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## FIRST ALL-SCHOOL LUNCHEON TO BE HELD TODAY

### Big Dance Sponsored by M. E. A. Local in Gym Proves Popular

#### SIX PRIZES ARE GIVEN FOR FEATURE NUMBERS

A school dance was given in the gymnasium under the sponsorship of the local M. E. A. on Friday night, November 21. This party was financed by the student council and the music was furnished by Vern Clark's Orchestra.

#### Novelty Dances Added Spice

The party started off with a bang and there wasn't a dull minute throughout the evening. During the evening there were several novelty dances given. In the first, a "lucky number" dance, numbered cards were thrown on the floor and when the music stopped the person lucky enough to be standing on the number called won a prize. The four who won prizes were Bob Patterson, Herbert Berg, Irene Young and Don Mammon. A novelty balloon dance furnished a great deal of entertainment. The boys were given pins and the girls were given balloons, which they were required to wear around their wrists. Our hats are off to Virginia Huffman and Max Buitenveld, who were so skillful at dodging they came out the lucky winners. The prize waltz was won by Katherine Williams and Joe Weinschrott.

#### Phoebe Baker Dances

A lunch of angel food cake and orange punch was served at 11, while the stage was being prepared for Phoebe Baker, who did several tap dances. She was accompanied by Ralph Loomis at the piano.

#### Social Committee Praised

Those on the social committee were: Helen Hughes, chairman, Helen McKee, Ruth Toothaker, Nellie Fairburn and Delbert Serrine. Those on the program committee were: Hope Rockwell, chairman, Virginia Huffman, Jean Hickok, Shirley Lee, Dorothy Farris and Homer Loucks. We wish to compliment these committees and all others on the success of this party. Let's have more like them.

#### DR. McMULLEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Dr. L. B. McMullen was elected president of the Yellowstone Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America at a dinner and business meeting held in the Normal School gymnasium November 12. Dr. McMullen has taken an active part in this council for the last nine years. The dinner was served to 75 members of the council and their guests by 25 E. M. S. N. S. students and the faculty advisers who have supervision over the serving.

#### Division of Scout Groups

The Boy Scouts of America is a national organization with the President of the United States as Hon-

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#### Fox Theatre Issues Special Student Tickets

Through the special efforts of Mr. John Trehwela, manager of the local Fox Theater, the E. M. S. N. S. students will again be able to attend the Fox Theater at a reduced rate of 5 cents. Special identification tickets have been printed which will carry a number and signature of the student and will be absolutely non-transferable. A new ticket will be issued for each quarter. These identification tickets may be obtained at the Book Store. When presented at the box office along with the student activity ticket, the student will be sold a ticket for the show for 25 cents. These tickets will be good at any time except bank night, Saturday, Sunday and holiday nights and evening performances of road shows. The opportunity still remains, however, to see practically any show which comes to the Fox Theater because, although the tickets are not good at night on these special occasions, they are good for matinees on these days.

Since this is a very special concession which the manager is able to get for Billings, although it is not in effect in any other Fox Theater in the organization, it is very important that students follow carefully the rules that have been laid down. Attempts to lend tickets to friends are likely to cause the privilege to be withdrawn.

#### December Graduation Under New Plan

At the faculty meeting Wednesday, November 18th, it was decided to have an all-school luncheon honoring the December graduates on Wednesday, December 16, instead of the usual faculty-senior dinner and commencement exercises. The graduates will wear caps and gowns and receive diplomas at this time. The one commencement for the school year will be held in June, when graduates of the other two quarters, fall and winter, are expected to participate. Since there is usually a very large class of graduates at the end of the summer session, there will be a special commencement at that time.

#### Nine Candidates for Diplomas

Nine candidates have applied for diplomas for the December graduation. The diplomas, which come in blue leather folders with gold lining, have been ordered from the business office and are expected to arrive soon.

The sheep counter who was fast and accurate explained, "I just count their feet and divide by four."

