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Legislative Act Kills Melton Bill

Opponents of Havre School Defeated in Senate By Big Majority

By a vote of 38 to 16 the state legislature on January 27 defeated a bill introduced by Senator George M. Melton of Beaverhead county to abolish the Eastern Montana Normal School at Billings and the Northern Montana College at Havre.

In defending the bill, Senator Melton explained that it was merely an economy measure, and declared that the operation of the Billings and Havre units was a one hundred per cent duplication of expense in view of the facilities available at the Dillon Normal School, where a four year course is offered. The Billings and Havre schools have only a one year normal course. Senator Melton had the support of Senator J. Plumer in urging the passage of the bill.

In defending the Havre and Billings schools, Senator Ernest T. Melton stated that if these two schools were closed 600 students would be deprived of college training because they would not have the money necessary to attend the other units.

Senator Frank Clifford of Hill county pointed out that the eastern congressional district, where the Havre and Billings schools are located, pays two-thirds of the taxes of the state while the western district, where the other four units of the Greater University are located, pays approximately one-third of the annual state taxes.

Senator Husband presented information relative to the great number of graduates of the Billings Normal School with only two years of normal training who now have teaching positions in their home counties. Senator Ruffcorn expressed himself as being in favor of "cutting the appropriations to the bone, but not favoring elimination." Senator Duncan stated that to eliminate the schools
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Psychology Class Analyzes Students

Through tests taken during the year, members of the psychology class, as the finale of their two quarters of work in that subject, have analyzed themselves in regard to intelligence, aptitudes and personality.

The tests include intelligence tests, aptitude tests, in which students are graded in regard to musical inclinations and mechanical ability, and personality tests, which show the students' trait index, will-temperament, emotional maturity, neurotic tendencies, prejudices, scale of values and other related characteristics.

From the scores made in these tests, the student is able to judge his abilities and disabilities. Each member of the class has written his analysis of himself as a term paper. Miss Margaret Skinner, the instructor, states that the papers will not be graded, however, since they are of such personal content. Miss Skinner believes that the acquiring of the ability to study one's self objectively is one of the most important things which a student can get from a psychology course, helping him to realize his limitations, and to become aware of the fields in which he excels.

EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of Nomoco, official student publication of Northern Montana College. Henceforth it will be issued twice a month in Havre, Montana under the direction of its editor-in-chief and his staff.

For some time we have felt the need for a representative school paper at Northern Montana College. During the four years of our existence as a branch of the University of Montana we have increased in size until now we number more than three hundred and thirty students. We have every reason to believe that we shall keep on growing. We have become one of the major institutions of higher learning in the state of Montana. We feel that we have outgrown the general student assembly method of disseminating information to the students. We need a school paper to represent our student body. Nomoco is our response to this need.

As editors, it will be our policy to make Nomoco representative of student opinion and student affairs at Northern Montana College. We intend to include in it items of particular interest to former students of our college, to encourage participation in school activities, and to give student affairs at Northern Montana College the publicity which they deserve.

From the start let us face the issue squarely. No college paper can exist permanently without united and whole hearted support from the student body whose official publication it is, or without co-operative effort on the part of its editors. There must be no question of failure. As editors, we will do our part, and we feel that as student body, you will do yours.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF E. MEAD WILLITS.

COMPETENT GROUP STAFFS NEW PAPER

Establishment of a student publication at Northern Montana College, a popular idea on the campus for several months, was endorsed by the Student Cabinet the first week in February and election of staff officers was held Friday, February 10th. The student body chose Mead Willits editor-in-chief, Bill Hulett assistant editor, Dan O'Neil business manager, and Lowell Purdy assistant business manager.

The elected officers appointed other staff members, all of whom have had valuable experience in high school journalism, and work began immediately.

Dr. M. F. Cederstrom of the English department was appointed staff advisor by the Student Cabinet with the approval of Dr. G. H. Vande Bogart.

