

# Annual Clean-up Day, Belt, May 7

For the Good of All

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### CHILDREN'S MAY DAY PROGRAM GREAT SUCCESS

The children and the grown-up who were able to attend thoroughly enjoyed the health day program at the park on Saturday last.

The children in holiday garb and carrying lunch baskets of bright colors and attractive designs started in procession from the Custer school at 10 o'clock and wended their way through the principal streets to Custer Park where the exercises were held.

Several hundred pupils were in the parade among whom were many from the Armstrong schools who were invited to join in the festivities.

The program consisted of a song by the Sixth grade pupils, a May-pole dance by girls from the Seventh and Eighth grades, a health song by small folks from the First, Second and Third grades; a health exercise by the Fifth grade, songs by the Seventh and Third and Fourth grades.

Following this was a first-aid demonstration of methods used in resuscitating a person shocked by electricity. This was given by Boy Scouts of Great Falls under the supervision of Scout Commissioner E. G. Maclay Pat Egan, first-aid specialist of the A. C. M. smelter, R. W. Knott, scoutmaster and Percy Haughton, coach were also present as was City and County Health Nurse Miss Bowen of Great Falls.

Following the program a picnic lunch was eaten on the Park lawn. For this lunch, ice cream, lemonade and coffee were supplied by the ladies.

In the afternoon the smaller children made use of the playground equipment of the Park while two games of baseball furnished plenty of excitement for the initiated. Through the efforts of the ladies of the Parent Teachers Association a play-ground slide had been purchased and was installed in the park for the first time on Saturday.

The day was pleasant and the safety methods learned by the children will be profitable.

The affair was sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association assisted by the Woman's Club who deserve much credit for the successful and entertaining features of the day's

### Be Prepared

Rattle snakes have become scarce in French coulee. There has been nothing there to feed them for many days and should they come in the near future and find no refreshments they are likely to become vicious and harm the inhabitants. The mayor of French Coulee has realized the situation and during the past few days has been picking dandelion blooms industriously.

### School Trustees Hold Session

Tuesday evening the board met in regular session, H. E. Wood assuming the chair. He appointed as auditing committee, Hubber, Browning and Remington; teachers committee, Remington, Spogen and Browning.

Current bills were allowed and ordered paid.

Wood was made a committee to inspect the school car and have necessary repairs made.

A communication from the insurance inspector was read calling to the attention of the Board rules of the Board of Fire Underwriters concerning the location and insulation of hot air pipes. This matter was laid upon the table until such time as summer repairs are considered.

On motion of Spogen twelve annuals were ordered for exchange with other schools and presentation to the state schools.

### McDonald - Berg Wedding at Butte

The following notice of the wedding of Albert H. McDonald and Ellen Miner.

Miss Berg was employed at the Great Northern station in Armington for several years and both she and the groom have a wide circle of friends in this vicinity who wish them all happiness.

Miss Ellen E. Berg of Butte was married to Albert H. McDonald, merchant of Armington, Mont., this morning at 8 o'clock at the People's Community church by Rev. Lester H. Bent. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson attended the couple. Mrs. Johnson is a sister of Mrs. McDonald. Others who attended the ceremony were Mrs. McDonald's mother, Mrs. Berg; her brother and Mrs. Andrew Rhoades. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's sister and the young couple left this morning on the Milwaukee for an extended honeymoon tour to New York City and Washington, D. C.

### Boys Test Speed

In the county track meet in which the Great Falls High classes, Centerville, Cascade and Belt entered, the Juniors of G. F. H. won with 81 1/2 points, Seniors second with 40 points, Centerville third with 42 1/2, Sophomores fourth with 41, Cascade 20, Belt 9 and the Freshmen 2.

Belt entered six boys on the second day of the meet. Gossack won 4th place in the high jump and Leonard fifth place. In the half mile Dover took second place. McCafferty took a fourth place in the quarter.

The boys had not expected to accomplish much and had only started training a few days before, but the coach thought that the experience in a meet would be of benefit to them.

### Neihart News

Mrs. Chas. MacGibbon and two children returned Monday from Great Falls where they went about ten days ago for a visit. They were joined at Monarch by Nelva MacGibbon who had spent nearly two weeks there with the Tolliver family.

Bill Tripp has returned from the Falls where he had spent a week on business.

Miss Hazel Potee of Great Falls spent a few days here last week visiting Miss Eleanor Lunaford.

Mrs. Grace Freeman was a business visitor here Friday and Saturday from her Great Falls home.

Chas. Maki has returned from Hughesville where he spent several days of the past week.

Mrs. M. N. Lease returned Thursday from a ten day visit in Great Falls.

