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Noon Edition

Food Taken to Feed Is Here Estimated by Co-ed

(By Ruth Mast)

You have to have a good head for figures if you have to feed a big crowd of people, especially University students on Aber Day. But science has somewhat reduced the task and a squad of girls bravely worked on sandwiches, salad, beans, cakes and coffee all morning.

It is estimated that if the cans of beans were put end to end they would thrice encircle the oval. Only they aren't canned beans, they are home made ones. If all the coffee were put together there would be enough liquid to supply the Missoula river for a distance of three miles. There are enough sandwiches to pace Mount Sentinel with enough left to cover two blocks of Higgins avenue. There will be enough salad to make a mountain as big as Jumbo and after the cake is sliced there will be enough to carpet every room in the dormitory. This gives some idea of what it takes to feed the hungry workers on an Aber Day.

Strike Rocks.

It's a rocky road to the depth required for the new flag-pole. The gang who are digging the hole have already excavated two huge boulders and have now run into a rock built on lines similar to Gibraltar. They are digging around it.

MANY CULPRITS SUMMONED BEFORE JUDGE REARDON

Despite the strenuous efforts of the police squad, the number of arrests of delinquent campus workers was few this morning. Seventeen names were handed in to Chief of Police Bentz after the roll call of the bosses and the patrol wagon started its tour of the city.

Shortly before noon today Judge Reardon announced the list of tardy students who will be summoned before the kangaroo court at 12:45. The court will convene in front of Main hall and Attorneys Clark and Bentz will take charge of the prosecution.

Judge Reardon announced that those men who appeared late would probably receive some kind of punishment, although it will not be as severe as that which will be administered to those who failed to appear on the campus or who were arrested by the police squad.

The first arrest was made shortly after 8 o'clock, when the patrol discovered Rox Reynolds sauntering down Higgins avenue gazing dreamily into the shop windows.

On the way to the campus police station Rox attempted to explain his absence from the campus.

"I-I—I just c-c-couldn't get o-o-out," he gasped. "I-I-I've been down t-t-to the r-r-r-recruiting sta-

tion e-e-enlisting in the n-n-navy."

Chief Bentz said that he would plead for an extra long bath for Rox because he believed all recruits in the navy should become acquainted to the water.

The following have been summoned to appear before Judge Brown:

Rox Reynolds, L. Bock, W. Woehner, V. Williams, E. Howa, J. Brenemah, C. Wesby, L. Fitzgerald, G. Napisa, H. Flint, W. Reichel, L. Fein, D. Evans, C. P. Troyer, W. Rooney, E. Grant and "Dad" Ray.

NOON PROGRAM.

The program from now on calls for eats, first, then a speech by Chancellor Elliott from the steps of University hall at 12:30, then at 12:45 the sessions of Aber Day Court and the punishment of the shirkers, then dancing on the lawn to the music of the band, and then, back to work at 1:20.

FACTS ABOUT THE DANCE.

Commences at 8 o'clock.

No man will be allowed to wear a stiff collar.

No coats will be worn.

Girls will come in a bunch. The men will do likewise.

Those who do not obey will be punished.

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Bentz' Third Year As Cop.

"It sure is lucky to be big," said a weak-backed frosh as he slowly hung over his shovel in the clay pits this morning and watched the police car roll along with its full quota of "strong arms." "Yes," said Grant Higgins, "and do you see that big fellow, Chris Bentz in there? Well, every Aber Day we have ever had, he has never had to work. He's always on the police force."

Small, But Our Own.

Not as big as the Damrosch symphony orchestra, but still able to produce good cheery music, fit for either work or dancing—ladies and gentlemen—the University band. A dozen men are furnishing such tunes as "As the Backs Go Tearing By" and other old Montana melodies for the benefit of the laboring men.

Women Clean Rest Room.

While the men students labored at all parts of the campus this morning, women of the Town Girls' League gave the women's rest room on the second floor of University hall a thorough cleaning. A few men were lent to the rest room crew and the carpets and pillows were entirely renovated.

Aber Prefers to Be Called "Father" Rather Than "Daddy"

(By Margaret Coucher.)

