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Recorder of Deeds Speaks at Assembly

"Behold I have set before you an open door that no man can shut." Thus quoting from Revelations, Dr. Marshall D. Sheperd, recorder of deeds in Washington, D. C., began his address at the Friday assembly of November 5.

The speaker stated that many doors have been closed to the colored peoples of the world. They must fight and they are fighting to break down these bars.

He declared: "In spite of closed doors, there are some that no man can close to another. The doors of knowledge are open; we can enter through hard study. Doors of honesty, decency, fellowship, square-shooting, treating your fellowmen justly, being needy in fellowship, and possessing fine Christian character can never be closed.

"The birth of Christ, the most significant event in all history, took place among common people in a small place.

"Behold I have set before you an open door that no man can shut."

His closing challenge was: "Are you attempting to enter the open doors?"

Dr. Sheperd is a nationally and internationally known figure in politics. He is pastor of the largest church in Philadelphia. For three terms he served with the Pennsylvania lawmaking body. The Democratic National Convention of 1936 was opened by him. His honorary degree was bestowed upon him by Lincoln University.

Classes Direct American Education Week Activities

The observance of American Education Week, November 7-13, was under the direction of the classes in history of education and curriculum construction. The general theme was "Strengthening the Foundations of Freedom."

Skits prepared by the N. E. A. were used to carry out the daily topics: "Learning to Live Together, Improving the Educational Program, Safeguarding Our America, and Promoting Health and Safety." One of these skits was presented by laboratory school pupils under the leadership of the history of education class.

Guest speakers were Mr. George Crawford, assistant supervisor of Maryland schools, who discussed "Securing Qualified Teachers," and the Rev. J. Winsmore Mason of Harrisburg, Pa., who gave a talk on "Developing Worthy Family Life."

Summer Work Shop Held

The Institute for Child Study was held at M. S. T. C. from June 21 to July 31. It was designed for those persons who have been actively engaged in the Child Study program which is sponsored by the institute for all interested persons.

There were many out-of-state instructors and supervisors who attended the session.

Among those participating were: Miss Yancy, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Sherod, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. Hall, Prince George's County; Miss Barnett, Somerset; Mrs. Ward, Caroline, and Mr. Crawford, Prince George's County.

Dr. Henry and Neal At New York Meeting

Dr. William E. Henry and Arthur Neal were representatives of the Maryland Teachers' Colleges at the Board of Control meeting of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers held in New York on October 19. The board formulated plans for the Annual Spring Conference March 24-26.

In the absence of the President, Dr. Lucius Whipple of the R. I. College of Ed., Dr. Lloyd P. Young of Keene T. C., N. H., presided.

Twenty-four delegates from nine states were present.

Tentative plans include spending a day at the United Nations Organization headquarters at Lake Success, holding all panel discussions at Jersey City Teachers College, and returning to the Hotel Commodore for final business meetings and luncheon for the entire delegate body.

New Road Under Construction

A new roadway, leading past the southwest edge of the campus, is under construction by the Eugene Cheyney Construction Co. It leads from a point on the Crane Highway, south of the college, to Jericho Park railway station on the western corner of the campus.

It is anticipated by the company employees that clearing and leveling of the 24-foot wide roadbed may consume all of twelve to eighteen months, depending on weather conditions.

The work is well underway and bulldozers are being used to speed the operation.



Bats Give "The Unforgotten Man"

The Bowie Arts Theatre presented a religious drama, "The Unforgotten Man," at Vespers November 7. With a beautiful church scene as the setting, Vernon Wilson gave a convincing performance as a young minister.

Dr. Henry On Health Panel

Dr. W. E. Henry was a member of the panel discussing "Prepayment as a Means of Meeting the Cost of Rural Medical Care" at the Rural Health Conference sponsored by the Committee on Rural Medicine of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty at Baltimore on October 28.

