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EDITORIALS

THE NEW LIBRARY POLICIES

Since some persons insist on building a personal library at the expense of the public, both the Normal School library and the Public library have been forced to abandon the open shelf. Although the new regulations will probably stop the stealing of books, they are going to handicap the honest student who desires free use of the library and is willing to care for and return books. It seems to be the curse of organized society that the crowds must suffer for the misdeeds of the few.

The disadvantage of the Normal School system is that the student is no longer free to scan through several books on a subject and then take the one desired. Time spent at the card catalog is not wasted, for the mastery of a card catalog is an education in itself; but time spent by the librarian bringing out first one book and then another, until needed material is found, is most certainly wasted.

The Public Library allows a student freedom to go among the stacks and choose books after he has checked his own books and parcels. As the student comes out he is met at the door by a librarian who checks all books. This method has an advantage over the Normal School method, although it may be embarrassing to be treated as a common thief.

It is too bad that libraries find such methods essential, and it is far worse that in a group of would-be teachers book stealing is prevalent. We have one weapon for striking such persons. That is public opinion. Let us never fail to visit severe censure on anyone whom we find abusing his library privileges, for after all he is abusing our privileges too.

HIGH SCHOOL LETTERS

When young men and women have completed their high school education and pass on to college they should lay aside high school letters in the realization that they are being assimilated into a higher group. College students should be recognized by a letter of the institution which they attend, or, if that is not possible, they should be content to remain unadorned, as loyal and conscientious students.

TO OUR NEWCOMERS

We who have been here for our first year or who have our homes in Billings, welcome you who are newcomers and invite you to join us in school activities. Find your particular interest and, if there is a club to sponsor it, join that club. For instance, those dramatically inclined will find pleasure in Katoya, likewise the Sketch and Glee Clubs will claim some. Mr. Shunk is always glad to instruct in the art of plaster casting, and if you are history-minded you should visit the rooms of Mr. Abbott and Mr. Hawkes after class time to read their charts, magazines, etc.

We must admit that former students have formed their circle of friendships, but that circle is never too large to be added to. Attend school functions, join in activities, show that you are a live wire, be interested in what we are doing, and everyone will be glad to have you as a friend. It is difficult to meet people in a new place, but just try saying hello to classmates, regardless of introductions and former discussions, and you will find that they are very glad to know you.

Your next door neighbor is probably new too. Practically two-thirds of our students are strangers, who want friends as badly as you do. Remember that there are very few, sad to say, that try to make friends with one who does not go at least half way.

Where your center of interest lies, there you will find those whom you like and want to know. If you are shy, try to break through that shyness and do your part by being a friend to the world.

Nearly 25 per cent of the teachers employed in Montana have attended E. M. N. S. at some time.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

There are two ways of working one's way through school. We may work for our living, or we may work our professors. We have all attended E. M. N. S. long enough to know the latter is impossible. Students who wish to work, however, can usually find an opportunity. Ours is a small school in a large town, and the people of Billings have been very generous in offering employment to students. Work is available for a large number who could not otherwise receive higher education. Mr. Stuber estimates that at the present time between one-third and one-half of the student body is earning at least part of its living.

Working for a living while going to school is not an easy task. It

means sacrifice of social and extra-curricular activities. It means long hours, and it demands a strict budgeting of time.

Most of the students who are working are living in the best homes in Billings and enjoying a standard of living for which they are expected to give something in return. Students are taken into these homes because they can be of some service there. Working for room and board is vastly different from living at home. Unless the student can make himself of some value to the home owner he is not wanted.

At the same time school work must be done. After all, the main motive for being in Billings is to attend school, and a regular schedule is a load in itself.

It is not impossible to work and go to school, however. It has been and is being done. Records show that during the fall quarter of 1932 one hundred and twenty-six students worked for at least part, if not all, of their living. Among these were some of the best students—students who succeeded in so budgeting their time and energy that both work and studies were well done.

If students find working while attending school too difficult, it would probably be advisable to carry fewer subjects. If some sacrifice must be made, there is more satisfaction to be gained from less work well done than from much work indifferently done.

GIRLS, NOTICE

The freedom allowed us in inviting guests to our parties makes it necessary that each girl be responsible for the conduct of the boy she asks. Let's not lose this privilege through negligence.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY

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Vice-President.....Orton Serrine, Billings
Secretary-Treasurer.....Joe Weinschrott, Plevna
Student Council—Ray Stevens, Forsyth; Sally Warner, Billings; Jack McLean, Roundup; and Don Foote, Billings.

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BOOK REVIEW

"Julia Newberry's Diary" by Janet A. Fairbank is a quaint little record of the life of a socially prominent girl in the old Chicago, before and during the era of the great fire. It shows the social customs and habits of the time and also reveals the personality and charm of an attractive girl. There are humor, pathos, and tragedy in the pages of "Julia Newberry's Diary."

ECHO HAS NEW ROOM ON THIRD FLOOR

This quarter, for the first time, the members of the Rimrock Echo staff can boast of a special room in which to carry on. Room 44 on the third floor has been set aside for that purpose, and there one may find the staff members busily typing, reading proof, and—yes—gossiping.