

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: March 3, 2022

PRESENT: Suzette Nynas Jennifer Lynn

Scott Butterfield Rakesh Sah
Susan Gregory Rachael Waller
John Pannell Paul Pope

Sam Boerboom Kurt Toenjes (ex-officio)
Susan Gilbertz (ex-officio) Vicki Trier (ex-officio)
Sue Balter-Reitz (ex-officio) Sep Eskandari (ex-officio)

Darlene Hert (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Matt Queen Mara Pierce*

Heather Thompson-Bahm* Austin Bennett*

Tami Haaland (ex-officio) Ed Garding (ex-officio)
Susan Simmers (ex-officio) Kim Hayworth (ex-officio)

Jana Marcette (ex-officio)

* excused

GUESTS: Joseph Bryan Emily Arendt

Rachael De La Cruz Keith Edgerton Kathleen Thatcher Maureen Brakke Lingya Ma Joann Stryker

Cheri Johannes

From the media: Kayla Desroches & Darrell Ehrlick

PRESIDING: Jennifer Lynn, Chair

Jennifer Lynn called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m. in room 107 of the City College Health Science Building, with some members attending via webex.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 9th annual Research and Creativity Symposium will be April 22. The deadline for students to apply is April 1.

The Library will be offering a series of lectures on the 150th birthday of Yellowstone Park.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 3 were accepted as presented.

III. PROVOST REPORT

Provost Eskandari noted he has enjoyed reading the faculty evaluations and learning of the depth, scope, and breadth of the faculty's work.

The press release came out today regarding the renaming of the administration building. About 10 days prior, the information regarding Lynn McMullen came to their attention. With this process, we will be setting the template for the future.

The Provost asked Kathleen Thatcher, Director of Assessment & Accreditation, to speak briefly on the NWCCU Mid-Cycle Review. She noted that there were two items outstanding from our last review: stabilizing leadership and how we use external and internal tools to evaluate the institution. They have deemed the second item fulfilled, which is excellent news, so we can now concentrate on the stabilization of our leadership.

Ms. Thatcher noted that the review is a formative review, and they give both compliments and areas of concern. Our compliments include the ways they witnessed collaboration across campus, our responsiveness to student needs, our excellent institutional data, and the faculty's effective and innovative teaching. Our concerns include assessment of student learning and the use of student data for decision-making within academic units.

Dr. Eskandari would like to present the Retention and Graduation Plan developed by the Council at the next Senate meeting, and receive the Senators' feedback. He also noted we have two dean searches running that are going well. Finally, he noted they will be creating an Office of Academic Success to synergize support for students. He thanked Cheri Johannes, who will be running that effort.

IV. OTHER REPORTS

National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE): Lingya Ma, Institutional Research

Ms. Ma presented the online engagement surveys taking place at MSUB in Spring 2022, which include NSSE)first year and senior baccalaureate degree seeking) and CCSSE (all enrolled City College students). The base survey has additional topical items to provide a deeper dive into the student experience: academic advising (NSSE), experiences with online learning (NSSE), students in need (CCSSE), dual enrollment (CCSSE). NSSE will run March 23 to May and CCSSE March 1 to May. The survey includes incentives for students to participate. Promotion for the survey will reach students in a variety of

ways, including posters and social media, and faculty are invited to contact Ms. Ma with additional promotion ideas. The Institutional Research intranet page will have information about the project status, as well as promotional materials faculty can distribute to their students. Ms. Ma asks that faculty review the survey instruments to identify information of relevance to their work at MSUB, spread the word and encourage participation, and use the results to inform their work at MSUB.

Ms. Thatcher noted that if faculty can get several students in their program to do the survey, faculty will have better data for their own programs.

V. ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Item 17 Trauma Certificate of Technical Study, Medical Certificate of Technical Study, and Paramedic Certificate of Technical Study. Placing program on moratorium. For information only.

⇒ Motion by Suzette Nynas, seconded by Paul Pope to **accept Item 17 for information.**

Vicki Trier, Dean of City College, noted that these programs were to go on moratorium after SPA 2, but it didn't get done. The programs have had no enrollment.