Student Receives Autographed Book

Dwight Bull gave a very interesting book report last Wednesday in American Literature class on General Scott's latest book, "Some Memories of a Soldier."

Mr. Bull recently received an autographed copy of the book from General Scott with the following inscription: "Mr. Dwight Bull, with best wishes of his friend, H. L. Scott, Major General, U. S. Army, Retired."

General Scott has held many important positions with the military forces of the United States. He was a leader of our troops in the great Indian disturbances in Montana before Havre existed.

"Some Memories of a Soldier" is undoubtedly entitled to a high place as the most brilliant and distinguished military autobiography of the day.—The Century Co.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR COLLEGE LIBRARY

To enable students to study in the College Library later in the evening, a new schedule was adopted for the week February 27 to March 3rd. Because of the heavier library work required of the students at that time, the hours were extended on Monday to Friday nights to 7:00—10:00. This schedule gave the students an extra half hour in the Library in the evening.

N. M. C. Land Grant Asked Of Congress

During the first part of February the state legislature passed a land grant memorial introduced by Senator Frank L. Clifford of Hill county asking Congress to set aside 500,000 acres of federal land as an endowment for Northern Montana College. The Havre unit of the Greater University is the only institution which has no revenue from this source.

Faculty Discusses Education Plans

For several years, Chicago University has been using a novel method of instruction which gives the student a great deal more liberty in his college life and does not restrict the time necessary for graduation. This system, as explained at the February meeting of the faculty by Mr. Barr and Dr. Burunjik, both formerly of the University of Chicago, consists of dividing the first two years into "College," which has four main divisions; the Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, and Humanities. Before passing from the "College" to what corresponds to our Junior and Senior year, the student must pass a comprehensive examination in each of these four large divisions.

The courses for the first two years are chiefly taught by the lecture method, combined with the conference system somewhat similar to the courses here. Examinations may or may not be given during the course by instructors; but if tests are given, no records are kept. A syllabus of all lectures in a course are given a student at the beginning of the quarter. He may attend only those lectures which he thinks necessary as long as he passes his comprehensive examination. He is not forced to continue a course any longer than he
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HISTORY CLUB WILL HOLD SOCIAL MEETING THURS.

Miss Laverne Herman will preside over a meeting of the History Club, March 8th, at which time an election of new officers will be held. Burnell Larson will play a clarinet solo and Dwight Bull will give a vocal solo.

Success Attends Growth Of N M C

Northern Montana College Ranks Third in Size of State Schools

Legislative assembly thirteen of the state of Montana enacted and approved in 1913, a law establishing Northern Montana College, but no money was appropriated for the operation of the school until 1929.

Between 1913 and 1929, the people of Northern Montana worked diligently for the materialization of the school. At each session, the state legislature refrained from granting the people's pleas, and appropriations were not secured.

In the wake of the World war and the dry years attempts were made to divert the people from trying to establish a college at Havre. In no uncertain terms, these people reiterated their desire for the school.

As a result, the legislative session of 1929 made available money for the operation of the college in Havre for the two year period starting July 1, 1929. When the state board of education met in April, 1929, a delegation of more than 30 Northern Montana residents went before the state educational body and insisted that the Northern Montana school be started with the opening of the school term. The junior high school building had been tendered for the use of the college by the trustees of School District 16, Hill county.

The board authorized the chancellor of the University of Montana to proceed with the opening of the college, the employment of a president and the necessary staff.

September 24, 1929, Northern Montana College opened its doors to students for the first time. The president and the staff were:
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Book Worms Start Discussion Group

With the approval of Dr. G. H. Vande Bogart, the Literature Study club, under the direction of Miss Rose Hargrave, faculty sponsor, Robert K. Johnson, chairman, was organized at the beginning of the second quarter. The organization was started in response to the need of a discussion group for contemporary literature.

