

Dr. Hawkins To Address Graduates

Noted Author Lectures

Louis J. Alber, author and foreign correspondent, proved himself a most accomplished and thought-provoking speaker when he lectured here May 8, on the subject, "We Can Win the Cold War."

A thorough and long-time student of Soviet Russia and what he calls the World Communist Conspiracy, Mr. Alber presented a program for wresting the initiative from the Soviets without precipitating a shooting war.

The speaker named religion as the strongest bulwark against communism and suggested economic pressure as a close runner-up. He declared that to win the cold war, we must "destroy the power of the Communist Party." He further recommended the formation of a strategy board for winning this war, one member of which should be a military man. He emphasized the belief that the United States must demand of Russia that she keep all agreements made. Said he, "Russia has kept only two of 52 agreements made at Potsdam."

To secure the material and facts for this address, Mr. Alber has made numerous investigating trips abroad since World War II, studying the Communist techniques used by the Kremlin in waging the Cold War against the Free World. He has visited 39 countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa, spent six months east of the Iron Curtain and traveled more than 10,000 miles since 1945. On his most recent trip, he followed the Iron Curtain from Finland to Pakistan-India, and talked with hundreds of refugees and escapees from Iron Curtain countries.

Described by the late William Howard Taft as having "the mind of a statesman," and endorsed by Gen. Mark Clark for his views, Mr. Alber, in a moving closing statement, said: "The whole world is one huge stage. The greatest tragedy of all time is being played. The forces of good and evil are represented by the United States and Russia. We don't realize we are playing in a tragedy. We allow Russia to steal scenes. We seem to be acting in a comedy or a farce. We do not seem to realize we are in a war for survival."

A spirited question-answer period followed the lecture.

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CLASS OF '56
AS JUNIORS



Dr. Earle T. Hawkins

Rev. Elder Delivers Baccalaureate

The Rev. Curtis Elder, pastor of John Wesley Methodist Church, Salisbury, Md., delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the 81 candidates for graduation, Sunday, May 27 at 2:30.

A native Tennessean, Rev. Elder received his early training in his home state, and completed his education at Claflin College in Orangeburg, S. C. and Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga. Before coming to Salisbury where he has served for nine years he pastored at Morristown and Chattanooga, Tenn. and at Stockton, Md.

The minister took his text from Romans 8:38-39: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." He selected for his theme: "A Sure Thing."

"Do you have a sure thing?" he queried, at the outset of his sermon. Stating that all want something on which to depend, the minister emphasized the fact that we change our scale of values in times of crises, such as wars and

depressions. Even though we think of stocks and bonds, bank deposits, abundant harvests, etc. as security, they are not sure things. "We must not leave God out," he cautioned.

Among others, the speaker mentioned Midas and his love for gold and Judas Iscariot and his love for silver. These thought they had a sure thing, but the thing turned out to be a liability. He cited David and Paul in contrast.

He admonished the graduates to carry God with them as they go out to serve. "God will be with you always," he declared; "God is a sure thing. He may be eclipsed, but He will never be defeated."

Many relatives and friends of the class attended the exercises presided over by President Henry. The college glee club, the girls' ensemble and the band furnished music for the occasion.

Receiving M. Ed. degrees from the University of Maryland this year are Josephia Randall Morselle '28, and Mary V. Wiseman '29. They are both teaching in Anne Arundel County.

Helen Chase Smothers '38 and Delores Blair '50 have been awarded Master's degrees from New York University.

Towson President Speaks To 81 June 2

Dr. Earle T. Hawkins, dynamic president of our sister institution, the Maryland State Teachers College at Towson, will address this year's graduating class at the Forty-Fifth Commencement exercises to be held at 2 o'clock, June 2.

Dr. Hawkins is a native of Maryland. He received his early education in Maryland public schools and his bachelor's degree

from Western Maryland College. His master's degree was received from Columbia University and his doctor of philosophy degree from Yale University.