 \Rightarrow Motion carried.

VI. ITEM FOR APPROVAL

Title	Status	Received
COMX 210: Communication in Small Groups	Edited	2/22/2022

⇒ Motion by John Pannell, seconded by Paul Pope to **approve the COMX 210 proposal.**

Sam Boerboom, Communication, stated that they are proposing to add this course to the Ged Ed core under the Communication & Information Literacy category because it meets a gap we have in comparison to the outcomes for Interstate Passport. This course would have been proposed in Fall, but the Interstate Passport program was just entered in December.

 \Rightarrow Motion carried.

Provost Eskandari thanked Melinda Tilton and Emily Arendt, Co-Chairs of the GEC; the GEC members; and Cheri Johannes for bringing this proposal forward.

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Name Change to Administration Building

Chair Jen Lynn stated that the History Department recently learned that Lynn McMullen, for whom McMullen Hall is named, publicly supported eugenics. After careful research, the Department has forwarded a recommendation (attached to these minutes) to cease using the name "McMullen" and rename the building. This will create an inclusive campus, while reflecting on and engaging with the past. The building was named long after McMullen's tenure, in 1961, and the History faculty state that changing the name is not erasing the past, but bringing it to light. Dr. Lynn noted that the Provost and Chancellor are organizing a committee to begin discussions of the building, and they sent out a press release today.

The question was raised as to why they named the building after McMullen, and Joseph Bryan, History Department, responded that the justification is probably in an archive for the Board of Regents in Helena, which they have not yet accessed.

⇒ Motion by Sam Boerboom, seconded by Suzette Nynas that the **Senate pass a resolution supporting the History Department's recommendation to rename the building.**

It was noted that when McMullen was here, he taught science. What was he teaching to students? Rachael De La Cruz, History, noted that at McMullen's former institution in Arizona, he organized a lecture series on eugenics.

⇒ Motion carried.

B. BSLS Modifications

Sue Balter-Reitz, Associate Provost, stated that a revitalization of the BSLS has been percolating for a while. When it was first created, the College of Arts and Sciences owned the BSLS. With the campus reorganization, Biological & Physical Sciences has moved out of the original college, but the BSLS requirements restrict students to the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. We need to decouple the program from CLASS and also create some plans of study. Dr. Balter-Reitz notes there are two steps: (1) department and colleges propose plans of study for the BSLS, without hidden prerequisites, and (2) we refine the BSLS plan of study.

The College of Business has one accredited program with five options. Would the BSLS end up being a sixth option? What impact would that have on accreditation?

The goal of changing the program is to make it more interdisciplinary, across campus. The BSLS is ultimately designed by the student and advisor. The program should also have learning outcomes.

It was noted that this is not an OCHE/BOR level change, only campus approval.

 \Rightarrow Motion by Suzette Nynas, seconded by Sam Boerboom that the **Senate** supports the modification of the BSLS to strike CLASS and make the program interdisciplinary.

 \Rightarrow Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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TO:

Dr. Stefani Hicswa, Chancellor

Dr. Sep Eskandari, Provost MSUB Academic Senate

FROM:

Department of History

Dr. Keith Edgerton, Chair

Dr. Emily Arendt Dr. Joseph Bryan

Dr. Rachael De La Cruz

Dr. Jen Lynn Dr. Tom Rust

RE:

Name Change to Administration Building

15 February 2022

On Friday, 9 February 2022, it came to our attention that Dr. Lynn McMullen, for whom McMullen Hall is named, openly praised and supported Hitler's policies of sterilization of the "unfit" and eugenics. The eugenic movement led to forced sterilization in Montana, disproportionately targeting individuals with disabilities and Native American women. He announced his ideas, publicly, in a commencement speech to students at then Colorado State College of Education (now the University of Northern Colorado) in August of 1935 while he was serving in his capacity as president of then-Eastern Montana State Normal College. His speech was widely reported at the time in Montana's newspapers.