The first meeting was held Thursday, January 5, at 4:00 P. M., at which time the aims of the club were discussed, and several new books were examined by those present.

The group meets every other Thursday at 4:00 P. M. in Room 222. The group last met March 2, and reports were given by Lenore Troy, Aileen McGuinn, Lora Bennett, Vendla Nystrom, Bill Hulett and Robert Johnson. Miss Hargrave read selections from Van Loon's Geography and a volume of Russian poetry. Previous reports have been presented by Katherine Rasmussen, Edith Peterson, John Wright, Lenore Troy, Grace Brownlee, Emogene Hutcherson and Elizabeth Winden. Dr. E. A. Morgan, of the German department was a guest at the February 3rd meeting.

Membership in the group is open to anyone interested, but it is not compulsory after one has once attended.
The date for the next meeting is Thursday, March 23.

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We Appreciate Their Efforts

The bill by Senator Melton of Beaverhead county to abolish Northern Montana College and Eastern Montana Normal, met a decisive defeat in the Senate on January 27, 1933. This action showed that the people of Northern and Eastern Montana knew the real value of these schools. It also showed that a great deal of work had been done to prove to the Senate the importance of these two colleges in their respective portions of the state.

Service organizations, business men, and others have been very good friends of Northern Montana College. They have recently done a great deal to save our school from the axes of would-be budget cutters. We, as students of Northern Montana College, must keep it worthy of the work they have done. We have rejoiced over the victory, but rejoicing will not adequately show our friends our appreciation of their work. Only sincere and honest efforts to build up our college can demonstrate our feelings.

The President's Corner

During the past four years, Northern Montana College has been writing an important chapter in the history of higher education in our State. The need of an institution that would cooperate with the other five units of the University of Montana by carrying on the distinctive type of work assigned to it and avoiding duplication with other units, and that would serve a vast empire of the Treasure State, had long been recognized. The wisdom of far-seeing statesmen and the wise counsel of educators has been justified beyond all anticipation since the Northern Montana college was opened in 1929.

Whether the growth of an institution is measured by one or another of many standards, our College has given abundant evidence of its ability to progress.

With the growing interest of students and alumni in affairs of the college, and with the tremendous loyalty that has been built for our institution in the hearts of Montana people, it is most important that there be communication between the college and those who have been and are to be a part of its wonderful progress. The student body may well be proud of Volume 1, No. 1 of the NOMOCO. This and succeeding issues will be eagerly awaited by the many friends of the College throughout our State who have watched the institution grow at a rate never before witnessed during the first four years of any college in Montana, a progress marked by a four-fold gain in registration during these four years, a three-fold increase in teaching faculty, in full accrediting not only by official agencies but by individual institutions in the various parts of the United States to which its graduates have gone, and finally, for the greater service of Montana, progress in initiating an efficient economy program which has attracted extensive attention because of its logical and workable features.

Technocracy is a lot like a Jig-Saw puzzle. We work at it a long time trying to find what it is all about. When we finish we think what fools we have been for wasting our time.

Some students are so busy going to college that they don't have time to enjoy it.

BOOK BUGS' NOOK

NOTE: Books reviewed in this department are not all last minute publications, but are nevertheless well worth reading. With the exception of departmental accessions, they have all been printed within the last year.

The letter "P" indicates that the book is available at the Havre Public Library; "C," that it may be had at the College Library.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Sign of the Cross, by Wilson Barrett, is a novel dealing with the love between a Christian girl and a Roman soldier. The scene is laid in Nero's court in an atmosphere of luxury, cruel intrigue and corruption. "P."

Ann Vickers, by Sinclair Lewis, is Lewis' first novel since he received the Nobel Prize. Sinclair Lewis presents the story of a modern American woman—her social and business life—her hopes and fears, and successes and defeats. It is a brilliant, full-length novel, worth to be classed with Lewis' most famous works. "P."