After serving as teacher and principal in various high schools in Maryland, he went to the State Dept. of Education as State School Supervisor and later was Director of Instruction. He taught at Yale while working on his doctorate and has served on the summer school faculty of both Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland. Since 1947 he has been the president of the State Teachers College at Towson.

Dr. Hawkins has been active in various groups in education, citizenship, music, youth work, and conservation. He has served as president of the Maryland State Teachers Assn., vice president of the National Education Assn., and is vice president of the National Conference on Citizenship.

He is a member of the National YMCA Committee on Work with Youth, and of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. He has served as a member of the Commission on Higher Institutions of the Middle States Assn. and of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education in Maryland.

He is currently chairman of the Dept. of Research and Education of the Maryland Board of Natural Resources.

Plans Drawn For New Library

The Maryland Legislative Assembly, by appropriating the necessary funds, authorized the administration to proceed with the drawing up of plans and specifications for our urgently needed library.

Present plans call for a two-story building with basement. The first floor will include a display lobby, general reading rooms, the librarian's office, a browsing and periodical room, a work alcove, cataloging room, stacks, and rooms for equipment and storage.

Planned for the second floor are staff and music rooms, a listening booth, an art and treasure room, rooms for conferences and audio-visual aids, a laboratory for children's literature and curriculum, stacks, and general reading rooms.



Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., state superintendent of Maryland schools, will confer degrees on 75 candidates for the bachelor of science degree in education and award to six, bachelor of science certificates.

Laverne Hebron '51 is the first Negro teacher to be appointed in the recently integrated Meade Heights Elementary School at Fort George Meade.

High School Students Air Views

The Maryland Society of Educational Pioneers will sponsor their annual High School Conference May 20. The theme will be: "Students' Expectations of the Modern High School."

Mr. Homer O. Elservad, director of secondary education in Baltimore, is the guest speaker.

Statewide representation from Maryland high schools is expected.

The six topics to be discussed by student groups are: (1) What should the curriculum include? (2) What provisions should be made for developing social control and self direction? (3) What personality traits should teachers possess? (4) What should be the extent and organization of special services? (5) What should be the extent and organization of the extra-curricular non-athletic program? (6) What should be the nature of the athletic program?

Percy C. Williams '33 is now Dr. Williams, having earned his doctorate from New York University in the fall. Dr. Williams is principal of Central Consolidated High School in Belair, Harford County.

Greetings from President Henry

It is always a pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all who come to share in our commencement activities. Especially are we pleased to greet the parents and guardians of our graduates.

To the 81 who, on June 2, will be graduated to join the ranks of the alumni and become members of the teaching profession, I offer felicitations. As is frequently the case, many of you will regard the degree conferred upon you, B.S. in education, and the document you receive—your diploma—chiefly as means of testifying to your proficiency and application during college days. But they should mean more.

Have you ever stopped to think that although most of you have spent four years as students here you will spend all the remaining years of your lives as alumni of M.S.T.C., and that many of those years you will spend as teachers?

It is our concern, that you not become an alumnus and a teacher in name only—we would have you become responsible alumni and teachers. What do we mean by responsible? One dictionary defines it as: having a capacity for moral decisions and therefore accountable; capable of rational action; able to discharge obligations; showing reliability.

Being a responsible alumnus and teacher means that you will reflect the tone of the institution you represent. It carries with it a sense of personal pride, but what is more important, a sense of personal responsibility. It will be characterized by dedicated service to the children and communities of Maryland.

May your hopes and dreams be realized in the fullest degree. We have faith in you to believe that, in the years to come, you will give us cause to be proud of you.



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Adieu

When a group of energetic young men and ladies converged on the campus of Maryland State Teachers College four years ago, they had pledged themselves to spend a happy stay and make it their permanent home, except for a few visits to see their parents. This was in the year 1952, and their aim has almost been accomplished. The task, however, has not been an easy one and some of the group have undoubtedly been at the turning point, but with the guidance and cooperative help of their efficient instructors they were able to conquer whatever difficulties faced them.