FOUR ADDED TO STAFF



Miss Just Miss Williams Mr. Brown Mrs. Hunton

The Maryland Teachers College opened its autumn session with the addition of four new members to its faculty. They are: Misses Mary L. Just and Margaret Williams, Mrs. Margaret R. Hunton and R. D. Brown.

Miss Just, our campus nurse, resides in Washington, D. C. In 1945 she received her nursing degree from a private school in Washington and in 1948 she earned her B.S. degree in psychology from Howard University. Miss Just has a fine opinion of our college. She "likes it fine."

Miss Williams received her A.B. degree from Morgan College in 1936. In 1939 she won her B.S. degree in library science from Simmons College, Boston, Mass. Miss Williams is matron of the freshman and sophomore women. She likes Bowie "very much indeed" and thinks the student body very fine. She resides in Baltimore.

Mr. Brown is director of the science department. He taught for ten years at the State Teachers

College, Fayetteville, N. C., previous to coming here. He has his B.S. degree in science from Fisk University and his M.S. degree from the University of Illinois. He has done graduate work at Columbia University. Mr. Brown thinks the college is fine and that he will be here for some time to come.

Mrs. Hunton, the new librarian, came to us from Chicago, where she was employed with the American Library Association as editing assistant in the publishing department.

In 1932 she received her B.S. degree in library science from Syracuse University. She also holds a B.S. degree in psychology from Howard University.

Mrs. Hunton has set up as one of her first objectives the strengthening of our Maryland and Negro collections. She requests that students here search their homes during the holidays in an effort to procure documents, books or pamphlets concerning late prominent Negroes of Maryland to aid in the project.

Other Speakers at The Conference

Dr. Merrell L. Stout, member of the Board of Directors at the Maryland Hospital Service, Baltimore, Maryland; Mr. Brady Dayton, Superintendent of the Peninsula General Hospital, Salisbury; Mr. Arthur B. Hamilton, President at State Grange, College Park; Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland; Dr. A. L. Brueckner, Director of Live Stock Disease Program, University of Maryland; Dr. Howard B. Mubert, Chairman of the Committee on Post Graduate Education, University of Maryland, and Dr. Maurice C. Pincoffs, Professor of Medicine, University of Maryland.

4-H Delegates Attend W. Va. Meeting

By RENZILO FOXWELL

Leona Pendleton and Renzilo Foxwell of the 4-H Club, accompanied by their sponsor, Mr. Stanford, attended the Rural Life Conference held at Jackson Mills, W. Va., October 14-17.

The theme of the program was "Strengthening Rural Values."

It was pointed out that modern technological advances are doing much to alter the close relationships which have traditionally existed among rural folk. A debate on how these advances could be prevented from drawing rural youth apart was held.

Of the 346 delegates attending less than twenty were Negroes.

Extensive Building Program Planned

The State Department of Education has proposed an extensive building program which would allow for the construction of a new auditorium to seat at least 1,000 persons, a new home for the president, apartments for the staff, a dormitory each for males and females, a modern practice cottage for use in the rural life appreciation program, a teacher-student community center, a gymnasium and a central heating plant.

The college personnel, better than any other group or individual, realizes the need for an adequate plant. It is well known that our enrollment for quite a few years has been curtailed because of insufficient housing. The situation is particularly acute for males and only a little less so in the case of female students. Even under present conditions some relief would be available were it not necessary for staff members to live in the dormitories.

The residence of the president gravely needs to be replaced with a modern, comfortable structure.

Overcrowding extends to the classroom facilities both in the Demonstration school and college. Ideally, the Demonstration school should be housed in a new building which would provide seven classrooms, a cafeteria, gymnasium and library. The space that it occupies could be used for additional classrooms in the college.

A new disposal plant is an urgent requirement if we are going to be able to maintain our health standards.

Recreation and training in physical education will be greatly improved with the erection of an activity building.

These are our needs. Latest word from the State Board gives every indication that all these needs will be met in the near future.

Col. Brady Is Armistice Speaker

In observance of Armistice Day, November 11, the veterans attending this college presented to the student body and faculty Lt. Col. William Brady, of the Fifth Regiment Army in Baltimore.

Col. Brady told of his long and fruitful career in the United States Army, relating experiences encountered during his active participation in the first and second World Wars. He displayed an array of weapons and ammunition used by the United States Army in both conflicts and an interesting collection of foreign army souvenirs.

Lt. Col. Brady is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cheltenham Training School for Boys.

Glee Club On Television

The college Glee Club appeared in its first television program November 18 over WBAL-TV. This appearance was the first in a series of half-hour programs to be presented by high schools and colleges of Maryland during the winter and spring months.

Christmas Recess begins Thursday, December 23, 12:00 noon.

Classes resume Monday, January 3, 8:00 a. m.



SPOTLIGHT ON FALL ACTIVITIES

Top row—Press Club, meeting deadline: William Shorter of the Laboratory School dressed for Hallow'een Party: William without costume.

2nr row—M. S. T. C. cross-country team places third in Twelfth Street Y. M. C. A. contest, Washington, November 20; Dr. Marshall Sheppard speaking at November 5 assembly; Delegates to Association for Childhood Education Regional Conference at Eastern High School, Baltimore, October 30.

3rd row—Children enjoy new books in elementary school library; Maryland supervisors, principals and teachers at Child Study Conference, October 25-30.

4th row—Harvest queen and court at festival October 30; Miss Merchon of University of Maryland, director of Child Study Conference; 4-H Club delegates to West Virginia.

Alumni News

Following are the teaching positions held by the members of the class of '48 that we have heard from:

Gertrude Sheppard, Lakeland; Priscilla Smith and Zilpha Pressberry, Baltimore Co.; Ruth Conway, Pomonkey; Thelma Jones, Bel Alton; Evelyn Roberts, Mt. Vernon.

Evelyn Ridgely, Ridgely; Marie McGrath, Denton; Helen Kane, Friendship; Frank Hebron, Arnold; Blanche Robinson and Doloris Hill, Cambridge.

Irene Butler, Marley Neck; Mary Powell, Pocomoke; Ilene Jones, Snow Hill, Essie Molock, Princess Anne.

George Arnold, '47, who has completed all work for his M.A. excepting the writing of his thesis at Catholic University, is teaching at School 129 in Baltimore.

Cathryn Parker and Constance Hill Smith of '41; Ethel Cofield, '40, and Myrtle Johnson, '34, are also teaching in Baltimore City.

Lillie Gaither Adams, '43, is at Towson, and Eldridge Waters, '30, is a supervising principal in Wilmington, Delaware.

Faculty Notes

Mr. Frank James, principal of the laboratory school, received his M.A. degree in education from Teachers College, Columbia, last summer.

Mrs. Marie Craig attended summer school at the University of Southern California. She gave an illustrated lecture on her travels in California and Mexico in September.

Misses Helen Matthews and Corinda Stewart attended summer school at Columbia.

Mr. W. A. Stanford studied at Catholic University in Washington.

Mr. Ulysses Young taught sociology and social psychology at Morgan State last summer.

Mrs. Anna Steen, who acted as registrar for six months last term, is now an instructor in psychology. She received her M.A. in education from Howard University last June.

Miss Virginia L. Turner, our registrar, has returned after a leave of one year for study at Teachers College, Columbia. She received her M.A. degree in educational psychology from there in June.

News of Our Former Students

It is always interesting to know where we can find our former students and see just what they are doing.

Lorraine Bantum of last year's freshman class has decided to become a mortician. She is attending an embalming school in New York.

Faye Tilghman, Lorraine's classmate, always talked of becoming a nurse some day. This year she registered with the Freedmen nurses in Washington, D. C.

Ira Tucker is majoring in physical education at Morgan State College.

Robert Gregg, former member of the junior college, decided to continue his education at Lincoln University, where he is majoring in science.

Wedding bells rang for Evangeline Murphy when she became the bride of Mr. David Andrews. She was married at her home in Salisbury and honeymooned for two weeks in Philadelphia. The couple have returned to Salisbury, where they plan to reside.



Mr. Otis E. Troupe

Mr. Troupe Is Basketball Coach

There is rejoicing among Bowie's basketball hopefuls because Mr. Otis Emanuel Troupe has been appointed coach of the men's basketball team.

Mr. Troupe was a bright star in athletics at Morgan State College during his student days, winning honors in basketball, football and track. He received no fewer than three letters each year. He was named on an All-American football team, and for three years he made the All-Conference (C. I. A. A.) football and basketball teams.

A native of Elizabeth, N. J., Mr. Troupe is presently a policeman in Washington, D. C. He is also a certified football and basketball official in the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Mr. Troupe says: "We don't expect to win any championship this first year, of course, but the men show great possibilities."

Senior Sidelights

The seniors are glad to be back to start on their last year at State. We extend to the freshmen a hearty welcome and hope that they will enjoy their stay here. We have elected as class officers Regina Frederick, president; Leroy Contee, vice president; Anna Mae Ford, secretary, and Frances Neal, treasurer. The class sponsor is Miss Josephine Brown.

On October 12, the class, with Misses Stewart and Robinson as guides, went on a tour of Washington. We visited the Smithsonian Institute, the Botanical Gardens and the National Art Gallery. We found this trip both educational and recreational.

The seniors sponsored "Twilight Interlude" in the College recreation room on October 22.

On November 15, we began our nine weeks of practice teaching in the county.

Juniors Plan Book Week Activities

The junior class in children's literature planned and directed the activities of Children's Book Week, November 14-19. Included were an exhibit of recently purchased children's books; the showing of two motion pictures, "Alice in Wonderland" and "Tom Tom the Piper's Son" to the laboratory school pupils and an assembly program.

With pupils of the laboratory school as chief participants, the program featured choral speaking; three skits: "The Real Mother Goose," "The Book Party," "Library Arrangement;" and a puppet show.

Intra-Murals Exciting

Excitement has been running high in intramural volleyball competition. Spirited playing characterized both the men's and women's teams.

The freshman and sophomore men pitted against the junior-senior combination gave onlookers thrills galore. The nip and tuck battle ended with the freshman-sophomore team declared champions.

In the women's competition, the freshmen were the first to be eliminated. When the sophs played the juniors for the best out of three games, the former came out on top. The juniors then played the seniors, and that mighty senior team proved itself well-nigh invincible, defeating the juniors and trouncing the sophomores to win the championship for the third consecutive year.

Now, badminton claims the attention of the men. Every freshman, sophomore, junior and senior is playing hard for the glory of his class. Who's going to win? I hope—well, I guess I'd better not say. But, may the best team win!

Everybody is eagerly looking forward to basketball, ping-pong and pinochle.

Fire Prevention Week Observed

To arouse awareness of the ever-present dangers of fires, how they are started, and methods of fire prevention and extinguishing, the fire squad of this college presented a play and a guest speaker to the student body and faculty October 4, in observance of fire prevention week.

Mr. Gardner, a member of the Executive Commission of Maryland State Firemen's Association, spoke on the topic, "How Fire Prevention Ties in With Your Future Work." Mr. Gardner, who has had twenty-three years of experience in many phases of fire handling, lives in Annapolis.

Truman Wins In Mock Election

Truman doubled the number of votes cast for his closest opponent, Dewey, in the mock election held here on November 2, under the sponsorship of the Senior Women's Senate. Final count from the two polling places—Rooms 5 and 6—gave Truman 60 votes, Dewey 30 votes, Wallace 15, Thurmond 1, and Thomas 0.

Senate campaigners were: Truman—Hytolia Roberts, vigorous and folksy; Dewey—Amanda Cooke, calm, cool and collected; Wallace—Florence Snowden, determined despite the many "boos and bahs;" Thurmond—Esther Chase, definitely on the warpath, and Thomas—Elinor Collins, who said what she had to say and let it be.

