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EASTERN DISTRICT OF M.E.A. MEETS HERE THIS WEEK

W. A. A. Will Sponsor First All School Party On Saturday Night

GOOD STUNTS AND GOOD EATS PROMISED

The W. A. A. members are to be hostesses at an all-school Halloween party on Saturday night, October 31, in the gymnasium. No outsiders are invited, and every student is expected to attend. It is not a masquerade, but students are urged to come in costume or old clothes.

Chairmen for the different committees have been appointed—General Chairman, Helen Swan; Food, Bonita Everett; Decorations, Agnes Helgeland; Entertainment, Helen Friedrich.

Every member is acting on one of these committees and work is in progress. Good eats and a snappy program are promised. The A, B, and C divisions of the Freshman class will put on stunts, and individual groups of seniors will perform.

Preaching Mission Closes, Famous Speakers Here

Today is the last of a four-day visit to Billings by the National Preaching Mission who arrived here last Sunday from their last stop at Omaha, Neb.

Mass meetings were held nightly in the auditorium at the fairgrounds, and sectional meetings were in session at all churches in the city during morning and afternoon hours.

Billings business and professional men and women, educators and church members attended in large numbers. The mission was preceded by daily meditation and prayer meetings held in a number of Billings homes from 10 to 10:30 a. m., and many persons observed "The Angelus" each day at 5 p. m., the attention to which was called by the ringing of church bells.

Music by Mass Choir

The music during the meetings was furnished by a massed choir taken from all protestant churches of Billings and directed by L. W. Upshaw, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Great Falls.

Dr. L. B. McMullen, president of E. M. S. N. S. The coming of the mission at this time when hope and faith seem to be at low ebb over the entire world should be especially helpful.

The outstanding speakers were: Dr. E. Stanley Jones of India, noted missionary and author; The Rev. Albert W. Beaven of Rochester, N. Y., president of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Miss Muriel Lester, the Jane Addams of London, founder and director of the Kingsley House, and the Rev. Ivan Lee Holt, president of the Federal Council students.

GENERAL SESSIONS

Thursday, Oct. 29, 8:00 p. m.—High School Auditorium.

Main Speakers—Miss Elizabeth Ireland, State Superintendent; Dr. L. B. McMullen; Dr. George W. Fosier, President of Colorado State Teachers College, Greeley.

Friday, Oct. 30, 10:00 a. m.—E. M. S. N. S. Auditorium—

Main Speakers—Dr. George F. Simmons, President of State University, Missoula; Dr. George W. Fosier.

Friday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p. m.—High School Auditorium—

All-State Chorus under direction of Dean De Loss Smith, School of Music.

Saturday, Oct. 30, 10:00 a. m.—E. M. S. N. S. Auditorium.

Main Speakers—Mr. A. T. Peterson; Mrs. John E. Hayes, Auxiliary Field Staff, National Congress of Parents and Teachers; and Mr. George Selke, President of State Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minn.

Sectional Programs

Friday, Oct. 30—8:00 a. m.-10:00 a. m.—E. M. S. N. S. Building.
2:30 p. m.- 4:30 p. m.—E. M. S. N. S. Building.

Social and Entertainment Features

Friday, Oct. 30, 12:00 Noon—E. M. S. N. S. Auditorium, Home Coming Luncheon.

Friday, Oct. 30, 9:00 p. m.—E. M. S. N. S. Auditorium, Jubilee Party and Dance for all teachers and escorts.

Saturday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p. m.—Public School Stadium, Football game, Miles City vs. Billings.

MR. ABBOTT PRESIDES NO SCHOOL OCT. 30, 31

The Eastern District of the M. E. A. will meet in Billings, beginning tomorrow, October 29 and continuing through Saturday. Two general sessions and all the sectional meetings will be held at the Normal School, the others being held in the High School Auditorium. Students of the E. M. S. N. S. will be admitted to any of the meetings in our school by the presentation of their activity tickets. There will be no classes either Friday or Saturday and students are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the meetings.

Rural Choir Friday A. M.

One of the special features of the general session program Friday morning will be the appearance of the Rural School Choir, enlisted from Stillwater, Yellowstone, and Sweet Grass Counties. The choir has been organized under the direction and impetus of the Midland Empire Elementary Teachers Association of Yellowstone County, most of whom are E. M. S. N. S. graduates.

230 In All-State Chorus

The All-State Chorus, which will appear at the High School Auditorium on Friday night is a high light of the convention. It is composed of high school pupils who were selected by Mr. Cutts, Supervisor of Music in the Billings schools. He selected about 230 of the best singers from 30 high schools. Schools sending these singers are: Anaconda, Bearcreek, Big Timber, Bozeman, Broadus, Butte, Circle, Columbus, Conrad, Custer, Cutbank, Deer Lodge, Denton, Dodson, Dutton, Glendive, Grass Range, Alberton, Harlowton, Havre, Hysham, Lewistown, Livingston, Lodge Grass, Miles City, Power, Richey, Sidney, Terry and Thompson Falls.

The music supervisors of these towns have trained the students in the selections to be used in the concert. When they arrive in Billings they will have the first mass rehearsal under the direction of Miss Marguerite Hood, state music supervisor, and the final rehearsal will be on Friday morning.

Jubilee Party In Gym

The jubilee party, which will follow the All-State Chorus, will be a dance sponsored jointly by the Billings Chamber of Commerce and the Normal School, for the entertainment of association members, Normal School graduates, and former students with the faculty and Normal School as hosts.

We wonder who will be the first person to fall up the new steps.

Dr. Mackaye Addresses Students At Assembly

At an all school assembly Monday, Dr. John Mackaye, president of Princeton Theological Institute, spoke on the subject, "The Will to Power."

Using the dangers of the jungle as a background, he compared the deadly python which crushes and devours its victims, to the ruthless power of large corporations to destroy small competitors and large nations to crush weak nations. The snake which fascinates its victim before destroying it he compared to the powerful leaders who use their personality for their own gain and others' destruction.

Turning to Nietzsche's philosophy he spoke of star-minded nations and people who kept aloof from the troubles of weaker ones, refusing to aid in any way. This isolationist policy creates the Totalitarian state.

He reminded his audience that youth can avoid these three wrong uses of power only by substituting the Will to Serve. "The only hope of a permanent future," he said, "is the application of the ideal, 'Not to be served but to serve.' It is the crystallization of all that is best in occidental civilizations."

YOUTH MEETINGS POPULAR

College and high school students and other young people have crowded the lecture room at the Methodist Church to hear the lectures prepared for their guidance.

Monday at 4:00, Miss Muriel Lester, head of Kingsley House, London, England, addressed the group. Tuesday at 4:00 the young people heard a very interesting talk on India by Dr. E. Stanley Jones.



PROFESSOR N. C. ABBOTT

Professor N. C. Abbott, as president of the Eastern District of M. E. A., comes to the climax of a period of active service in the cause of education in Montana. In 1933-'34 he was secretary of the Eastern District, and in 1934-'35 he was elected vice president. Last October at Miles City he was elected president.

He has frequently served as a member of the Delegate Assembly of M. E. A., and is now a member of the executive board of that body.

In 1932 Professor Abbott formed our Student Local of the M. E. A., the first in the state.