"The University campus is like Topsy. It just grewed!" said Professor William M. Aber, as he stood in front of the library with the sun shining in his eyes.

The campus has been the special care of Professor Aber for many years. He is largely responsible for the beautiful grounds which are the pride of every University student and an attraction to many outsiders. Since 1899, when the University was first

that the latter might be more affectionate, if less dignified.

Professor Aber taught at the University of Utah one year before coming to Montana when the University was started in 1895, to teach Latin and Greek, the subjects which he has been in charge of ever since.

In speaking of the extension of the campus, Professor Aber said:

"We have lots of plans. What we need is only the money to carry them out. The present legislature has appropriated money for the purchase of land north of the campus, but I doubt if we ever get it.

"The first step toward improving the campus was taken by the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, which built the board fence north of the campus. The two rows of poplar trees which skirt the campus on three sides were planted by the same organization, some time later. In 1896 a tree planting celebration was held. Many who planted trees then have now forgotten which trees are theirs."

With a reminiscent smile Professor Aber explained how he happened to be put in charge of the campus. "I came out here one morning and found the ground north of the library plowed into gridiron-like furrows. When I asked the reason for this peculiar arrangement I was told that a tree was to be planted at each intersection. I protested that that was no way to plant trees. The job was given to me and I have had it ever since. At first my general plan was to have a lawn with a background of trees.



Professor Wm. Aber.

established on the present site his efforts to extend and beautify the campus have been untiring.

Professor Aber is a graduate of the Yale class of 1878, of which former President Taft was also a member. In speaking of the days, he said: "I was the oldest member of my class and they called me 'Father' Aber. I liked it much better than 'Daddy' Aber, the nickname that I have here." He conceded, however,

CHANCELLOR PRAISES PLAN OF ABER DAY

Aber Day meets with Chancellor Elliott's heartiest approval. Here is what he said in regard to the work today:

"Aber Day I consider the finest tradition that has been developed within the University. It's a distinctive Montana mark. The enthusiasm and energy shown by the student body in the various useful activities of the day are striking evidences of a deep loyalty for the institution. The University does more on this occasion than to pay homage to a man whose life has been one of consecrated service for Montana. The University on Aber Day makes a fitting celebration for the foremost student ideal, that of labor for the common good.

"The service rendered on the campus today is but a token of the larger service which every student is prepared to render to the state and to the nation. Every day should be an Aber Day, for every student, wherever he is or whatever he may be doing."

WOMEN SHIRKERS.

There is nothing like variety. Last year all the sluggards who shirked their Aber Day duties were punished by having their noses painted a beautiful flaming scarlet. This year a more spring-like color is in vogue. The honored St. Patrick might mistake this day for his own if he could see the verdant hue which many are wearing upon their noses. Some might say that it is an honor rather than a punishment to be so decorated. However, it is doubtful if any miscreants who are not freshmen will be able to appreciate this point of view.

RAKES WANTED.

There is a shortage of rakes for duty on campus clean-up. Those who have rakes in the city and who want to provide every student and professor with the means of labor are asked to report to Manager Busha, John Patterson or Hugh Kent. The tool gang will go after the rakes and see to their return when the day is over.

S. O. S. TOMORROW.

The first singing on the steps of the season is announced for tomorrow night by "Bill" Kane, cheer leader. A. L. Stone, dean of the school of journalism, will give a short talk. Most of the time until the tower bell strikes eight will be given over to songs and yell practice. The baseball games coming up Friday and Saturday are the immediate causes of the revival of the old custom. The singing will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Beter as a Hair Dresser.

As a rule the human figure comes first in the common observation of sight. But after watching Leo Rardon with a shovel, the mind naturally drifts to the hand, which if given the proper up and down would leave an impression, that his mitts would make an excellent substitute for the combing of hair.

KEEP A-WORKING, BOYS.

The number of workers on the job this afternoon will be carefully checked up and shirkers and those who quietly leave before quitting time, which is 5 o'clock, will get theirs in the tub after the day is done. Those who can't be found today have had places reserved for them in the tub tomorrow.