Peking Picnic, by Ann Bridge, is a first novel. It received the second Atlantic Monthly \$10,000 Prize. (Jalna was the novel to be given the first Atlantic Monthly Prize, and the second year, because of the inferior quality of the manuscripts presented, no award was made.) In *Peking Picnic*, Ann Bridge has set down an understanding and true portrayal of life and adventure in the Orient. "P."

Human Being, by Christopher Morley, relates the attempts of "Richard Roe, an Unknown Citizen, to catch a human being in the act of being human." The story can't be classified, and for that reason, is a typical, Morley-told tale. "P."

The Kennel Murder Case, by S. S. Van Dine, is the best mystery Van Dine has turned out. A wounded Scotch terrier and a knowledge of ceramics enabled Van Dine's pet creation, Philo Vance, to solve a riddle in which the murdered man was found alone in a room locked from the inside. "P."

An Answer

(A takeoff on Walt Whitman's poem "Give Me the Strong Silent Sun.")

Keep your shows, your faces and Manhattan,
 Keep everyone — and I'll take the flowers, the
 trees and the hills
 Purple in the rays of the setting sun.

You keep your bright lights,
 And your surging crowds,
 That lose their individualities in the rush of the
 throng.

Ah, but leave to me the feathery clouds,
 And my starlit nights
 With the love of nature full within me.

Pity the man whose life has embraced only one
 small sphere,
 And has never seen nature herald
 The approach of Spring.

Those of you who have lived,
 Have seen, and can never forget.
 Remember? How the warm wind
 From the South would bring
 The first bud on the old willow tree?
 Another sure token that Spring was here.

Remember? taw that line and three fingers flat?
 Those memories I know will be lingering yet.
 So you take your bright lights,
 Your faces, your throng,
 And I'll take Nature and Spring and Life.
 What? Don't worry for me, I'll fret along.
 —Delbert Reilly.

FRIENDS

Good friends are precious jewels;
 False ones are but poor tools
 Which in life's trials we trust in vain,
 Bringing us only grief and pain.

Seek friends who are true,
 And you'll indeed never be lonely or blue.
 Have you someone who is dear,
 Who will bring you words of cheer?

Riches can be multiplied;
 Friends' love only can provide.
 Treasure them with all your might—
 There you will find life's delight.

Pick your friends with the utmost care,
 And with life's burdens help them bear.
 When you reach life's happy end,
 Surely you'll still have your friend.
 —Dwight M. Bull.

FOOTLIGHTS TO GIVE WILDE'S "CONFESSIONAL"

On March 25, the first Saturday in the spring quarter, members of "Footlights" will present Oscar Wilde's "Confessional" before the College club, at East Hall. In addition to the play several musical numbers have been planned.

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CO-ED FORMAL

Male hearts fluttered in expectation and from the time the date was announced until the eleventh hour, men treated women with the deepest admiration and courtesy! It was the excitement that heralded the Annual Co-ed Formal. The Formal is a custom dear to the students of Northern Montana college. It's the dance when the woman pays and pays and pays. She breaks down timidly and asks her boy friend, arranges his program, calls for him and escorts him to the dance, seeks his partner for each dance, entertains him at lunch after the dance and finishes the evening by escorting him home, a tired out but happy creature who declares, "Boy, what a swell time!"

It's history now—in memories, a delightful event—in numbers. A representative college function—and financially, a success.

Sponsored by the Trail Club, the members of the committees worked diligently to make February 10 an event in the memories of the Eds of Northern Montana college. The Elks' hall was decorated in pastel shades of lavender, green and pink with a low canopied ceiling. Bouquets of roses hung from streamers on the walls and Janicke's orchestra furnished the music for the sixteen dance program. Misses Virginia Ohlund and Babe Kravik served punch in the smaller room of the Elks' hall which was also canopied. After the dance many groups enjoyed lunches and suppers at downtown restaurants and cafes or in private homes.