We ask that Montana State University Billings immediately cease to use the name "McMullen Hall" and begin the formal process of renaming the administration building. This would signify that we, as an institution, take seriously our aim to create an inclusive campus. This is a moment to learn and reflect, to demonstrate a willingness to engage with the past, and to think about our place in the community and region.

The Department of History asks for a swift public condemnation of Dr. McMullen's support of eugenics and an announcement that "McMullen" will no longer be used in association with the administration building. We encourage MSUB to engage in further conversations with representation from Native American communities and persons with disabilities, and to create a plan to officially rename the building. Inviting a leading scholar specializing in the history of eugenics in America, organizing panels, and public discussion would emphasize our commitment to education and the creation of a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive campus.

¹ "State Educator Is in Favor of Hitler Program," *The Missoulian*, 18 August 1935; "Dr. M'Mullen, in Colorado talk, lauds Hitler plan for race improvement," *The Billings Gazette*, 18 August 1935; "Montana Man Lauds One of Hitler's Moves," *Great Falls Leader*, 17 August 1935.

² See, for example, Susan Currell and Christina Cogdell, eds., *Popular Eugenics: National Efficiency and American Mass Culture in the 1930s* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2006) and Jane Lawrence, "The Indian Health Service and the Sterilization of Native American Women," in *American Indian Quarterly* v. 24, no. 3 (2000): 400-419.

Renaming the administration building would unequivocally reject the abhorrent values that Dr. McMullen publicly proclaimed. We look forward to a further conversation with the administration and the faculty concerning this issue, and we would like to schedule a meeting as soon as possible with Chancellor Hicswa and Provost Eskandari.

Timeline

- 1917: "State Board of Normal School Trustees" document. This is from McMullen's time as natural sciences faculty in North Dakota. It lists a summer guest lecture on eugenics. Although it does not link him directly to eugenics, it demonstrates that he had long been exposed to conversations about eugenics.
- 12 March 1927: Eastern Montana State Normal School founded; McMullen becomes President
- 1930: Quote from President McMullen (found in National Register of Historic Places application for McMullen Hall, pg. 36; https://www.msubillings.edu/ucam/releases/2015/2015Nov05McMullen.htm link to application found at the bottom): "Higher education supported by state taxation has developed best in the path made by the march of New Englanders across the American continent" (maybe from The Rimrock Echo, 1930?).
- 1935: The administration building completed. President McMullen gave "The End Is Not Yet" convocation address in Greeley, CO for the Colorado State College of Education (now University of Northern Colorado). MT newspapers reported on the contents of his speech, and *The Rimrock Echo* only mentioned the fact that he gave a speech.
 - -Greeley Daily Tribune, 17 August 1935: "Democracy Must Sent to School Better Raw Material, McMullen Tells Colorado State Graduates"
 - -Great Falls Leader (defunct now), 17 August 1935: "Montana Man Lauds One of Hitler's Moves"
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 - -The Daily Inter Lake (Kalispell), 17 August 1935: "Voices Praise for Sterilization Drive of Adolph Hitler"
 - -The Rimrock Echo, October 1935
- Spring 1937: President McMullen gave commencement speeches in Ohio, Indiana, and Wyoming, as reported by *The Rimrock Echo* Friday, 30 April 1937 (contents of speeches not yet known)
- May 1938: McMullen delivered a commencement speech at Choteau High School (contents of speech not yet known)
- 7 June 1939: McMullen delivered commencement speech at Dillon, "One Man's Testimony" (contents of speech not yet known)
- 1945: The administration building was unofficially referred to as "McMullen Hall" before he retired in 1945.
- 6 June 1961: McMullen Hall made official, noted in the Billings Gazette and Montana Standard.