"VO-CO TO BE ISSUED BY WOMEN TOMORROW

"Wuxtry! Wuxtry! The Montana Vo-Co!"

If you hear such cries on the campus tomorrow at noon don't be alarmed. It merely means that the first edition of the daily newspaper which will be published by the women during their vocational congress at the University is off the press. The Vo-Co will also appear on Friday and Saturday. It will be about the size of the regular edition of The Kaimin. Already the girls of the journalism school are working hard in preparing tomorrow's Vo-Co.

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BATHTUB OBTAINED.

Shrikers who thought they would escape the traditional ducking because the traditional bathtub disappeared will be disappointed at 12:45 today. John Paterson, boss of the tool gang, has procured the instrument of justice and it is now filled with cold water. Mrs. W. H. Walterskirchen of the Coffee Parlor donated the bathtub for use on this occasion.

TEAMSTERS LAUD WORK OF UNIVERSITY MEN

Experienced Workers Say Students Labor Harder Than Do Convicts at Deer Lodge.

"University men work every bit as hard as the boys on the rock pile at Deer Lodge," said one teamster hauling clay to the baseball field, when he was asked to give an opinion on University men as manual laborers this morning.

"I used to think that college men were wizards in but two professions, that of society and of 'fussin,' but this morning I have changed my opinion somewhat as to the real worth of a college man," he said.

Another "mustang man" said that the boys were working like real troopers on the trenches, but he was suspicious as to whether there was not a deeper reason for their wonderful display of energy, other than sheer love of work.

"You know that it is pretty cold today, and a bunch of these college men haven't got many clothes on." That was the second man's explanation for the boys.

And this is what the cayuse man said: "These knowledged men are working in fair form now, but ten minutes ago four colleens apeared over here and the dirt was flyin' every way. You know these boys' failin's."

This Co-Ed Wasn't Wise.

It behooves one to look busy this day. One poor co-ed made the fatal mistake of coming out to the campus at 8 o'clock when her work didn't begin until afternoon. She was tucked away up in Professor Haxo's Holy of Holies, but even there she wasn't gusy and why she wasn't at work on her assigned task. She wished she hadn't come out now until afternoon.

ABER DAY MANAGER.



Tom Busha.

CLEAN CURTAINS FOR SHOP.

Clean curtains for the journalism building! That was the announcement that brought a cheer from the corner of the campus where the little shop stands this morning. Margaret Coucher made the announcement and she had reason to make it too, for it was she who stole into the building and silently stripped every curtain from its rod and did the washing at Craig hall. Inez Morehouse aided in the ironing and Margaret says that she will go into the real estate business now—she had so much land left after the curtain bath.

NO DRILL TODAY.

Military drill for this afternoon has been called off. The special meeting for officers, from corporals on up, which was called for 3:30 this afternoon will be held in front of the Library tomorrow at that hour. Drill will take place at the regular hour tomorrow.

ABER DAY INSTITUTED ONLY TWO YEARS AGO

Today marks the third annual Aber Day to be held at the University. It was started in 1915 and held that year on April 16. The plan for the annual clean-up day came from a suggestion made in convocation on March 26, 1915. On the first Aber Day the Tennis courts in back of Craig hall were constructed; the baseball diamond put in shape; Van Buren walk repaired, and the campus renovated.

Last year Aber Day was held Friday, March 31. The best work was done on the tennis courts, the baseball field and the track field. At noon the women of the University served lunch, after which everyone danced for a half hour on the campus to the music of the University band.

Aber Day was named for Professor William M. Aber, because of "Father" Aber's long devotion and tender care he has given the University grounds.

Goble to Leave.

Ward Goble, a student in the law school, has been called by the National Guard of Montana to join his company immediately. He leaves this afternoon. He is a sergeant in Company I.

More workers than tools was the thing that bothered Professor Aber of the campus gang, this morning. "All my men haven't showed up," he said at 9:30 o'clock, "but if they did, I'd need about 30 more rakes to keep them busy."

Not a Musician.

"I don't know how to play anything—what did they put me in the band for?" That was Albert Valentine's complain to Manager Busha this morning. He was put on the committee for supplying workers with water.