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EDITORIALS



ARE N. Y. A. STUDENTS RELIABLE?

N. Y. A. students, do you know what people say about the W. P. A. workers? They say that W. P. A. stands for "Will Piddle Around." Do you want such significance attached to you? If not, then it would be advisable to realize that you have actual jobs. Budget your time so that you will be able to use your time allotment to the best advantage. Remember, you work by the hour and get paid by the hour. If you can't work or don't want to work, report at the office immediately. Maybe someone else needs that money.

A considerable amount of the money allowed the E. M. S. N. S. for last quarter was not used. Why? Because you didn't work the number of hours allotted to you.

Be prompt. When you are scheduled to work, be on hand, and work efficiently while there. This may be your first job, and if so, now is the time to learn that you can't hold a job unless you are dependable.

SUPPORT OUR TEAM

Outsiders who attend the basketball games at our school doubtless wonder at our lack of school spirit. A very small percentage of our students attend the games at all, and those who do attend are not very ardent in support of the team. Very few yell, and half the yelling is jeering rather than encouragement. If we would think for a moment before we do this, we would realize that our attitude is all wrong. A team with no backing is like a house with no foundation. It can not stand for long. If at times the team plays at a disadvantage, they always do their best, and the least we can do is show them that we're for them to the finish. Now that we have three cheerleaders to lead us in our singing and yelling we can have no alibis for not giving our team the support it deserves.

SCHOOL PRIDE

A noted psychologist, speaking from E. M. S. N. S. auditorium stage, once said that a clean body promotes a clean mind, and that a clean, well-dressed person is less likely to get into trouble than an unkempt, slouchy person.

This principle can well be applied to our clean, shining building, fresh from its vacation clean-up. A clean building will promote better morals and student endeavor. It would be a good idea to cooperate with the faculty and janitorial force by being careful to keep this building clean and shining!

You may ask how this may be done. Here are some of the answers.

Use only washable ink and don't drop blots all over everything. Gum wads and candy wrappers are not excessively heavy. Carry them to a wastebasket, don't throw them on the floor. Don't write wall and wood work notes. Teachers always grade them very low. When you throw away waste paper it isn't necessary to tear it up into tiny bits. Another thing is certain. The teachers do not prize corrected papers so highly that they want them to ornament their desks for months after they are supposed to be called for. The mats at the outside doors surely are not there for the purpose of ornamentation. Most of us, however, seem to think so, because we never use them to clean our feet on.

If we follow these suggestions we will indicate that we have one hundred per cent school spirit here, just as we have a one hundred per cent school.

TOWN HALL OF THE AIR

Never before have loyal American citizens been faced with so many complicated problems, local, national and international. Each move of the forces in charge of the government is watched and evaluated accordingly. That is well, for eternal vigilance is the price of democracy, and these are critical times testing whether democracy shall stand or fall.

On thing, however, stands in the road of good government—a great barrier in the path of democratic government. It is premeditated and biased propaganda swung by political demagogues who are armed with control of radios and newspapers. The radios and newspapers are a great menace when controlled by the wrong people, but they are just as great a help toward good government when used rightly. Today the necessity of presenting both sides of any question, unbiased and unadulterated, is greater than ever, and to meet this need a few organizations are in operation. One of the most notable of these is the Town Hall of the Air, which is broadcast over KGHL, Thursday night at 7:30 Mountain Standard Time. Both sides of a current political problem are presented by recognized authorities meeting in New York City; then the audience fires questions at the speakers. The idea is to show the problem in its true light as people of differing ideas see and interpret it. Questions from people of every walk of life are answered and no part of the problem is left unturned.

This is one of the very few uncensored programs on the radio. It is an educational force, and the fact that it was voted by large majority as the most popular educational program in 1936 is a hopeful sign.

CAN WE BE GOOD HOSTS?

It is not too soon to think about the Southern Divisional Basketball Tournament to be held in our gym on March 3 to 6. The event will bring to the city many friends of students, both as players and as spectators. The good opinion which Eastern Montana entertains for our school will be enhanced if we all pull together to make the affair go over big. There is a job for every organization and every student. We need to work where we can be of most service, and if all will volunteer no one will be over-worked. Let us advertise the tournament among our home towns and show our visitors what a fine school we have.

Watch for Good Pictures

Two wonderful pictures which we shall be given the opportunity to see at the Fox Theatre in the near future are "Winterset," starring Margo and Meredith, and "Camille," starring Garbo and Taylor.

