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A "NEW DEAL" FOR THE WORLD

History has shown many times that the occasion helps make the man; it has proved that every crisis has its master. We are in the midst of a crisis now. Already the occasion has helped make a man, and it begins to appear that the master of this crisis has already sparred a few rounds with his Apollyon.

It is reassuring to us that a "new deal" is imminent for a world crazed by fear of war and discouraged by world-wide depression. Because the new President has brought about America's active participation in world affairs, and because he has bluntly stated that our old isolation policy has become untenable, we have faith that the "new deal" has become a much larger proposition. The greatest nations in the world have sent or are sending their representatives to talk with our President, and he has been fearless in his discussion of subjects which heretofore have been dreadful spectres to us. Upon his decisions and his control of his party in Congress—which is one of the wonders of the 20th century—depends whether or not the United States lays aside its old mantle of reserve and dons the new mantle of cooperation. Somehow we feel that Franklin Roosevelt, a disciple of the old Wilsonian school, will cast aside our archaic inhibitions. After viewing the past three years of non-cooperation and the evil results of it, we have little doubt that this new policy will prove vastly superior. Then we shall see the dawn of a new era—not only for this country, but for the world. With the coming of such an era, it may be that many troublesome questions, economic, political and social, will be solved.

INSPIRING THOUGHTS ON TEACHING

Chancellor Brannon left us much to think of in his two inspiring addresses delivered before the students and the Billings teachers. If education of the right type is to be so potent a force in bringing about much needed reform in government, then indeed is the profession of teaching one which calls its followers to the highest type of socialized service. Let us take advantage of all possible training in order that we may meet our obligations effectively.

Have you written a long letter to your mother today? If not, do it before the mails close. Sunday is Mothers' Day.

WHY BE A HIGH BROW?

Why should the teacher who happens to be teaching a rural school and isn't so fond of the location be haughty and uninterested in her work and in the community? Would you consider that good teaching? Even though the location is remote and isolated and the cowboys not too attentive, being a high brow won't make the work any easier. The teacher who finds herself in such a place should find things which interest her and make the best of the situation. She should have the community spirit; she should be a part of the community in which she teaches. The varied interests of the people should be hers. She should adapt herself to their ways, even though they be disagreeable to her. Above all, she should do her school work well and do her best to give every pupil a square deal.

Did you know that it costs Chicago \$1,500,000 a year for delinquent boys as compared with only \$118,000 for its Boy Scouts?

The annual will be out in just two weeks. Don't be one of the few who don't get one for lack of having made arrangements.

DR. McMULLEN NAMED PRESIDENT

Dr. L. B. McMullen was elected president of the Midland Empire Schoolmen's Club, Saturday noon, April 8, at the final luncheon meeting of the school year. He succeeds A. T. Peterson, superintendent of Billings schools.

The luncheon, held in the gym-

nasium, was served by men of the normal school student body. In addition to a talk by D. I. William, superintendent of schools at Bozeman and president of the Montana Educational Association, there was group singing led by Horace McBride, and tumbling feats executed by a group of men students under the direction of Oscar Bjorgum.

Suggestions for the Students' Summer Reading

NOVELS

"Modern Hero"—Bromfield

"Modern Hero" by Bromfield is a clever and amusing picture of typical American life. It is written with a deft and skillful hand that removes it from the "just another novel" classification. It has humor, pathos, much human interest, and above all is free from the affectation and unnaturalness which spoil many of the new books. The characters are likable and true to life. It is a splendid book for those who like their reading to be neither too "heavy" nor too "light." — Holly Waits.

"Red Mother"—Linderman

A new story of Indian life by one of the most exact and interesting writers of Indian life has just come into the school library. It is "Red Mother" by Linderman. It is the life story of an Indian woman just as it was told by that woman to the author. The story is very much alive and contains some fine humor. —Martha Calvert.

"Arctic Village"—Marshall

Lying north of the Arctic Circle is Koyukuk, described by Robert Marshall in his book "Arctic Village" as the story of a happy people living 200 miles beyond the Twentieth Century.

Critics call it sociology made human, for a whole community is dramatized as if it were the hero of a biography. Without social or civic complications we see Arctic individualism actually working. Right and wrong are regulated by individual decency. There is dignity and value in the life of this tremendous isolation. Every person takes on an important role in the community life and feels that all other people are likewise significant. — Helen Fleming.

"Ann Vickers"—Sinclair Lewis

Don't start this book unless you have lots of time, for it is a long book, and its interest demands continuous reading. With an almost uncanny ability Lewis has been able to read the thoughts of women as exemplified in Ann Vickers as she grows into womanhood. Sordid as it is in many places, the story is one pulsing with life, the life of a woman with all her weaknesses and strength, a real woman, loving, working, fighting, for herself and others.

If you like the brutal, vivid truth of Sinclair Lewis you will enjoy "Ann Vickers." Whatever your opinion may be concerning the book, you can hardly help being moved by its force and power.—Idamae Alexander.

THE "NOMOCO"

We welcome the appearance in the field of college journalism of an interesting new four-column, four-page paper, "The Nomoco," published every two weeks by the associated students of Northern Montana College, at Havre. We notice they also have a president's corner.

PLAYS

"Another Language"—Rose Franklen

Do not read "Another Language" if you are looking for a social problem drama. But don't pass by it because the playwright is a newcomer and her name doesn't have the glamour that O'Neill's does; for in this drama there is some of the brightest dialogue ever written. In addition, the situations are new, and the outcome is well planned and executed. This story is of a family—father, mother, and four sons, all of whom are exactly the same types of character, and the wives of three of them, who are of the same type as their husbands, being either just naturally of that mold or having been pressed into it after years of married life. The fourth son's wife is a newcomer who rebels against their traditions and customs. How she and her husband solve their problems is the plot. The play can be read in less than two hours and a diverting two hours it will be.—Bill Giltner.

NON-FICTION

"Geography"—Hendrick Van Loon

An interesting new geography of the world is the book "Geography" by Hendrik Van Loon. He begins his book with a general discussion of natural influences that are forever infringing upon man—such as seas, deserts, volcanoes, mountain ranges. Upon these he builds the rest of the book, starting with Greece. The simple analogies which he uses to illustrate scientific facts illuminate his account with unforgettable vividness. To make the book interesting he has interwoven clever hand drawings of his own make up. The book stirs the imagination of the reader.—Montana Jones.

"What Tree Is That?"—Cheyney

For those who would like to learn as much about trees as they can in a short time "What Tree Is That?" by E. G. Cheyney is recommended. It gives a clear description of the trees of the United States, and the regions in which they are found. With but a short period of study a student might easily learn enough to enable him to know one tree from another, and to know something about each one.

DO YOU KNOW THESE BOOKS?

Summer reading might well include "Both Your Houses" by Maxwell Anderson, the 1932 Pulitzer prize winner for the best original American play, performed in New York.

Other Pulitzer prizes in letters for 1932 are: best novel by American author, "The Store," by T. S. Stribling; best history of the United States, "The Significance of Section in American History" by Frederick J. Turner; best American biography, "Grover Cleveland" by Allan Nevins; best book of verse, "Conquistador" by Archibald MacLeish.

Willy (sweetly): "Try to eat this cake, Boo. It's really better than it tastes."