry Class

Early Friday morning Mrs. Coates gave a delightfully informal talk to Miss Meek's Modern Poetry class. At that time she read several of her poems and gave brief sketches of their origin. She explained that often a meaning was read into an author's work which he never intended it to have.

Student Body Hears Mrs. Coates

At an assembly called for eleven o'clock Mrs. Coates addressed the entire student body. Her topic was "The Frontier and Other Literature of the Northwest." As assistant-editor of the "Frontier" she is in close touch with this literature. She said that it is surprising the amount of attention paid some of our authors by people in the East. In fact, many of them are better known there than they are at home.

Mrs. Coates also read several of her poems and gave the background for them.

It was a unique experience for many of us to have the privilege of listening to a real poet. Mrs. Coates is an experienced and delightful speaker and one who has none of the forbidding manner often attributed to authors.

Principal Speaker at School Dinner

Friday evening at the Hilands Club, Mrs. Coates was the principal speaker. The occasion was the faculty dinner given in honor of the Billings public school teachers and the March graduating class. Her subject was "Why An Author Is Hard to Stand."

Appeared Before Clubs

Mrs. Coates was also the guest of several women's clubs. Friday afternoon she spoke at a meeting of the Poetry club, and was the honor guest and speaker at a joint luncheon and meeting of the A. A. U. W. and the Drama Club on Saturday.

Mrs. Coates has lived for a number of years in the West.
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Cut out the movies and other dates Thursday, April 14 and hear a real debate.



Lunch in Choteau Tourist Park July 19, 1931 During the Montana Environment Tour

Better understanding of the nature of Montana life is the objective of the Montana Environment course, which is a part of the summer curriculum at Eastern Montana Normal School. It was first offered in 1931 and was so well received that it will be repeated in 1932.

This course will be especially beneficial to the teachers who must renew their certificates this year, as it will give them an opportunity to gain college credits and at the same time have an enjoyable vacation. Those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity should communicate with Registrar H. N. Stuber at once to secure full information regarding the course.

Number Limited

The number of students enrolled will necessarily be limited to about 25. Enrollment is open to all E. M. N. S. graduates and teachers from other states who wish to renew their certificates or gain college credits. People who do not care to earn credit will be welcomed to the group if they will enter into the spirit and discipline of the party.

In Bear Tooth Camp

The course is divided into three phases. The first phase is a three weeks' stay in the E. M. N. S. camp near Red Lodge, under the direction of Professor R. A. Shunk. The time will be spent in frequent field excursions, as well as the making of

collections of the plants and rocks of the region. The use of cameras will be encouraged to fix events and facts in the minds of the student during the entire course.

Library Unit At E. M. N. S.

For the second phase of the course the group will assemble at the school in Billings, where the time will be spent in an intensive library and classroom study of Montana History, Geography and Government, conducted by the Social Science department.

The School On Wheels

The final phase of the course is "The School On Wheels," conducted by Professor N. C. Abbott of the Social Science department. This section will be devoted to the study of Montana History and Geography out in the open. Beginning the trip on July 25, they will travel through the western, central and southwestern sections of the state. The 2500 miles of auto travel will include both the Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks.

In a general way this course carries out the principal aim of the institution. This is to equip its students with the best possible understanding of the environment in which they expect to live and work as teachers. From the number of inquiries that are coming in it would appear that early enrollment is advisable for those who wish to be sure of a place in camp, in classroom and on the road.

LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY ANNUAL STAFF

Wednesday noon, March 30, the students and faculty of the school attended the first luncheon of the spring quarter, which was sponsored by the Rimrock Annual staff. The gym was effectively decorated with red and black streamers and red tulips, as the colors of the book are red and black on ivory paper.

The lunch, consisting of baked potatoes, meat loaf, lettuce salad, rolls, Martha Washington pie, and coffee, was served by members of the first year class with Barbara Biever as chairman.

Program Is Informal

Dean Aldrich, editor-in-chief of the annual, planned the program which was for the purpose of telling about the annual. He introduced Mr. Manion of the Art department, who acted as master of ceremonies.

Olive Croy gave two humorous readings in Italian dialect and Gene Ernster sang cowboy songs to the accompaniment of a guitar.

Miss Dewey, who is faculty chairman of the annual, explained that the theme of the book is taken from Tennyson's "Ulysses"—"I am a part of all that I have met." Miss Roberts told about the art work, which is a burlesque on the theme. At intervals during the luncheon, the crowd was led by Ben Nutt in singing songs accompanied by the school orchestra. Miss Dewey introduced the staff: Dean Aldrich, editor-in-chief; Etta Cooper, associate editor; Pearl Nystrom, art editor; and her assistant, Frances Newkirk; Bob Gail, student life editor; George Sanderson, business manager; and Mary Weinschrott, circulation editor.

Salesmen Introduced

Mary Weinschrott gave a short talk and introduced the salesmen for the various groups: A1, Dorothy Smart; A2, Margaret Baker; B1, Viola Bakka; B2, Fannie Young; C1, Ray Meyers; C2, Elizabeth Briscoe; Seniors, Mary Thorne and Cary Alice Sanderson.

The sale of the 1932 Rimrock Annual has begun. The book, which will be of more interest to students than any other, is packed full of information and is the most colorful, brilliant and humorous that has been put out; it is a burlesque all the way through.

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