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LOAN FOR NEW BUILDINGS GRANTED

ALL SCHOOL DANCE FRIDAY AT COLISEUM

On Friday, October 26, the first important all school event of the year will be held at the Coliseum from 9 to 12 o'clock. It will take the form of a home coming dance for former students, many of whom will be in attendance at the M. E. A. Music will be furnished by the Coliseum orchestra. You are urged to reach the Coliseum by 8:45 p. m., as dancing will begin promptly at 9 o'clock.

Admission by Tickets

It will be a strictly informal affair. Activity tickets will admit Normal School students and their partners. Former students are limited to one guest. They will be admitted on a special 25-cent ticket, one ticket necessary for each person. Because of the increased cost of rental no refreshments will be served, but the management will operate a soft drink stand for the benefit of those who desire it.

All arrangements have been under the direction of the social committee, which is headed by Dr. Hines.

M. E. A. MEETS IN BILLINGS

The Eastern District of the Montana Education Association will meet in Billings on October 25, 26, 27. Seventeen counties from eastern Montana are included in the Eastern District, according to N. C. Abbott, who is secretary-treasurer of the Eastern District. It is thought that about 1000 teachers will be present.

Luncheons To Be Held

On the same date three other districts of the M. E. A. will meet at Butte, Great Falls and Kalispell. Miss Meek will meet with the E. M. N. S. alumni at Butte and Miss Roberts at Great Falls. It is thought that about 1000 teachers will be present in Billings.

STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE WEEK-END SCHEDULE

Classes will be dismissed Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27 for the M. E. A. Convention, which is to be held in Billings.

This dismissal does not mean an opportunity for students to go home for the week-end. They will be expected to attend the Friday morning session to be held at 9 o'clock and the Saturday morning session at 10 o'clock, both to be held in the Fox Theatre.

Attendance at these meetings will be compulsory and activity tickets will be checked.

ABBOTTS ENTERTAIN SECOND YEAR CLASS

Over 100 second year students put away their dignity for Thursday evening, October 17, and enjoyed a very delightful party given by Mr. and Mrs. Abbott at the Presbyterian Church.

Students Furnish Program

A program, games and singing occupied the evening. Prizes for different games were won by the following students: Bernice Haynes, Glenn Livingston, Rose Myron, Pearl Maxwell, Elaine Erther, Eugenie Wise. The student committee which planned the program was Lois Reynolds, Vyra Heslep, Bill Becklen, and Walter Gilbert.

To become better acquainted with one another, each student introduced himself to the group by giving his name and address.

Refreshments were served later in the evening. Assisting the hostess in serving were Miss Dorothy LeClaire and Miss Franklyn Williams.

Those participating in the program were: piano duet, Ernestine Ross and Laurine Crossen; reading, LaVerne Babcock; reading, Price Rigby; piano solo, Mary Gibbs; vocal solo, Andy Hofmeister; vocal and banjo solo, Walter Gilbert; Indian dance, Bill Becklen, Glenn Livingston, Hilton Utterback, Virgil Dowell, Vance Bronson, Phil Matross, and Clyde Carrington.

F. E. R. A. Gives Jobs To Many Students

Under the F. E. R. A. program E. M. N. S. is able to give employment to 43 students, which is 12 per cent of the enrollment on November 1, 1933. At least half of these must be first year students.

Each student worker is to be given approximately 50 hours of work per month at 30 cents per hour. The average wage is to be \$15 a month with a maximum of \$20 a month.

In order to secure this work personal application must be made to the faculty committee appointed by Dr. McMullen. The committee decides whether or not the applicant is deserving of this help.

These jobs are not all supplied in the school itself, but the work done must be of some social value to the school or to the community.

ARCHERY CLASS IS ORGANIZED

The first archery class was held Monday, October 8, under the supervision of Mr. Bjorgum. The ten members enrolled are to buy their supplies and make the bows and arrows. The class will meet in the gym on Wednesdays from one until three, but later on, practice will be held outdoors.

