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Mr. President, in the Sunday, March 4, 1956 issue of the Daily Missoulian, Missoula, Montana, there appeared an editorial entitled, "Negro on 'Democracy at Work'". The editorial is worth the attention of every member of the Senate because of its commendatory references to three men who have made their mark in three different areas of our nation. The first is Hulan E. Jack, who is now President of the Borough of Manhattan. Second is James Dorsey, who holds a degree of Bachelor of Arts and also Bachelor of Law from Montana State University; and the third is Naseby Rhinehart, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Montana State University.

Jim Dorsey is a highly respected citizen of the State of Wisconsin and has achieved great success in the city of Milwaukee. He has retained an active interest in Montana State University down through the years where he is still remembered not only as a good student, but an outstanding athlete and a fine American. Jim Dorsey, after returning to Milwaukee from Montana, became interested in Naseby Rhinehart, a high school athlete of great promise. Jim was instrumental in helping Naseby enroll as a freshman in Montana State University in 1931 while I was a student there. Naseby Rhinehart was an outstanding in basketball, track and football. He was a good student and had the respect and admiration of
all of us who had the privilege of getting to know him. We were delighted that Naseby remained at the University after receiving his degree. He has, as the Missoulian puts it, "become a local tradition in good citizenship, as well as in athletics."

My only regret is that I was unable to be in Missoula last Saturday to show my deep appreciation of and my friendship for Naseby because he has contributed greatly to our University and to the cause of mutual understanding. I am happy, indeed, to rise in the Senate today to pay my respects to Naseby Rhinehart, his devoted wife and his fine family. May I say, in conclusion, Mr. President, that I am delighted that Montana State University saw fit to honor one of its outstanding graduates in the person of Naseby Rhinehart, and I am happy to note that people came from all over Montana to join the crowd of approximately 7,000 who participated in the honor conferred on my fellow alumnus.

Incidentally, Montana State University closed its basketball season that night with a 63-62 win over Colorado A & M. It was a fitting climax to a memorable occasion.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to insert at this point in my remarks the editorial referred to which appeared in the Daily Missoulian, Missoula, Montana.