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## EDITORIALS



### A GREETING TO NEWCOMERS

Welcome to all you who are attending E. M. S. N. S. for the first time. We are glad to see you traveling with us, and may your journey be pleasant.

Now that all the strangeness and newness has worn off, don't you feel more as if you "belonged"? And what could make you feel more in the spirit of things than joining a school organization?

There is variety enough to fill the average student's needs. For you who are particularly interested in art, there is the Sketch Club. For the actors and actresses, there is the Katoya Players, the oldest organization in E. M. S. N. S. Those who wish to learn more about teaching and education should join the M. E. A., and you girls who are adept at sports will get a chance to show your skill if you attach yourselves to the Women's Athletic Association.

One reminder, though. Don't just JOIN a club, but attend it, put all you have into it, and you will find that this phase of your school life is one you will want to remember forever.

### FREE SPEECH

Voltaire once said, "I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to death your right to say it." This is the time, in the midst of a presidential campaign, when that particular right of freedom of speech which our forefathers gave us, should be most jealously guarded. Through the far flung channels of radio communication the views of both parties are made available to countless millions, sitting comfortably at home with the opportunity to ponder the speeches of Roosevelt, Landon, Al Smith, Knox and other leaders. Each has had his say again and again with no effort at censorship. Thus the voters have had every opportunity to hear both sides. Though Senator Vandenberg claimed that his speech of October 17 was cut off the air through the "partisanship of the politically minded Federal Radio Commission," most fair-minded citizens are willing to credit the truth of the explanation made by Columbia Broadcasting System.

But there have been some occasions when free speech has been denied. In miniature, such an attempt was the riot on the campus of Smith College caused when an over-zealous group of Roosevelt supporters sought to break up a meeting of the Landon-for-President Club. Far more serious was the refusal of the mayor of Terre Haute, Indiana, to allow the Communist candidate, Earl Browder, to speak in that city and the arrest which followed. All sincere advocates of the democratic principles should deplore that incident. Such intervention would be impossible in England where the right of any citizen to speak his mind on any subject is sacred. A good humored English bobby elbowed his way through a wrangling crowd in Hyde Park, saying good humoredly, "Them as wants to burn Winchester Castle will please step on this side and them as don't on the other side." This attitude is a greater guarantee against the dangers of Communism than any type of repression.

### SCHOOL SPIRIT

The student who gets the most out of school must cherish the same ideal in school as in life. The highest satisfaction is to be found in giving, not in taking. The student who thinks first of the interests of the school, who is jealous of its good name, who is eager to aid in any enterprise which will be to its benefit, who is willing to sacrifice time and personal advantage for its welfare, is the one who will find school a delight and its memory a satisfaction.

Such a student has the finest sort of school spirit. School spirit consists not so much in cheering for the team in victory or in supporting it in times of defeat, as in being loyal as to its ideals and purpose.

School spirit, in fact, is not noise—it is an attitude of mind and heart. It manifests itself in pride in the appearance of the school and its surroundings and in thoughtful care of its property. Students who have true school spirit are considerate of schoolmates and teachers and are enthusiastic and loyal supporters to all school activities.

How many of us, measured by these qualifications, have true school spirit?

In Costa Rica's new coinage the equivalent of a dollar is known as a colon. A half-dollar we presume, will be a semi-colon, with two-bits about equal to a comma.

Sheep are on the increase in Montana. Consequently they are producing almost as much "blah" as our politicians.

### N. Y. A. Offers Montana Students Much Work

A report from the N. Y. A. offices at Helena, of which Mr. J. B. Love is state director, states that the National Youth Administration in Washington has granted to Montana \$16,046 per month to give employment to 1,574 high school students and 1,100 more students from the drouth-stricken area at a maximum payment of \$6.00 per month for each student.

To give assistance to needy college students, Montana was granted \$12,030 per month, which will allow 802 students to earn an average of \$15 per month. \$210 per month was granted in addition to care for seven graduate students at a maximum of \$30 per month. These funds have all been allocated to ten colleges of the state of Montana which have met the eligibility requirements to participate in the N. Y. A. College Aid program.

