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EDITORIALS

LOOK TO YOUR APPEARANCE

Education does not consist of book-learning alone. Many times we are so busy studying for a test that we can not possibly take time to brush our clothes, polish our shoes or clean our fingernails and comb our hair. There are many little duties we should perform each day, but very often we feel that they are not as important as studying for that test, when in reality our whole future may be influenced by our personal appearance on a certain day.

Of course it is necessary that we study, but appearance and manners should receive as much thought as our studies. It is but a short time until many of us will be teachers. All those who have had any experience in the public schools know that children are very quick to appreciate pretty hair and neat clothes and to disapprove the opposite.

THE EASTMONT JAMBOREE

The first annual Eastmont Jamboree presented by the class of '38 on Friday, February 26, has now become history. However congratulations are in order for the committee who put over this unforgettable evening of entertainment which was so enthusiastically received by student-body, guests and faculty. The members of the committee can further pride themselves on the fact that this event drew the largest crowd to attend any affair this year. This was due to the large amount of advertising by way of clever posters, the election of a Jamboree queen, and the secrecy which shrouded the plans. The whole affair may be recorded in the school's annals as an excellent example of whole-hearted cooperation. The committee members have asked the Echo Staff to extend their thanks to the faculty, the second year assistants, and the entire student-body for their cooperation.

Dr. Wood Gives Sidelights On School Work In Mexico

During a brief visit with Dr. McMullen in Billings last week, Dr. Ben Wood of Columbia University, who with his wife recently spent ten days in looking over rural education in Mexico, remarked that schools in Mexico are making very rapid progress. In many respects, he said, they are ahead of elementary schools in the United States. Their program has no formal curriculum, the subject matter being based on the needs of the children as they find them, and carried on in the manner of activity schools.

An interesting development of their educational system is the trailer school. It makes it possible for demonstration laboratories and exhibits to be carried from town to town. The side of the trailer is let down at each new place and demonstrations, accompanied by lectures, are given. A very successful program in health education has been carried out in this fashion.

Dr. Wood was in the city to check up on the nation-wide testing program in vocational guidance, in which Billings public school is participating.

The American School of the Air on Tuesday, March 16, will broadcast an interview with Harold S. Laltham, the discoverer of that famous novel, "Gone With the Wind." The program can be heard by tuning in on KNX (1050), or KOL (1270), or KFPY (890) at 12:15 noon.

LEGISLATURE PASSES GOOD EDUCATION LAWS

In the recent state legislature there were many bills passed which are related to education and consequently are of interest to prospective teachers. One of them is the teacher retirement law. This may not be of great interest to you now but some day you'll be 60 years old, and then you can get a pension of 50% of what your average salary had been for the ten years previous. The money comes from profit on liquor, so prohibition will probably become very unpopular with teachers.

Another important bill passed is one that provides for the non-partisan election of state and county superintendents and one which raises educational qualifications for county superintendents; they must have a state elementary certificate and a state secondary certificate to qualify.

There was also a bill of interest to those who intend to teach art or music. It makes art and music required subjects and the state has to adopt taxes in music and art.

There were two bills which improve transportation for children in outlying districts and make transfer to different counties easier for those who are closer to schools in another county.

The bill carrying the biennium appropriations for the Greater University of Montana was passed at an increased figure after reconsideration. By this bill E. M. S. N. S. receives additional money for each year of the biennium.

Artist Exhibits Work In Art Department

The Eastern Montana State Normal School Art Department sponsored an exhibit in room 309 during last week, featuring the illustrations of Mrs. "Fannie Cory" Cooney, author of the volume "Little Me," and of the syndicated drawings for the comic strips "Sonny Sayings" and "Little Miss Muffet." The work exhibited consisted of water colors illustrating each letter in the alphabet.

Mrs. Cooney and her husband spent the months of January and February in Billings while their ranch near Helena was snow-bound. Her latest book filled with pert, unusual verses for children, featuring a mischievous girl of three, appeared on the market just before Christmas under the title "Little Me." The illustrations on exhibit will probably be used in a book of fairy tales on which Mrs. Cooney is now working. Her illustrations have appeared in such magazines as Century, Scribners and Harpers Bazaar.