Mrs. Rose Marshall of Chicago, has arrived to visit her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Crutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemens of Jericho are the parents of a daughter born April 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Lease and Henry and Clarence Lease of Great Falls spent Sunday here with Mrs. M. N. Lease and Miss Isabelle Lease.

Al Miller has returned from Great Falls where he was a business visitor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Hosslein came up Saturday for a visit returning to Great Falls Sunday.

County Attorney Eichmeyer and Mrs. Eichmeyer spent two days here returning to the county seat Sunday.

D. L. S. Barker spent the past week in Great Falls on mining business.

Sheriff Tom Norton, deputies John Earle, Jas. O'Flynn and Judge Crowley were Great Falls visitors here Saturday coming up to take in the dance.

### ALL IS IN READINESS FOR BELT'S ANNUAL CITY HOUSECLEANING

Get your rake and shovel and spend three hours working for the public good.

Raking squads will begin work immediately after school calls.

Trucks will begin work immediately under the direction of R. P. Oertli chairman and will dump loads as directed by Mayor H. W. Millard. W. H. Lowry will apportion the loads among the trucks and wagons.

Tomorrow is annual clean-up day for Belt and vicinity. Because of the continued observance of this day each year finds less to be done and a greater care upon the part of our citizens of their home premises.

There are only a few dirty spots in the town and the average small boy can tell you their location after having assisted in clean-up work for several years. Congested conditions due to small lots are, in the main, responsible although transient renters often leave unsightly yards.

The alleys all over town are generally kept clean the year round which makes the annual clean-up a light affair.

The school children are not expected to clean any alleys. This work belongs to the householder. The school children rake up streets and vacant lots, while the men and older boys load into trucks and wagons the rubbish which has been raked up in the various yards and streets.

Owners of trucks, wagons, and delivery trucks have always been generous in donating their services for the afternoon. The greatest difficulty has always been in securing trucks from the county for caring for the accumulated rakings of Kennedy addition, French Coulee and Coke Oven Flat which lie outside the city limits.

When a truck is furnished by the county for this work only a few hours is necessary to make everything spick and span. The hauling is too great for teams to accomplish much.

For two years past if we mistake not, there has been no county truck furnished for this work and each year piles of rubbish and cans laboriously accumulated have been left to scatter again because the capacity of wagons is too small and the distance to be traveled too great for the territory to be thoroughly covered.

The "duck pond" is being gradually filled with ashes and waste so that in a few years it will be no more a menace to health and the breeding place of millions of frog warblers.

The committees and officials follow:

### Armington News

Pupils and teachers of Armington school attended the second annual scholarship contest and field day for the rural schools of the county, held in Cascade, May the first.

In the scholastic events, Marjorie Hamlow, sixth grade, brought home the blue ribbon in the Current Events test; Shizu Hirano, fifth grade, won second place in Arithmetic; Dorothy Randall, eighth grade, tied for second place in the spelling but on the draw she pulled out the low number placing her third, Edna Lee, fifth grade tied for third place with Cascade but the place was given to Cascade without a draw for it. In the sixth grade arithmetic Marjorie Hamlow tied with Cascade for first place and the honor went to Cascade without a draw.

In the athletic events, Ben Hirano, eighth grade, won first place in the standing broad jump and second in fifty yard dash; Dorothy Randall, eighth grade, second place in chest expansion; Gladys Norquist, third place in chinning.

Some of our strongest contestants in the scholastic events failed to arrive in time to participate in the first tests given out. Had they done

### Fails to Stick

Joe Demuth was driving to town Saturday and, while jogging along down hill behind his team, rode over a bump which caused him to lose his equilibrium. He reached for the dashboard but this failed to hold him and he fell spraining his ankle and bruising his head. He has his buggy at the blacksmith shop getting it repaired but it has been suggested that he put fly-paper on the cushion hereafter.

### Classy Shows Please Audience

"The Secretary" shown Sunday and Monday gave the audience a lot of wholesome fun as they watched the transformation of Norma Shearer from an old-maidish stenographer into a beautiful woman. Last night "Steel Preferred" gave the spectators an opportunity to see some of the wonderful workings of a steel mill with a story interwoven. Tonight there is another opportunity to see the same picture and the picture is worth while.

For Sunday and Monday Mr. Robbins has provided a particularly pleasing combination of play and news film. Eleanor Boardman will be seen in "The Circle" then will be a Felix comedy and then a two-reel selection of the most wonderful scenes photographed in the last 15 years for Pathe News. Something of the same type was shown a few weeks ago but this film is entirely different from anything hitherto shown here.