18 May 1963: Lynn B. McMullen died.

<u>8 September 2015</u>: The application for McMullen Hall to be in the National Historical Registry is approved. Subsequent write-ups follow:

https://www.msubillings.edu/ucam/releases/2015/2015Nov05McMullen.htm;

https://www.msubillings.edu/snapshots/2015-16/mcmullen.htm

1917: "State Board of Normal School Trustees" document

SPECIAL LECTURES

Dr. Ralph L. Johnson, of Girard College, Philadelphia, has been secured for the summer school as special lecturer on subjects pertaining to Eugenics, Child Study and Children of the Special Class. Dr. Johnson worked for a number of years with Dr. Goddard at the Vineland, N. J., school for defective children, where his exceptional work and the special methods used have attracted the attention of the educators of the whole country. Both Messrs. Johnson and Goddard have been in great demand at institutions of learning for lectures on their discoveries and unusually valuable contributions have been made to the magazine literature of the subject by these investigators.

Dr. Johnson is a fine public speaker, brainy and witty and bristling with enthusiasm and inspiration on his specialty. In securing Dr. Johnson, the school has made a bold move after the original investigators instead of mere writers and talkers. Just as teachers came from all parts of the country last year to get the work of Messrs. Johnson and Goddard, so it is hoped teachers of the Northwest will take advantage of this new and valuable phase of educational investigation. Prof. Johnson will be at the summer school during the full six weeks, delivering three lectures a day and holding conferences and interviews.

Miss Cannie Miller, of Du Bois, Pa., will come to the summer school to give special lectures in Primary Methods, under the strong recommendation of Miss Nan L. Mildren, of Philadelphia, who proved to be so popular a lecturer on Primary Methods at the last summer school. This is sufficient recommendation for Miss Miller's ability in primary work and the school feels justified in promising the primary teachers in both this and surrounding states the best instruction the country offers on the subject.

Besides the work of these lecturers, there will be special lectures by members of the regular Normal school faculty on vital questions pertaining to education. The lectures and music of the Valley City Chautauqua will also be available to summer school students.

NORMAL SCHOOL COURSES

Practically all of the studies offered in the regular Normal school curriculum will be available during the summer school. Students desiring Normal school credit will be permitted to carry two subjects and an exercise, and in no case more than

1930: Quote from President McMullen

NPS Form 10-900-a OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

McMullen Hall

Name of Property

Yellowstone County, MT

County and State

Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

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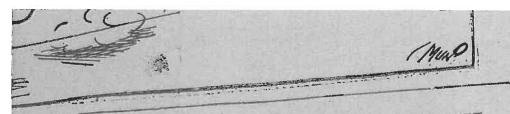
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The melting pot idea does not produce a better race, he said. It takes training and breeding to turn out the higher type of person.

Education has taught us in the last hard years, said the Montana educator, that each individual must realize that happiness lies within himself.

Believes in Individualism

"I believe in individualism," said the speaker, "but I do not believe in the individualism of conquest, of oppression and greed. I believe that teachers everywhere now have a great opportunity to substitute the individualism of self conquest for that of social conquest. That means changes in curriculum-more art, more music, more handcrafts and science. The boy who blows a trombone is not likely to blow a safe."

Sturdy individualism must be turned inward to improve the individual and not outward to press down our fellowmen, said Dr. McMullen. Individualism is formed by associations and one of the most important factors in the social environment is service.

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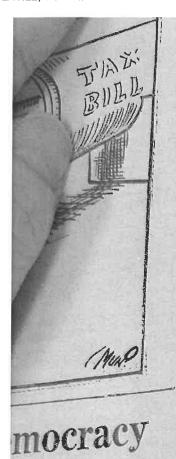
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Why the Price of Meat Has Gone Up



Wearing a crown symbolizing his position at the top of the market, this porker was more obstreperous than haughty. when he was induced to pose at the Chicago stockyards. He was among several hogs which brought a peak price of \$12.20 for choice medium weights, (Associated Press Photo.)

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Rimrock Echo, October 1935

President's Corner

AUTUMN MEDITATIONS

The so-called melancholy days are here. Vegetable growth has ceased but animal growth, including human growth, goes on. We, who Montana, should be especially happy over our opportunities for growth. The crisp fall and winter days of this region make outdoor exercise and consequent physical growth exhibarating, delightful and profitable.

Particularly, however, I want to point out that the long winter evenings that are coming should be used for mental growth. All of us do not, or have not, realized the great opportunity for reading that winter presents. I am constantly amazed at lack of reading in the lives of the people of our communities.