#### SANDBURG TO APPEAR HERE IN JANUARY

Carl Sandburg, nationally prominent American poet, is to appear on the stage of E. M. S. N. S. gym on January 29. It will be with great interest mixed with curiosity that many of us will attend his lecture. His free verse has been described as "brutal in its frank expression," and he has shocked some of the more conventional reading public, but the great originality and sincerity of his works have won general recognition. He has used the native idiom of the uneducated masses, furnishing poignant glimpses into the inner life of those who cannot speak for themselves. Mr. Sandburg gained national prominence when, in 1914, his "Chicago" won the Levinson prize. In 1921 Mr. Sandburg shared the Pulitzer award for poetry with Stephen Benet. The

#### Eye Testing Program Begun by Mr. Dean

Mr. Dean started an eye-testing program in the first grades of the Billings Public Schools as a part of a study to determine the reading readiness of first grade children. This program has developed into quite a large project. At the present approximately one-half of all of the first grade children have been tested. They expect to complete the entire first grade by Christmas.

The work is carried on as an N. Y. A. project under the supervision of Mr. Dean. The project has the support of two of the leading eye specialists of Billings.

Ruth Blanchard and Jean Jimmerson are administering these tests. They have found either major or minor eye defects in about one-third of the children tested so far. Notices are sent home by the school nurse, Mrs. Ralston, when defects are found, and quite a large number of children have been treated.

This testing program is a new development worked out by Dr. Betts of the Normal School of Oswego, N. Y. The tests are called the "Betts Ready to Read Test."

The machine which is used is called the Orthomatic Telebinocular. This machine is able to test both eyes at once to see if they coordinate; and can fuse images obtained by each eye into a single clear-cut picture. Eye tests supervised in the past tested only the amount that one saw with each eye separately.

The enthusiasm for the project has developed to such a point that school authorities are urging that the testing project be carried on throughout the entire school system.

#### SPONSORED BY KATOYA "C" DIVISIONS SERVE

Today for the first time the new students will be introduced to an all school luncheon. It will be served in the basement lunch room under the sponsorship of the Katoya Players. The "C" section will be rather rudely initiated, because it falls to their lot to do the serving and the cleaning up. But since each section of the first year students has to serve its turn, they may console themselves.

#### Turkey and Fixings

The luncheon is really a Thanksgiving dinner, with roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, baked potatoes, beets, olives, pickles, cranberry sauce, graham rolls, pumpkin pie, and coffee.

#### Good Program Promised

The program promises to be most entertaining, for the Katoya Players have been working hard at it. They report that it will run something like this: Piano solo—Margaret Vanek; Sailor's Jig—Helen Friedrich; Much Magic—Floyd Beeler; Vocal Solo—Helen Wallace.

The final number is a football "Black-out," which has been directed by Miss Dewey. The cast is composed of a number of men, with John Schirmer as the coach, Raymond Brown as his assistant, Ralph Loomis as a regular guy, and as many others as the Katoyas can persuade to act as the football squad.

#### Committees Named

The decorating is in the hands of Miss Roberts and her class. The chairmen of the other committees are as follows: Menu—Genevieve Blackhurst; Linen and Silver—Lillian Peterson; Serving—Ruth Woodhouse; Kitchen—Gladys Torgrimson; Dishwashing—Bob Paterson; Clean up—Norman Holm.

#### Magazine Carries Article Of Dewey's "Ivory Door"

A picture of the stage setting and costuming from Miss Dewey's production of last spring's senior play, "The Ivory Door," was given a place in the September issue of "The Playbill." The magazine also carries a description of the E. M. S. N. S. stage and the furnishings that have been acquired by the Delta Psi Omega chapter and the Katoya Players.

The Playbill is the official magazine for the Delta Psi Omega, the national organization for dramatic clubs in two-year colleges. There is a flourishing chapter of Delta Psi Omega in our school.

I wonder why the Katoya girls are trying to persuade boys to join the Players?