DRAMATIC CLUB

Continuing a series of plays representing stages in the development of drama, "The Footlights," Northern Montana College dramatic club, presented a Shakespearean program at East Hall Monday evening, February 20.

Delbert Reilly discussed

Shakespeare's work and Miss Marion Leeper, sponsor of the club, presented lantern slides of English scenes. A cutting from the "Taming of the Shrew" followed, members of the cast being John Wright, Aileen McGuinn, James Granier, Leland Seifers, Clif Calvey and Frank Bucklin. Miss Anna von Tobel concluded the program with two vocal solos, "Who Is Sylvia?" and "Hark, Hark the Lark!" She was accompanied by Idale Roper.

"The Footlights" was organized last fall with Dwight Bull as president and has about seventy members. A pin for the club will be selected at the next meeting and students plan to start a permanent costume department this year.

The Misses Rachel Lease and Gail Leach of Great Falls, were week end guests of Nellie Thomas and Helen Purdy, respectively. Two parties were given in their honor. After a delightful evening of dancing at the high school on Friday, the group gathered for refreshments at the Dutch Shop. Nellie Thomas complimented the guests on Saturday evening with a Jig-Saw puzzle party.

Georgia Lewis has just returned to her classes after a week of illness.

Miss Jane Smith of Harlem spent a delightful week end at the home of Margaret Foss.

Miss Margaret Skinner entertained her psychology students at East Hall, February 17. Games pertaining to psychology were played. Aileen McGuinn and Dwight Bull received head prizes, Hazel Utter and LeRoy Hedgecock received consolation prizes. A delicious lunch brought the evening to a close.

Mr. Norris Hyatt of Glacier park is being entertained at the home of Maurine Atkinson.

Mrs. James Sherry gave a birthday luncheon in honor of Miss Elizabeth McCoy, on February 22.

Helen and Burnell Larson were complimented by a Valentine Party, February 14, by their cousin, Miss Evelyn Larson. Several college students were invited.

As the college is so centrally located, several students enjoy their week ends at home. This week end about 60 students left Friday afternoon, going to their various homes at Great Falls, Big Sandy, Fort Benton, Box Elder, Harlem, Dodson and Turner.

The Felix Club of Havre high school gave a formal dance at the Elks' club, February 24, extending an invitation to all alumnae members. Many college students attended.

Janet Lucke presided at the German club social held February

23. Different types of entertainment were enjoyed. The sophomore German class dramatized 12 proverbs, and a prize was awarded to Marcia Shellenbarger, for naming the most of them correctly. A six-piece German band in appropriate costumes played six selections. Lucia Timmons gave a piano selection. Mr. Bob Lucke, representing a typical German schoolmaster, taught the classes a German Roundelay. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

Mrs. H. J. Foust of Drummond, Montana was visiting her sons, Russell and Wayne Willsey, who are attending Northern Montana College. She was entertained at the home of Mrs. Spears.

Sadie Edbaugh spent the week end in Malta.

Alice Pidgin has accepted a teaching position near Chinook.

Faculty Discusses Education Plans

(Continued from Page One) wants to, and if he feels he understands the work at the end of the first two weeks, he may drop it and take another subject.

A Board of Examination makes out and gives all the tests; thus the student has no opportunity to study the instructor instead of the subject. The chief differences are in the merging of the first two years, and in making the specialization in much wider fields.

Success Attends Growth of N M C

(Continued from Page One) Dr. G. H. Vande Bogart, William Foster, Marion Leeper, Charles Scherf and Anna Von Tobel. Ninety-four students enrolled the first year, 188 the second, 240 the third and 366 the fourth.

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The boxing squad has been rounded into shape, and Coach Ted Setterquist announced Thursday that the annual tournament would be held early in April. The plans are as yet indefinite.

This annual tournament has attracted more attention each year and Coach Setterquist promises a good card for this year.