KATOYAS TO EQUIP STAGE AT NORMAL

The Katoya Players held a meeting Tuesday, October 16, for the purpose of electing officers. Lois Reynolds was elected president; Irene Pierce, vice president; LaVerne Babcock, secretary and Price Rigby, treasurer.

Members of Katoya have pledged themselves to raise \$1500 for the equipment of the new stage.

Former Members Will Aid

Pledge cards are being sent to all former members asking them to make a pledge of three to five dollars payable March, 1935.

All former members who see this article and who do not receive pledge cards are asked to send in their contributions.

Katoya is the oldest organization of E. M. N. S., and it has always been their object to equip a stage, and now with the new buildings in sight it seems they will be able to fulfill their object.

Student Local Active At All M. E. A. Sessions

A special M. E. A. meeting was called Wednesday, October 17, by the president, Inez Waddell. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint committees for the luncheon, which is to be given on Friday, October 26 for former students who are attending the state M. E. A. convention here.

Members of the local M. E. A. are to usher at all sessions of the convention which are to be held at the Methodist Church and the Fox Theatre.

Committee Chairmen Chosen

Chairmen of the committees were appointed as follows:

Ushers — Arvilla Terrell, Thursday, 7:15, Methodist Church; Clyde Carrington, Friday, 8:45, Fox Theatre; Inez Waddell, Saturday, 8:45, Fox Theatre.

Luncheon — Decoration, Harriet McAllister; serving, Esther Myrdal; kitchen, Annabelle Whaley; menus, Pauline Beall, Sybil Christiani; clean up, Audrey Edmonds; set up, Glen Livingston.

SHUNK PLANTING TREES ON SITE OF BUILDING

Members of the Billings Garden Club have donated a large quantity of trees, shrubs and flowers to Mr. Shunk, for beautifying the school site. The gift is in appreciation of the excellent manner in which Mr. Shunk has cooperated with the club during the past two years. He has sponsored their program, and the club has used his class room as its meeting place.

Trees given Mr. Shunk include 15 junipers, one a very beautiful blue specimen; 3 cat spruce; 2 Engelmann spruce; 6 ash trees; (Continued on Page 4)

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR NEW BUILDINGS

Word was received recently from D. A. McKinnon, State Engineer of the P. W. A., that the loan and grant of \$250,000 for the new Eastern Montana Normal School building has been approved. Although this fund is not available immediately, the grant of money is a certainty, and it is hoped that the construction will begin early next spring. Therefore the building should be ready for occupancy by October 1935.

Now the administrative authorities are waiting for the contract to be sent from the P. W. A. in Washington. Upon its receipt, it will be signed by the State Board of Education.

Legal Troubles Solved

For more than a year the request has been entered for the loan, but legal complications have left the matter virtually hanging on thin air. At a special session of the Legislature in February the school authorities were granted permission to pledge the income accruing from the land grant of the school to repay the loan. The P. W. A. board questioned the legality of this action, however, and it became necessary to secure a Supreme Court decision in a test case. This was done in June and the way was clear for the loan. However at this time, the P. W. A. funds were temporarily exhausted. The State Land Board came to the rescue and offered to take \$250,000 of local bonds now held by the P. W. A. in return for our land bonds, and the final obstacle was removed.

Actual work upon the building will be deferred until next spring, BUT WE ARE TO HAVE A BUILDING.

Faculty Members Appear On M. E. A. Programs

At the Great Falls section of the M. E. A. Miss Roberts will speak at the Fine Arts sectional meeting, her subject being "Classroom Problems in the Modern Art Program."

At the Billings section Dr. Hines will speak on the "Exceptional Child in Montana Schools" at the general session Friday and again before the Primary section on "The Child's Imagination."

Mr. Hawkes will discuss "Ancient History for Sixth Graders" before the Intermediate section. At the Social Science section he will speak on "Can We Meet the Challenge of Youth?"

Miss Nourse will aid in a discussion on "Methods in Presenting Note-Reading" before the Music section.

Mr. Dean will speak on "Rural School Equipment" at the County Superintendents' section.