It has been wonderful working with the Press Club for the past three years, and even more exciting has been my experience of being Editor-in-Chief of the College Eye for two years. I say sincerely to my staff and members of the Press Club, you are marvelous and you have been very cooperative! Whoever your editor may be for the year 1956-1957, I hope that you will work as faithfully and as diligently with him as you have with me. Our stay has been gratifying even though it was not all play. We shall never forget our Alma Mater, Maryland State Teachers College.

Caretha C. Passmore

Yearbook To Be Issued Shortly

The staff of the Statesman '56 is assured that the annuals will be ready for distribution before Commencement. This hard working group composed of Sadie Pumphrey, editor-in-chief; Gretta Gordy, associate editor; Yvonne Holland, art editor; Clark Estep, photography editor; Mary Albert and Grant Martin assistants in photography; and Amy Davis, copy editor, consider the publication of a yearbook one of the most complicated and arduous tasks of college life.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Law and Mr. William Zander, they worked long hours creating and executing the building of their

memory book. They promise a production that will be a panorama of campus life so interestingly presented that it will offer a real challenge to the Class of '57. Further, they offer this advice to the next staff; start early in preparing for the Statesman, for it requires time to put forth a well-organized, creditable book.

Miss Pumphrey gave this statement to your reporter: "It has been an extreme pleasure to be of service to the Class of '56 and the remaining student body. I sincerely hope that the editor of the '57 Statesman will have a staff that is as capable and as cooperative as the staff with whom I have worked."

What Other Papers Say

The Eagle Interpreter—Coppin State Teachers College—

Student Teaching — Self Confidence plays an important part in your success in student teaching. If you lack this, you are defeated before you begin. To make a long story short, put your "best foot forward" and let your conscience be your guide while doing your practice teaching.

The Spokesman—Morgan State College—

Achievement—In order for an individual to make a place in the world, he must achieve in his

chosen field. The successful person is the one who does more than just the average or expected amount of work. To quote a trite military term, he goes "beyond the call of duty." Too many of us are content to do the mediocre, enough just to get by. In everything that we do, whether it be athletics, scholastics, or just plain everyday living, we should strive to do more and we should push ourselves to do more. We should put into it as much as we expect to get out.

Commencement Calendar

Sunday, May 27, 2:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Sermon
 By the Reverend Curtis Elder, Pastor
 John Wesley Methodist Church, Salisbury, Md.
 Tuesday, May 29, 2 p.m. May Day in Disney Land
The Demonstration School
 Wednesday, May 30, 8 p.m. Band Concert
College Band
 Thursday, May 31, 5-7 p.m. President and Mrs. Henry's
 Reception to Faculty, Senior Class and Alumni
 8 p.m. Senior Class Night
 Friday, June 1, 8 p.m. Music Festival
College Glee Club
 Saturday, June 2, 2 p.m. Commencement Exercises
 Dr. Earle T. Hawkins, President
 State Teachers College, Towson, Md.



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The Medley

No institution would be complete without the support of musical groups; thus we find amidst us eager members of the band ever striving to reach the goal they have set for themselves. And that is the acquisition of more musical knowledge that will enable them to readily compete against any other college band.

The college band, under the industrious leadership of Mr. C. W. Bessicks, is doing a commendable job. During the last two years membership has grown from 25 to 35 official members.

Since the majority of the band members were graduates in the Class of 1955, Mr. Bessicks found upon his arrival here, very little to work with. Yet during the month of December, the aggregation gave its first performance—a Christmas program, which included such offerings as ensemble solos, duets, and familiar Christmas carols.

Says Mr. Bessicks, "Within the next two years we plan to have a 60-piece concert band." The members of the band have caught the attitude of their instructor and are full of optimism, hopes, and plans for the future. As a group of young people, they are cognizant of their shortcomings and are striving daily to improve them.

Mr. Bessicks thinks that the persistent optimistic personalities of the students, their willingness and desire to learn, will compensate for the entities they lack and they will soon be on the road to success.

