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## Students See Famous Drama

Through a special arrangement with the Fox-Babcock management the Student Council made it possible for the entire student body to attend the play, "Green Pastures," by the use of their activity tickets. Two hundred ninety-seven students saw the play on Thursday night, April 21, as a result of this arrangement.

### Pulitzer Prize Play

The play, which was the Pulitzer prize play of 1930, was suggested to the author, Marc Connelly, by Roark Bradford's "Ol' Man Adam an' His Chillun'." An emotional range from whimsical humor to the deepest pathos was unfolded through the histrionic and musical art of the negro actors, who were trained by the Theatre Guild. The company played 640 performances in New York before starting on the tour. "The Lawd" was characterized by Richard B. Harrison, who played the part in a most dignified manner. Other actors in various scenes, worthily seconded the work of the leading character. The spirituals of the choir greatly increased the beauty of the drama. The choir is the largest group of singers of spirituals ever heard in this section.

Scenery, lighting, costumes and stage effects all contributed their part in making the production one of the most remarkable theatrical events a Billings audience has ever seen.

### PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR SPRING PAGEANT

Nearly all of the plans have been made for the Spring Festival, which is to be held during the last week in May.

The festival will represent a garden party given by George and Martha Washington. The guests participate in a minuet and in turn are entertained by various dances and drills.

Miss Stevenson has assigned to the different groups of the gym classes special features on which they are to work. The C division is divided into two parts, one group doing a minuet and the other the Virginia Reel. The B's are working on correct marching, which will eventually lead to a flag drill; the A's are practicing calisthenics. The tap classes are also to participate in the program; one group of girls represents firecrackers, while the other represents torpedoes. A "blackface" dance is to be presented by the boys' class.

The Department of Dramatic Art, under the direction of Miss Dewey, is now working on the costumes for the Glee Club trip. They are also designing and making the costumes to be used in the Spring Festival.

## BUSINESS GOOD IN EDUCATION

### EDUCATION BUSINESS GOOD; SPRING QUARTER ENROLLMENT SHOWS INCREASE

Spring quarter registration at all the units of the Greater University of Montana shows a substantial increase over the corresponding period of 1931. The following figures tell the story:

	Spring Quarter 1931	1932	Increase
State University .....	1310	1637	327
State College .....	910	1140	230
State Normal College .....	387	518	131
Eastern Montana Normal .....	307	393	86
Northern Montana College.....	188	240	52

The total gain in the five units is \$27.

The School of Mines, operating on a semester basis, has gained 45 over first semester attendance.

## ENTERTAINERS TO TOUR EAST PART OF STATE

The Normal School Entertainers will make a tour of several eastern Montana towns during the first week in May. On May 4 the group will appear on the Lyceum course at Miles City, and on May 5 they will give a program in Colstrip in connection with the high school commencement activities. There will be vocal choruses under the direction of C. V. Ridgely, with Miss Mary Barden as accompanist, dance numbers under supervision of Miss Stevenson, and a one-act play by members of the dramatic art class under Miss Dewey's supervision. The cast is composed of 24 girls chosen from the glee club and four faculty members who have supervision of the program.

Dr. and Mrs. McMullen will accompany the group, and the trip will be made in cars.

## Faculty Members Attend Worden P. T. A. Meet

Dr. and Mrs. L. B. McMullen, Miss Dewey, Mr. Ridgely and Miss Barden represented E. M. N. S. at a meeting of the Worden P. T. A., April 9, at the Huntley Project High School Auditorium. Miss Dewey gave a number of readings; Mr. Ridgely, accompanied by Miss Barden, rendered two violin solos; Mrs. McMullen spoke a few minutes upon the "Vocations of Women," and Dr. McMullen spoke about "Keeping Up High Standards of Education In Spite of Hard Times."

There were several alumni and former E. M. N. S. students, as well as present students, at this meeting.

Make your plans to join the excursion to Custer Battlefield on Memorial Day.

When men resort to safety razors, about all the barbers can do is to shave their expenses.

## KINDERGARTEN WILL BE DISCONTINUED

The State Board of Education meeting at Helena, Monday, April 18, recommended the discontinuance of the kindergarten which has been conducted by Miss Wagner in the basement of the McKinley building for the past three years. This action was taken in order to effect some saving in expense, since there are very few positions available for kindergarten teachers in Montana.

Miss Wagner has conducted both morning and afternoon sessions, caring for children from 4 to 5½ years of age. During the first year about 70 children were cared for each semester, but the room space would not permit of efficient work with so large a number. Hence the enrollment was limited thereafter to approximately 60. Altogether 258 children have attended the school. Also ..... student teachers and observers have had the advantage of this excellent training in an "activities school" for the preschool child. Every normal school student has had the opportunity of visiting the kindergarten at some time during his training.

## Schools to Observe Child Health Day

May 1 has been proclaimed by President Hoover as Child Health Day.

The general purpose of May Day, 1932, is to focus the spirit of this year upon the needs of children in each community.

Because of weather conditions the Billings Public Schools will observe Health Day on Friday, May 20, by presenting a play festival at South Park illustrating all phases of recreational and health exercises carried on in the schools.

L. F. Pearson is in charge of the program, and many of the young men of E. M. N. S. are assisting as coaches for the various games. The students who are observing in the public schools will assist in their respective rooms.

## Freshman Stage Guest Luncheon

The Freshman luncheon will be held in the gymnasium today, Wednesday, April 27. A number of noted guests will be present. They are Senator Eaton, D. J. Cole, B. C. Lillis, Ed Logan, members of our legislature; Mr. L. W. Upshaw of the Y. M. C. A.; Miss Watts, Yellowstone County Superintendent; Charles Ruzicka, secretary of the Commercial Club, and Mr. A. O. Gullidge, superintendent of schools at Baker. Also as guests there will be about seventy high school students from surrounding districts, who are on their way to the High School Week program at Bozeman.

An opening march will be played by the orchestra, led by Mr. Upshaw. The Glee Club, singing from the balcony, will open the meeting with two numbers. The following delicious lunch will be served: Roast beef, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, ice cream, cake, coffee.

### Interesting Program

Senator Eaton is the main speaker of the day. The remaining program consists of the following numbers: a duet by Fanny Young and Phyllis Johnson, a reading by Miss Dewey, a saxophone solo by Delores Hass, a Turkish Trio and group singing led by Mr. Upshaw.

### Committees In Charge

Various committees have worked industriously for this occasion. The following chairmen have been ably assisted by about 25 members of the class: Decoration, Peggy Baker; serving, Margaret Vanek and Phyllis Johnson; kitchen police, Pete Vanderwood. The program was planned by Horace McBride, president, with the aid of Dr. McMullen.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE GUESTS

The Billings Commercial Club and the Eastern Montana Normal School will act as hosts today, April 27, to a delegation of 73 high school students from surrounding sections, who are en route to Bozeman to attend State High School Week.

The group will arrive about noon and will be entertained by the students of E. M. N. S. at a luncheon in the gymnasium. Following the luncheon they will be taken for a tour of the industrial plants and other points of interest in Billings. The arrangements for the tour were made by the Commercial Club.

The young people will leave late Wednesday afternoon for Bozeman. Other groups of students will be entertained in a similar way at Great Falls and Butte.

N. C. Abbott will deliver the commencement address at the Baker High School, May 26, and the Broadus High School, May 27.