Last year the Sophomores won from the Freshmen by a small score and most of last year's boxers are back for the tournament this year. Jones, Keith, and Larson are the most promising of the Freshmen, while O'Neil and Pugsley are the strongest contenders for the Sophomore crown.

I. Roper To Be Heard In Legion Program

On April 24 Miss Idale Roper will be presented in a piano recital assisted by Mrs. Clifford Knapp under the auspices of the American Association of University Women. The proceeds of a silver offering will contribute toward a scholarship for a woman student of Northern Montana College.

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years, handed in his resignation to Gov. John E. Erickson on Friday, February 3. In tendering his resignation, Dr. Brannon declared that he believed that the chancellor system gives centralized control of the six units of the University and prevents rivalry among the units. Educational standards would take a downward trend without it. "Anyone who has invested ten years in a service like this is willing to make any sacrifice to preserve the system."

BUSY BUZZ

Some people (we think it's some of the frosh) have the habit of leaving discarded morsels of chewing gum in the drinking fountains—certain frosh have not as yet come to the realization that the faculty office at East Hall is not a general lobby—one of those aforesaid unmannered frosh is an A student in Miss von Tobel's Emily Post course—if those same persons weren't frosh they'd know better—if they knew better they wouldn't be frosh—some students appear to live on the high school side of the swinging doors—certain individuals (some are sophs) have little else to do other than defile notices on the bulletin boards with their sub-juvenile "wise-cracks"—Amber Moulds was seen once recently without her usually reliable shadow—Burnell Larson is contemplating moving over to the jail—Bob Johnson knows someone who lives on First Avenue—"Cat" Purdy has found a kitten (an' 'er skin is so fine!)—that "Rat" De Sylva accepted two dates for the Co-ed Prom and one bounced back—Noel Prentiss wears size 15 shoes—Dr. Cedarstrom, during sub-zero weather, wore some huge, "bear-paw" mittens, and an Eskimo has been found recently who was suffering from frozen hands—someone presented Mr. Scherf with a club-subscription to the Saturday Evening Post and Liberty—just after Gunner Hanson slipped off into dreamland in geography class, Mr. Barr said, "I don't care if they go to sleep in my classes. I rather envy them!"

From Other Units

The State University's Charter Day was observed at the State University, February 17. A unique and interesting program was the main feature.

Athletics have been suspended by Carroll College for the year of 1933-34 because of their heavy financial burden. This arrangement is to be only temporary.

The Montana Kaimin, published by the State University of Montana, at Missoula, recently was published in the form of a historical issue. Much interesting material was formulated. This issue has received many compliments from contemporary college papers.

Helen Purdy has been offered a position as coach of women at Havre high school.



Coach Setterquist said that a definite schedule for next year had not been drawn up, and that according to present plans next year's games would be with town teams of this part of the state.

Boys Wreck Wagon Coasting Down Hill

One would doubt the statement that people go to college to gain a higher education if one had seen three bright and shining college lads riding down a hill on a coaster wagon. From my position on the top of a neighboring hill, I watched the preceding.

It was a beautiful sunshiny day and the boys coming over the hill were full of pep. They spotted a little boy coasting down the hill. Immediately they swarmed down on the unsuspecting child, took his wagon from him and gave themselves up to the sheer ecstasy of coasting down hill, never heeding the child's protests.

While the boys were speeding down the hill, the wagon suddenly lurched to the right, its two front wheels breaking under the strain. The boys left rather hastily. The child was left standing, a picture of anguish. But then that's all right. Boys will be boys, and college boys must have their fun.

Legislative Act Kills Melton Bill

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now would be destructive legislation. Senators Sparling, Kemmis and Angvick also spoke in favor of the retention of the Havre and Billings schools.

Dr. G. H. Vande Bogart was an active participant in the committee hearings of Senator Melton's measure, presenting many important figures showing the great need for higher education in this district.

After a two hour debate, the senate rejected the measure adopting the recommendation of the majority of the committee "that the bill do not pass."

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