THE TEACHER MUSES

Year after year they come to me
 These children with questioning
 looks—
 Year after year they leave me,
 As they leave their outgrown
 books;
 And I wonder sometimes if I've
 taught them
 Just some of the worthwhile
 things,
 Just some of the things they'll
 need in life,
 Be they peasants, or poets, or
 kings.
 Of course, they've learned civics
 and history
 And how to divide and add,
 But have they learned that these
 are not all
 That makes life sad or glad?
 Have I taught them the cause of
 smiling
 When things are at their worst?
 Have I taught them there's
 nothing that helps like a song
 When the heart seems ready to
 burst?
 Have I taught them the joy of
 clean living?
 That Honor is better than Fame?
 That good friends are the greatest
 of treasure?
 Wealth, less than an untarnished
 name?
 Have I taught them respect to the
 aged?
 Protection to those that are
 weak?
 That silence is always golden
 When gossip bids them speak?

POETS CORNER

A Prayer

Shirley E. Smith

Lord, train my ears to hear and my eyes to see
 The beauty of each flower and tree
 The magic that the seasons bring
 In the call of Summer; the rush of Spring,
 In the melancholy joy of Autumn's day
 And the stillness and peace of Winter's phase;
 In the dawn that breaks across the morning skies
 And in the innocent softness of a small child's eyes.
 In the beauty that is seen in the sunset's glow, and
 In the rushing waters and the river's flow;
 In the flowers that adorn a country's lane and
 In the cool, refreshing touch of rain;
 In the peacefulness of cows grazing in meadow grass, and
 In the gentle breeze as it rushes past;
 In the twilight shadows at the close of day and
 In tiny lambs as they frisk at play;
 In the soft rustling of maple leaves and
 In the majestic greatness of mountains and trees;
 In the breaking of waves upon the rugged shore, and
 In the mighty force of the ocean's roar;
 In the twinkling stars crossing Heaven's domain, and
 In the happy waving of summer grain;
 In the fleecy clouds upon Heaven's blue, and
 In the refreshing coolness of morning dew;
 In a bird's soft call when all is still, and
 In the loveliness of a snow-capped hill;
 In the bracing freshness of the ocean's spray, and
 In the undisturbed quietness of a hidden boy;
 In the hushed whisperings of a pine forest, and
 In the gentle firmness of a mother's voice,
 In waters rushing onward, bouyant and free —
 Lord teach me to be more appreciative of Thee!

Beyond That Lane

Beyond a lane I know,
 Across a bridge upon a hill
 Is a place where all attention is
 given
 When someone in the house is ill.
 In this house is a woman
 Who has never had a child,
 But works very hard every day
 To bring to some kid a smile.
 When days are long and lonely
 And the blue sky turns to gray,
 We know that Mom will do some-
 thing
 To bring a smile along the way.
 So, what if a day brings tears?
 Deep in our hearts we know
 Something beyond that lane was
 said
 To help our souls to grow.
 —James Smith '60

Teaching

(Taken from the Ladies Home Journal,
 January '53.)
 History happens in small rooms,
 And people grow
 In your large hands like states
 patiently won
 From wilderness, 'But the work is
 slow.
 You do not see the end, and it is
 never done.
 For this largess, this gift, words
 are too narrow,
 They are not needed. The praise is
 afterwards.
 For you are the future, wearing
 love at marrow;
 The praise is later, found in lives,
 not words.

An Art Song

An art song is like a flower to me,
 Nurtured from a seed, in fertile
 soil.
 Blooms emotions that are hers or
 his,
 Of innermost spirit no man can
 spoil;
 Spreads joy or sorrow what e'er
 it be.
 An art song is like a flower to me,
 Cultivated tone of high degree.
 With rhythm and tempo and
 timbre Shines thru—
 Projecting the troubadours and
 the Masters too.
 —Josephine L. Cousins

Have I taught them that Fear is
 a coward?
 Who is beaten when they say,
 "I can."
 That Courtesy ranks with
 Courage
 In the hearts of the real
 gentleman?
 Have I taught them these things
 and the others
 That will help make them brave,
 kind, and true?
 If I have, then, I care not if they
 tell me
 That Irkutsk is a town in Peru!
 —Selected

Charlotte E. Hunter A Tribute Reflections

Oh radiant life!
 Asleep in sombre clods,
 Spurned by the foot of man
 And beast,
 You dream and smile
 In glorious verdure!
 In Joyous song birds;
 And in all creatures
 Of the wood and field
 You spring to action
 Full of grace and power.
 And life's rich fullness in
 A conscious Soul,
 Sees its dear symbol
 In each simple flower!