Many club women of Billings have visited the school to see Mrs. Cooney's pictures, and they have attracted much attention from the students.

BILLINGS SCHOOLS TRAIN 178 STUDENTS THIS TERM

The E. M. S. N. S. student body is well represented in the list of student teachers now at work in the Billings schools. There are 31 second year students teaching under supervision in different schools. The greatest number of these are at the McKinley school. They are Dorothy Todd, Viola Bliler, Irene Hand, Helen Jacobson, Jean Jimmerson, Matilda Kuzara, Thelma Fuller, Ruth Blanchard, Marie Pederson, Wilma Pratt, Marie Carter and Rose Schopp. The seven students teaching at the Fratt are Jean Hickok and Pauline Cross, art instructors; Edna Cooke and Rose Schopp, music; Matilda Vescovi, Donald Welsh and Emma Rudio, physical education. Of the remaining students, Clara Pust, Freda Colwell and Emma Rudio teach at the Broadwater School; Elsie Toogood, Wm. Bequette and George Harrison at the Jefferson School; Carol Moats, Harriette Lucier, and Mary Beth Grinde at the Roosevelt School. Viola Adams is the luckiest of all, as she is receiving regular rural school training at the Rimrock School. Ben Fleming and Ragna Dahlgard teach the W. P. A. evening classes at the Garfield.

Besides the student teachers there are 50 student observers of the A division, 48 of the B division and 49 of the C division who have received one month each in training in the schools this quarter. There are at the present time 80 students out in the schools of Billings.

STUDENTS, ATTENTION!

Snapshots, lots of them, are needed for the Annual. The staff will pay for films and developing if you will turn films back by April 1. Call at the business office for a film AT ONCE.

NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY GIVE TIPS ON POPULARITY

Everyone wants to be popular. Friends are necessary for one who desires a well-balanced, meaningful life, but to do this it is important to be able to get along with other people, to use good manners, and to do the right things at the right time.

Three new books have been put on the library shelves for the students to use. "Popularity," by Regina Westcott Wiemann, tells how to gain popularity, how to hold it, and how to increase it. The second book is "The Psychology of Dealing With People," by Wendell White. In the preface of this book the author says "the psychological problem of greatest concern to most people, that of dealing successfully with others, is one on which the public has been given little help." It was in recognition of the need for organized material on this subject that this book was written. The other book, "It's More Fun When You Know the Rules," by Beatrice Pierce is a book of etiquette for girls. It is different from most etiquette books. It is addressed particularly to girls and mothers and gives information about formal and informal social customs.

It would be very worth while to read these books; much valuable and useful information could be gained.

Luring Pupils to Read

A very interesting little article on page seven of the February issue of Montana Education is called "Luring Students to Read." It is the second in a series on reading and reading problems by Mrs. Esther M. Sanders, the teacher of English in the Melstone High School. The author is a graduate of the State University. This article is the outcome of a discussion in the English section meeting at the Eastern District convention in Billings.

Mrs. Sanders advocates the use of the "teaser" method to induce students to read and appreciate good books. To arouse interest she puts a paragraph on the board or makes short comments in class about exciting parts of the books. This method can be successfully used in the upper grade. Second year students, who plan to teach, would do well to take some notes from this article for teaching note books.

SCHOLARSHIP IN ART GIVES YEAR IN FRANCE

Miss Edith Allport, June '32, a graduate of Montana State College at Bozeman in 1935, is now teaching in the Great Falls Normal School.

Miss Allport recently returned from an extended trip abroad, during which time she studied at the Paris Branch of the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts. Miss Allport, a major in art at Bozeman, won a year's scholarship as the result of the recommendation of the Bozeman Art Department based on her excellent designs for stage costumes. She began her work in art under Miss Roberts and Mr. Manion; her success here decided her upon making art her major.

During the week of February 8-12 an exhibit of Miss Allport's water color sketches of European scenes and New York City was on display at the college in Bozeman.