### Hello Girls Will Tempt Providence

Her friends have not forgotten Nellie Klimas. Just as a small proof of this fact her girl friends have arranged to talk with her some evening soon. Nellie is in Seattle and the only possible way to talk with her is over the telephone.

So the young ladies of the telephone office and some eight others will meet at the telephone exchange some evening so late that night rates are in effect and by special arrangement Nellie will be at the phone in Seattle. There are only two headpieces and a booth in the local office but listening does not matter so much if the girls can talk. To this end a special crew will come out from headquarters and install ten more transmitters so that each girl will have an opportunity to express herself.

Night rates to Seattle are ninety five cents for three minutes it may easily be figured that it will cost each young lady eight and a fraction cents for each three minutes.

There is only one possible danger to the operation which is that when the telephone attempts to carry twelve earnest voices all at once—11 plus Nellie are twelve—the wire may blow up and cause awful devastation.

### Still Alarm Pleases

Tuesday afternoon and evening the city fire engine was on the street advertising the "Still Alarm" which the volunteer firemen showed at Matinee and evening performances. The house was full to overflowing, the spectators enjoying the wonderful photo-play hugely.

Fire Chief Trodick of Great Falls gave an interesting talk at the evening substituting for State Fire Marshall Brook who was unable to come. He spoke of fire protection as related to premiums on fire insurance policies and taxation. In the afternoon he talked to the children on the cost and folly of turning in false alarms.

### EUGENIA PROVIN WINS HONORS AT STATE COLLEGE

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Provin were the recipients of a letter from their daughter Eugenia, which conveyed considerable news.

One of these bits of news was to the effect that Eugenia, who is a sophomore in the Home Economics department of the State College at Bozeman, had been elected by the faculty into membership in the Phi Upsilon Omicron sorority. This is an honorary society and to be selected for membership is the highest honor that can be won by a girl in her sophomore year. She was one of two to be chosen out of a class of twenty-five. Many a girl has aspired to this honor and has failed to secure it for it is based not only upon high scholastic attainments but also general fitness for the honor.

The sorority is a national one and is represented by chapters in the leading colleges of the land. The initiation will take place on May 15th and Alumnae members of the society will come from long distances to participate in it. Miss Helen Ryan, a friend of Eugenia's and an alumna member of the society will attend from Boston where she is teaching.

Earlier in the year Eugenia was also elected to the "Spurs" society an honorary girls organization.

### METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Harry T. Stong, pastor

Special Mother's Day Service at 11 o'clock. Address by the pastor. Baptismal service and reception of members.

Evening worship at 8 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor, subject Facing Local Church Problems.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Epworth League at 7 o'clock. Prayer service Thursday evening at 8.

All members of the choir are urged to be present for rehearsal on Saturday evening.

Plans and promises relative to the painting of the church buildings are progressing very nicely.

On Saturday May 8th, the Ladies Aid Society will hold a bazaar at "Vans", in the room recently vacated by the First National bank. A good place to get your summer supply of aprons, or beautiful fancy work for commencement presents. Home bak-products will be on sale, and refreshments will be served. Adv.

### Gt. Falls Turn to Entertain

After having passed up a Fourth of July celebration for several years Great Falls will put on a three-day celebration that is guaranteed to furnish all the amusement that can be desired.

July 4th, 5th and 6th are the dates and the attractions will be Rodeo exhibitions, water carnival, athletic contests, baseball games, speaking by prominent men of the state, band music, street dancing and many other entertaining affairs.

The Great Falls commercial club is sponsoring the celebration and has extended an invitation to neighboring towns to join with them in commemorating the greatest national holiday.

Many Great Falls people have swelled the crowds at celebrations in Belt in former years and this year they should show their appreciation of this liberal patronage and join with the crowd in patronizing the Great Falls fete.

Mr. and Mrs. Monegar were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sundermeier Monday.

### Unruly Ford Jumps Road

Last Friday afternoon as the children of Shelby Goodman were driving homeward after school and had reached a point near the last curve before passing the Graham place, something went wrong with the steering mechanism, Mabel Goodman, the driver losing control.

The two younger children immediately jumped and were out of the car before it went over the bank.

Mabel stayed with the car as it took an eight foot jump and emerged from the wreckage without a scratch. The car was pulled out of the ditch by Frank Merkle and was found to be little injured outside of a broken windshield and a badly bent front axle.

ARMINGTON

Bert Ward returned home after having spent the winter in Florida. Bert said Montana was good enough for him.

Monday afternoon school was dismissed early to give the children an opportunity to see the fire picture "The Still Alarm" given under the auspices of the Belt Fire Department.