When Charlotte E. Hunter, our beloved friend and benefactor, wrote these lines in June, 1940 as a tribute to her friend, Mrs. Ethel Slater, she had not an echo of feeling they would be projected into the future to eulogize her memory. "Miss Hunter" is remembered by all who knew her at Bowie. Her bright smile, her gracious manner, and her euphonious voice, made her a symbol of good. Wherever she went she created an atmosphere of good will.

It has been more than eight years since Charlotte Hunter lived in our midst, but her memory is as much alive as it was when she passed away in April, 1948. Each June, what she symbolized is revived at Commencement when a young man and a young woman, chosen on the basis of the following attributes — moral strength, courtesy, scholarship, cooperation leadership ability and general attitude—are given the Charlotte E. Hunter Award and the Charlotte E. Hunter Memorial Award, made possible by her friend, Mrs. William E. Sterling of Philadelphia. Contrary to Miss Hunter's wishes, after her death the donees were given the opportunity to know who their benefactor was. Over a period of years, after the first award was made through Miss Hunter in Feb., 1943 her name was not revealed. More than twenty students at the State Teachers College at Bowie have been honored by her donations. We feel sure Miss Hunter has received a rich, full reward for her kind deeds to her fellowmen when she lived. May her incorporeal reward be abundant.

Alumni Notes

News has recently come that Lorraine Brockington Kimble '54 is teaching in Germany where her husband is stationed with the armed services.

Effie Liggans Scott '39 is one of the first two Negro teachers appointed in Baltimore as demonstration teachers for Towson State practice teachers.

Students Attend Institute

Thirty Juniors and Seniors attended the Southern Maryland Reading Institute held at Fairmount Heights High School, Apr. 21. Co-sponsored by Bowie, the conference had as its theme: "Thinking and Related Aspects of Comprehension."

Dr. Alvin W. Schindler, professor of education, University of Maryland, made the keynote address at the morning general session.

At the sectional meetings held at 11 o'clock, the following topics were considered: (1) "Word Recognition and Comprehension," (2) "Basic Factors in Comprehension," (3) "The Development of Comprehension Abilities," (4) "The Application of Comprehension Abilities," (5) "The Evaluation of Comprehensive Abilities," (6) "Materials and Resources in Teaching Reading Comprehension," and (7) "Experiences in Reading for Secondary Schools."

Speaker at the luncheon meeting was Dr. Gertrude H. Williams, associate professor of English, District of Columbia Teachers College, who talked on "Problems in Understanding What Is Read."

Mr. J. A. Wiseman of Bowie served as consultant for the third discussion group and Mr. Wm. D. Daniels, personnel director here, was chairman of the first group discussion and represented President Henry in bringing greetings to the assembly.

Mr. William W. Hall, '46, supervisor of elementary schools in Prince George's County, was chairman of the conference; Mrs. Bertha W. Key, principal of the Mt. Hope elementary school in Charles County and president of the S.M.R.C. presided.

BATS Score In 'Dark Victory'

Each year the Bowie Arts Theatre entertains the student-body by displaying its dramatic talent. On March 13, the much talked about play that later became a motion picture, "Dark Victory" was presented on the college stage. Starring Maryland State's own Mildred Brown portraying the role acted by famous Bette Davis and Edward Taylor that of Gary Merrill, her husband, the audience was held spellbound by a superb performance. Supporting players were: Sylvia Smith, Doris Harris, Issac Waller, Jacqueline Chambers, Aurelia Lawson, Shelton Beulah, Lesley Holmes, Fredella Norfleet, Vincent Elzey and Raymond Franklin.

The play portrayed the life of a wealthy girl who was injured on a horse causing a serious brain disease. