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EDITORIALS

A STUDENT SOCIAL COMMITTEE

In the past the faculty has taken the responsibility of initiating the social program. It is the opinion of many that the students themselves would benefit by the experience gained from initiating and administering their own social program.

In many schools and colleges the students gain this experience through the organization of a student social committee whose responsibility it is to sponsor the social program. If such a social committee were established in E. M. N. S. would the students take this responsibility? Of course, there are difficulties in our school which other colleges do not have to contend with. We are a two-year school and many of our students drop out at the end of the first year. However, this situation will not continue after the new law goes into effect in 1936, requiring graduation from a two-year course, before students can teach.

There are some drawbacks to the plan. A social program planned and administered by the students will not run so smoothly and efficiently, at first, as one sponsored by the faculty members who are experienced in carrying out a social program. However, the experience the students would gain from planning and administering their own social program would more than compensate for the lack of efficiency.

The social committee should not include too large a number, for "What is everybody's business, is nobody's business." Representatives from the three divisions of the first year class and from the second year class could be chosen by the student body. It would perhaps be better to have the first year members chosen at the end of the fall quarter, because the students would know each other by that time and a wiser choice could be made. At the beginning of the winter quarter the first year representatives could take up their duties with the second year members.

The purpose of the social committee would be to act as a planning board to "map out" the social program. The members could appoint committees from the student body to execute their plans. In this way, a large number of students would share in the responsibility for the social program. There would be two checks upon the powers of the committee: A faculty committee or faculty adviser to whom all plans should be submitted for approval before undertaking them, and the student council with whom rests the responsibility for the financial end of the entire program.

Only by trying this plan or some other plan which will allow the students to assume responsibility can we answer the question, "Can E. M. N. S. students take responsibility for the social program?" Now is the time to experiment, to find out the faults and the strength of the plan. Then upon the completion of the new school building the school will be ready to initiate a social program which will work. It will require time and effort to perfect any plan, but surely all good things must have a beginning. Won't you give thought to this matter?

AN APPRECIATION OF DR. McMULLEN

All our outward signs or words of appreciation are inadequate in expressing our inward feelings toward a true friend, helper, and adviser.

Our tribute at the Wednesday luncheon celebrating our president's birthday merely touched the surface of the students' high esteem for Dr. McMullen. He is our true friend, helper and adviser at all times. Anytime is the time he is ready to lend a helping hand to aid us along the rough spots in the highway of education. His attitude of friendliness and helpfulness will be one of our most highly treasured memories of E. M. N. S.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

What is school spirit? A sense of right? A duty which, painful though it may seem, must be performed? A mere show of power? Loyalty?

School spirit is none of these. It goes deeper than this, so deeply, in fact, that little minds and small people can know nothing about it. School spirit is pride, love, loyalty, service all rolled into one. It is the wish to protect, the will to give, the right to uphold.

School spirit is also necessary to any institution which is to grow and develop and be secure. It is necessary, the thing which this, your school, expects of you. Are you too little, too small, to be capable of such feeling? If not, show your school spirit, not merely at athletic events, but also when speaking of your school, when working for your school, when thinking of your school.

It's worth it.

The annual is more than a school publication; it's a gate to a garden of memories. No matter what the cost of the book in dollar and cents it's of inestimable value to you and me, who have lived those events in reality.

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Many students do not realize that E. M. N. S. is an integral part of the unified system for higher education, known as the Greater University of Montana.

There are six units of the Greater University, namely, the State University at Missoula, the State School of Mines at Butte, the State College at Bozeman, the State Normal College at Dillon, the Eastern Montana Normal School at Billings and the Northern Montana School at Havre. These units are governed by an Executive Council made up of the six presidents, thus giving equal representation for each institution. The activities of this governing council are administered by Dr. H. H. Swain, the executive secretary, whose office is in Helena. This council was formerly composed of the deans of each college under the guidance of a Chancellor.

When first founded, these institutions were administered independently by local executive boards under the supervision of the State Board of Education, which is composed of the Governor, the Attorney General, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and other members appointed by the Governor.