Education comes from real exence. Real experience is expensive and it is limited for most of us, and work projects with Mr. Walt | Colorado. ence. Real experience is expensive But we may all be rich in vicarious experience. A nickel magazine will take us to Africa. In books we may relive the intellectual experiences of the wise men and women of history, and we may experience the emotions of the great characters of fiction.

I do not know any greater good that would come to our students than the realization that "reading makes a full man." A teacher may be full of methods, but unless he is also full of culture his preparation for his job is not complete.

FOOTE TAKES LONGEST TRIP

TRAVEL 6,600 MILES

Mr. and Mrs. Foote took the longest trip they have ever taken, traveling 6600 miles in all. They visited their daughter Margaret at Dillon. Miss Foote is teaching in the Home Economics department, which was planned by Mr. Foote, and held in the building also planned by Mr. Foote.

At Glasgow they visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Foote and Baby Le Roy. Don Foote is teaching in the Junior They visited High School there. Mr. and Mrs. Lcon Foote at Denton, where Mr. Foote is beginning his fifth year as coach at the Denton High School.

On this extended trip they visited Mr. Foote's brother and family at San Diego, California, and saw them leave on the steamship Tatsuta Maru from Long Beach Harbor for Japan. They had dinner with them on board boat at San Francisco.

From there they went north to Portland, where they saw the government dam being built at Bonneville near Portland. Later they spent a day at Fort Peck dam. In comparison with the dam at Bonneville, Fort Peck is much larger.

American Education Week, November 11-17, will exploit the theme "The School and Democracy."

A psychologist now announces that the average human intelli-gence is that of a seventeen-yearold. In that case it knows everything and then some.

FACULTY VACATIONS LEAD AFAR

Miss Rich spent her vacation in Massachusetts, New York, Maine and Wisconsin. High spots of her trip were a visit to Radio City, a view of New York from top of the Empire State Building, and a swim

in the Atlantic Ocean twice a day.

Miss Meck spent the greater share of her vacation entertaining ont-of-state guests at her cabin on the Cooke City road. About ten days weer spent visiting in Aberdeen, South Dakota, where she formery taught in the Northern State Teacher's College.

Miss Terrell spent all of her vacation in Billings. She made several short trips out of town visiting some of her many friends.

ABBOTT CHECKS

Derrick, supervisor of the Custer National Forest.

ed the rodeo and celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the town of Ekalaka.

In September he made a 1600 mile frin through the eastern part of Montana to check up on some historical locations. In Minot, North Cakota he visited some of his relatives and spent one day in Fort Peck observing the work going on there.

The rest of the summer and in between times Mr. Abbott cultivated his garden. This was part of his vacation, also, since gardening is his immediate interest and hobby.

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Oscar Bjorgum admits that he frittered away the summer at such sports as hunting, fishing, swimming, riding and, last but not least. devising fiendish stunts to put the various P. E. classes through. It is rumored that he concentrated the last activity on the tumbling class.

DR. McMULLEN ADDRESSES GREELEY GRADUATING CLASS

August 17th, Dr. L. B. McMullen had the unique privilege of addressing the graduating class of the Satte Teachers College at Greeley, Colorado, and at the same time conferring a degree upon his daughter, Kathryn McMullen Johnson,

After the commencement exercises forty former E. M. N. S. students, who had been attending Greeley during the summer, held a

tuncheon in his honor.

On the same day, his daughter Kathryn was married to Richard A. Williams, construction engineer for Chicago Bridge and Iron Works. On the first of September, they went to their home at 2215 Pineview Ave., Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

It might be interesting to know if Adolf Hitler has kept up his payments on his paper hanger's union card, in case he needs to go back to work.

Sawdust is the dandruff from a block-head.

Dr. Hines and son Richard drove to Minnesota from where they took the train to Chicago. They were gone for about two weeks.

Later Dr. Hines and family spent several days in a cabin at East Rosebud Lake.

