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Montana State University Press publishes second edition of the Montana Almanac

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MISSOULA, DEC (00) — The second edition of the Montana Almanac will be published by Montana State University this month, it was announced by Jack Ryan, director of publications for Montana State University.

"This is a much improved version of the first Montana Almanac that turned out to be such a hit with readers back in 1927. It is 18 percent larger than the first edition and includes several major new sections. Beside this, we have made a thorough revision of statistical and other material contained in the first book," he said.

Under the direction of Dr. H. K. Shearer, editor of the almanac and director of the MSU Bureau of Business and Economic Research, rewriting, revision and research on new material has taken up the better part of the past year. One of the important new features of the 1959-60 almanac is a chapter containing descriptions of the historical, economic, political and social aspects of Montana's 56 counties. Another new section covers the development of religion in Montana; there's a new section on research, maps and descriptive data for the Libby, Paradise and Yellowtail projects and many additional tables.

As was the case with its predecessor, the new almanac has major sections on agriculture, athletic events, climate, history, construction, education, fauna, finance, forests, geology, government, labor, legislation, manufacturing, minerals, population, power, recreation, trade and transportation.

"When we published the 1957 Montana Almanac we thought we had done a good job of producing a book for and about the state. Apparently the people of Montana, and those outside as well, were in agreement because the first edition was completely exhausted. This led the University Press to the decision to publish the 1959-60 edition, and we plan to issue new Montana Almanacs at two-year intervals hereafter," Ryan stated.

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