In 1913, by act of the legislature, the four institutions existing then, at Missoula, Butte, Bozeman and Dillon, were combined into the University of Montana under an executive officer titled Chancellor. This action was taken to unify the higher education and to do away with the rivalry and lobbying which had always existed among the institutions.

In 1927 and 1929 the Eastern Montana Normal School and the Northern Montana College, respectively, came into existence and were included in the University system. Thus six units of the University of Montana are now formed.

In 1933 the Montana State Legislature failed to appropriate funds to support the office of Chancellor. This caused the resignation of the Chancellor, Dr. M. A. Brannon. The University units are now unified by the office of the Executive Secretary of the University of Montana.

JOHNSTON REAPPOINTED

On last Monday Governor Cooney announced the reappointment of Mr. Wm. Johnston as a member of the State Board of Education for a term of four years.

Mr. Johnston has already served eleven years as a member of the board, and his reappointment is an evidence of the excellent work which he has done for higher education in Montana.

WOOD TO GIVE ADDRESS ON EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE

Mr. Ben Wood, director of the Cooperative Testing Service of New York City, will be in Billings on February 15-16 to address the joint meeting of the P.-T. A. and city school teachers concerning the underlying philosophy of the program in Educational Guidance which the organization is carrying on in about twelve public school systems in the U. S. Billings is one of the participating schools.

Terrell Heads Roll With Perfect Average

Miss Arvilla Terrell of Billings topped the Eastern Montana Normal School honor roll with a perfect average for the fall quarter, it was revealed Monday by Registrar Harry N. Stuber.

She earned 45 grade points and 15 credits. Her nearest rival was LaVern Babcock, who received 43 grade points on 17.5 credits.

Others on the list and their grade points are:

Viola Barker, 37; Bill Bowen, 34.5; Vance Bronson, 34; Clyde Carrington, 35; Harriett Cole, 34; Hazel Coles, 33.5; Carol Easton, 33; Mildred Ephland, 32.5; Irene Bille, 36; Jean Hamre, 34; Lorna Harms, 36; Anne Helder, 41; Margaret Hessler, 36; Emogene Howard, 38.5.

Lois Jane Howard, 33; Curtis Hughes, 33; Alice Jacobson, 36; Maggie Johnson, 36.5; Olive Lindland, 33; Glen Livingston, 38; Esther Ludwig, 39; Collette Mari-Hart, 33; Valentine Matross, 33.5.

Mary Ostwald, 35.5; Irene Pierce, 39; Ruby Pinnick, 33; Price Rigby, 36; Lester Ristow, 34.5; Mary Vaughn, 42; Loretta Waddell, 35, and Annabelle Whaley, 34.

See David Copperfield

Coming to Billings next week is the picture "David Copperfield," the best known of Dickens' stories. Metro Goldwyn had the services of Hugh Walpole, a Dickens expert, for more than a year in the making of the script.

Many episodes are omitted, but the main incidents and all the important characters will stand revealed on the screen. Most of the cast are English, but the real hit of the play is the long-winded Micawber, perfectly cast by W. C. Fields, who dominates all the scenes and reaches a high point in the final scene with Uriah Heep (Roland Young.) A 10-year-old English boy, Freddy Bartholomew, does a fine piece of acting as the youthful David, and Edna May Oliver is a very satisfying Aunt Betsy Trotwood.

In all, we are promised an evening of superlative entertainment in "David Copperfield," to be seen at the Fox, February 17-18-19.

Other Dickens stories, now being filmed, are "Tale of Two Cities" and "Pickwick Papers" by Warner Bros; and "Great Expectations," filmed by Universal.

BRANCATO NEXT IN SERIES

The next number of the Community Concert Series at the Babcock Theatre on February 18 will feature Rose Marie Brancato, the 23-year-old soprano who made her debut last year in the Chicago Opera Company as Gilda in Rigoletto.

She will sing the beautiful Caronmi from Rigoletto in her program here in Billings.

Miss Brancato has had a wonderful reception in all her public appearances.

There will be no reserved seats but good seats will be available for all. The basketball game scheduled for the same night will be played off early in order that students may attend the concert.