Mr. Stuber's summer vacation was short-lived. He and Mrs. Stuber took a trip in April, during which they visited Mr. Staber's family in Illinois and Mrs. Stuber's in Minnesota. The rest of the summer he worked at the Normal School.

DEAN, RIDGELY AND HAWKES FISH

Mr. Dean spent his vacation at HISTORICAL LOCATION home, for variation, going on fishng and week-end trips. During the Fourth of July recess he attended

On September 28, Mr. Dean addressed the opening meeting of the For two days Mr. Abbott attend- Midland Empire Rural Teacher's Association with a talk on "Rural Teacher's Problems." This club is omposed primarily of former students and graduates of Eastern Montana Normal School.

> Mr. Ridgely reports a very quiet vacation spent in fishing and camping in the mountains southwest of Denver, Colorado. He says he didn't do anything against the law or if so he didn't get caught at it. How-ever, Mr. Ridgely didn't "sage brash" all the time. His attention was equally divided between the bright lights of Denver. Yellowstone National Park and the mountains in Colorado.

> Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes spent several weeks camping and fishing in a "fisherman's heaven." in the mountains southwest of Denver. Colorado, this summer. They re-port very good fishing, and they enjoyed a very quiet vacation.

Miss Ruth Nourse spent part of her vacation in New York in the Adirondacks, and the remainder of the time doing heavy duty at her tourist camp. Pine Creek Inn, lo-cated amid the Allegheny Mountains in Pennsylvania. It is on the Roosevelt Highway.

ROBERTS STUDIES ART

Miss Roberts has much of interest to report regarding her vacation. She studied in Elizabethtown. York, with Wayman Adams. New portrait painter, and with George Miller, New York lithographer.

Trips were taken to the art galleries and many other places of interest in New York City; to Lake Placid and the top of White Face Mountain, over the new memorial highway dedicated recently by President Roosevelt; to Ausable Chasm, in the Adirondacks; and to the home of Rockwell Kent.

En route home, several days were spent in the galleries and handi-craft shops in Montreal and Toronto: at Niagara Falls; and in Chicago at the Art Institute, and visiting of all the people who can't be fooled relatives and friends.

STEVENSON SEES ALASKA

Miss Mariorie Stevenson spent her vacation going to school at the University of Washington in Seattle. In connection with her course she took a ten-day trip to Alaska under the guidance of a special teacher.

On Saturday, October 12, Miss Stevenson spoke before the American Association University Women on "What the Woman of Moderate Means May See and Buy in Alaska." She exhibited many interesting curios.

Mr. Shunk reports that he spent most of the summer convalescing and reading Socrates and Plato. However, he also made a grass collection.

Mr. and Mrs. Manion spent the first part of their vacation in various places over this state. Later they went to Indiana in their new Hudson car.

MISS RICH CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF A. A. U. W.

Miss Pauline Rich is the new president of the local branch of American Association of University Women, The branch holds luncheon meetings once a month. The other faculty members who belong to the organization are Miss Dewey, Miss Meek, Miss Roberts and Miss Nourse.

DEWEY ATTENDS P. E. O.-AI PARK

During the vacation period Miss Dewry had a very severe attack of domesticity. She redecorated her house, canned, pickled, preserved and did housework.

She attended the meeting of the Supreme chapter of the P. E. O. at Yellowstone Park. There were some 1700 delegates there from all parts of the United States, from Canada and the Philippines.

From Yellowstone Park Dewey went into Teton National Park where she did some photography work. She reports that she got some wonderful pictures.

NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO MUSIC GROUP

Miss Arvilla Terrell, a local gradnate of E. M. N. S. in June, 1935, has been added to the faculty of this school as piano instructor. Miss Terrell has taught piano in Billings for seven years and part-time in E. M. N. S. for the past four quarters.

Preparation for her work has included training under Mr. Rauh for eight years, Mr. Stojowski one summer, and Kate Dell Marden, of Portland, Oregon.

Miss Terrell is a member of the State Music Teacher's Association and the Local Music Teacher's Association.

Looking over the year's record. the office philosopher says it's almost as hard to keep bad men in jail as it is to keep good men down.

Don't forget that you are a part all of the time.