In the E. M. S. N. S., Mr. H. N. Stuber reports 63 additional working on N. Y. A. at the present time. They are listed as follows: 3, Administrative offices; 3, Chas. Dean; 3, L. R. Foote; 11, Public Library; 8, Supt. A. T. Peterson and Public Schools; 1, Dr. H. C. Hines; 5, Miss Pauline Rich; 1, R. A. Shunk; 1, County Superintendent of Schools; 5, Wm. Chase, Custodian; 1, Martha E. Dewey; 11, Oscar Bjorgum for campus work; 2, J. L. Hawkes; 2, City Engineer; 2, Miss Marjorie Stevenson; 2, N. C. Abbott; 1, Post Office Department; 1, Miss Mary Meek.

These people are between the ages of 16 and 25 years; have at least a "C" average if former students; and have shown that they must have work to continue in school. Of the 63, 15 are men and 48 are women.

They are not being used to replace help but that would otherwise be hired; therefore they are not cutting anyone else out of work. The public offices in which they work do not operate for profit. The National Youth Administration is supposed to give the young people valuable work experience and to benefit youth in the community.

These people work at the rate of 30 cents per hour. They draw from \$5 to \$15 per month. The first day of school is taken as the starting point and the fourth Saturday after that date is the close of the month. "Under our arrangements," states Mr. Stuber, "an N. Y. A. month ends on the 24th of the month."

Students who are working will hasten the return of the money if they will see that pay rolls are in our hands not later than the 24th of the month. After receiving these we have to collect all information on a detailed pay roll for the whole institution. The pay roll goes to Helena where checks are written. We can't send pay roll for anyone until we get all of them."

The Nazi government of Germany has banned all writings by Jews. However, some of the poems by Heine are so well beloved that it is difficult to ban them. That is no problem to the Nazi; the poems appear in school books marked, "Author Unknown."

### KIWANIS CLUB TAKE STUDENTS ON TOUR

Billings Kiwanis Club members conducted a "get acquainted with Billings" tour for E. M. S. N. S. students on Sunday afternoon, October 11. Twelve cars driven by Kiwanis men assembled at the Commercial Club about 4 p. m. Although each driver laid his own course, nearly all important points of interest were visited by each of the 44 students who went on the tour. The Echo reporter was much impressed by what she saw.

Billings Municipal Airport, the Bill Hart Monument, Captain Yellowstone Kelly's grave, and Boothill Monument were stopping places on the Rimrock Drive. Smith Brothers' Fox Farm was visited by a number of the students. About 250 foxes are being raised for the fur market on this farm. Many of Billings' growing industries were pointed out by the guide, namely: Yale Oil Refinery, Billings Livestock Commission Co., Russell-Miller Milling Co., and Great Western Sugar Co., where the manufacture of the fall harvest of beets is in full swing. A visit to the Billings water purification plant would be worth-while to all E. M. S. N. S. students. Proof as to the effectiveness of the plant is that in 21 years not one case of typhoid has been traced to the city's water.

### Intermountain Union Combines With Poly

The Polytechnic Institute has officially affiliated and welcomed Intermountain Union College, formerly 115 students to make the total enrollment in all departments 366.

Intermountain Union was moved to Great Falls last year and completed the term there following the havoc of the Helena earthquakes. The institution will carry on here rather than rebuild.

### KEEP TO THE LEFT!

Students! In walking to and from school, walk on the left side of the road after leaving Thirtieth Street. Thus you are facing oncoming traffic and will be out of the way of cars coming behind you. Also if you walk on the left instead of straggling across the entire driveway on your way to the east door you will afford the motorists less annoyance and yourselves less danger.

### Our Enrollment Fourth Largest In State

The enrollment at all the units of the Great University of Montana at the end of the first week were:

State University at Missoula.....	1193
State College at Bozeman.....	1251
School of Mines at Butte.....	261
Normal College at Dillon.....	275
Northern Montana College at	

Havre.....	380
E. M. S. N. S.....	280

It is interesting to note that we have a larger enrollment than either the School of Mines or the Normal College at Dillon. E. M. S. N. S. is a much younger school than either of these.