Three New Workers Here

As we start another school year we are happy to welcome three new workers to help in the laundry and girls' dormitory. Mrs. Bessie Green of Odenton, and Misses Louise Moten and Mabel Toney of Bowie, are three very steady and efficient workers. In their first two months of employment they have shown some remarkable cooperation with persons under whom they are placed and promise to develop into the kind of employees that would make any employer proud of them.

The Eye Salutes - - -



Mr. Leon Roye

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Leon Roye, principal of Havre de Grace High School, in recognition of his skillful management of the State Cross Country Field Meet held here November 13.

Dr. Henry voiced the sentiments of all who witnessed the event when he said, "Mr. Roye demonstrated excellent leadership in organizing and supervising the meeting, and in securing the cooperation of the principals, teachers and patrons. The principals, too, deserve commendation for their team work in following Mr. Roye's leadership."

Laboratory School News and Notes

The laboratory school opened September 8th with an enrollment of 118, including two sets of identical twins. Mrs. Craig, Miss Matthews and Mr. James returned as teachers.

The many new books in the elementary library have already stimulated a great reading desire among the pupils and have helped them initiate a unit on clothing.

The boys and girls were thrilled to receive a radio for their classroom use which they find a valuable aid in helping to understand and appreciate current events, music and world relationships.

The regular classes in physical education conducted by Miss Stewart are helping the pupils to improve their skill in playing games and developing desirable health habits.

Pupils are looking forward with great anticipation to entertaining the college with a Christmas operetta.

FLASH

As we go to press, the concert planning committee announces that Joe Gallaway, brilliant young actor, critic and director of stage, screen and radio, will appear in a dramatic revue, "Broadway: Play by Play," December 10 in the college library.

Shoe Repairing

JOE ILIG'S

Bowie, Maryland

AARON'S STORE

Bowie, Md.

Child Study Conference Held

The second and third year child study groups met October 25 through October 30 under the supervision of Paul Huffington and three consultants: Miss Webber, Mr. Perkins and Miss Merchon.

Attending from the class in Human Growth and Development were sophomores Mary Gregg and Vernon Wilson. Other students in attendance were five seniors: Leona Pendleton, Francis Gates, Leicester Grace, William Moore and Marian Banks.

During the various lectures and laboratory meetings the group was instructed as to organization and procedure.

The consultants informed the group of the benefits of the child study movements and praised it for its high rate of attendance, interest and effectiveness as compared with other groups.

Girls' Dorm Has New Look

Quite a few conveniences were added during the past summer to those already present in the girls' dormitory.

In the foyer of Tubman Hall there are new furnishings which consist of two sofas, four chairs and two rugs. They greatly enhance its beauty and comfort.

These improvements are in line with the president's aim to make the dormitory more attractive and livable.

Beautiful flowers for the vases are supplied by Mrs. William E. Henry.

The beauty parlor is equipped with new chairs, mirrors, dryers, combs, curlers and a supply cabinet.

There is a new club room on the third floor which provides additional space for study and relaxation.

Dr. Weaver, the dentist, has new equipment which was purchased at a cost of \$1,336.23.

A pleasure for all of the occupants of the dormitory is the new coke machine.

IMPRESSIONS OF FRESHMEN
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Another transfer student is Sheldon B. Phillips, who has attended Tuskegee and Miner. He says, "After having spent three years in two institutions of higher learning, I am in a position to evaluate the qualities of each. At Bowie the students and teachers alike have a more congenial and family-like attitude. I am certain that I will enjoy my stay here."

Jerome Taylor, the comedian of the class and a graduate of Carver High School, Cumberland, gave me this answer: "I think Md. State is a swell school. There is a friendly air possessed by faculty as well as students. The surroundings and the friendly atmosphere help me to see that my future here will be very good."

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