"Camille," the famous tragedy written by Dumas, which has thrilled audiences for almost a century, tells the story of Marguerite Gautier (Greta Garbo) who breaks with her protector, Henry Daniell, when she falls in love with Armand Duval (Robert Taylor); breaks with Duval when her father tells her she is spoiling his career; and finally dies with consumption complicated by a broken heart.

"Winterset" is the story of a son who is struggling to clear the name of his father who has been convicted of a crime he did not commit.

During the complications of his task he falls in love with one of the gangster's daughters.

The play is the best of Maxwell Anderson's long list of noteworthy plays. It has run for two seasons in New York with Burgess Meredith and Margo in the leading parts. These same talented actors take the lead in the motion picture version, which is a triumph of the pictorial art.

Have You Lost Anything?

I wonder if all our students know we have a "lost and found" department in this school? Miss Le Claire is in charge of it. She has at the present time a large collection of books, notebooks, pens and pencils, coats, scarfs, purses, and other articles that have never been reclaimed. If you have lost something, why not call and see her? Miss Le Claire states that the collection is becoming so large as to be a nuisance. She will be glad to have some of the articles reclaimed.

Fall Quarter Honor Roll

The honor roll for the fall quarter contained 33 names. The highest ranking student is Sylvia Neiss, Oregon City, Ore., with 17 credits and 45.5 grade points. Second place is held by Elsie Toogood, Roundup, with 17 credits and 45 grade points.

Others whose names appeared on the honor roll are: Floyd Beeler, Ruth Blanchard, Vern Clark, Ruth Elgas, Esther Epperson, Dorothy Farris, Thelma Fuller, Luis Gonzales, Alvin Guthrie, Agnes Helge-land, Willa Mae Howard, Carolyn Kennedy, Bernice Kudrna, Homer Loucks, Helen McKee, Elma Mattila, Carol Moats, Elda Newmann, Muriel Newton, Viola Putnam, Betsy Ross, Jean Seaton, Marybeth Shreve, Alice Smith, Ruth Stoddard, Mrs. Esther Streets, Margaret Vanek, Vern Wagner, Donald Welsh, Carolyn Westvelt, Ruth Woodhouse.

Use Browsing Shelf

To promote a wide acquaintance with books and an enlargement of personal horizons, the school library is opening a new "browsing shelf" in the reading room. A small collection of books for recreational and general reading will be placed there, directly accessible to readers. The collection will include fiction, poetry, ethics, problems of the day, etc. Suggestions as to the type of books which will be most acceptable will be welcomed.

These books will be placed in the bookcase with glass doors, at the right of the charging desk, next the textbook collection. The books may be used in the room without checking, but must be checked at the desk if taken out.

Good Radio Programs

London News Commentator—KGHL, 9:30 a. m. Sunday.

We, the People—KGHL, 2:00 p. m. Sunday.

Parent-Teacher Program—KGHL, 2:00 p. m. Wednesday.

Alexander Woolcott—Town Crier—KSL, 10:30 p. m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Town Hall Meeting of the Air—KGHL, 7:30 p. m. Thursday.

March of Time—KSL, 8:30 p. m. Thursday.

Commonwealth Program—KGHL, 2:00 p. m. Friday.

"Your Health"—American Medical Association—KGHL, 2:00 p. m. Thursdays.

Metropolitan Opera—KGHL, 12:30 p. m. Saturday.

Texaco News—KGHL, daily 7:30 a. m., 12:15, 4:30, and 10:00 p. m.

Many Have N. Y. A. Jobs

As shown by the review of the State N. Y. A. administration for last quarter, there were 69 of our students employed under N. Y. A.

The 69 students were working on 20 different projects. They were distributed as follows: Normal School Business Offices, 3; Mr. Abbott 2; Mr. Bjorgum, on grounds, 14; Mr. Dean 4; Miss Dewey 1; Mr. Foote 4; Mr. Hawkes 2; Dr. Hines 1; Miss Meek 1; Miss Rich in library, 5; Mr. Ridgely 1; Mr. Shunk 1; Miss Stevenson 2; Mr. Bill Chase 4; City Engineer 2; Public Schools of Billings 8; County Superintendent 1; Police Department 1; Billings Parnly Library 11; Post Office 1.

Of the 69 employed, 51 are women and 18 are men.

Health Course for Spring

There will be a new course on Public Health given in the Normal School by Miss Maude A. Brown, who is loaned to us by the State Board of Health. Miss Brown is well known in the schools of the state.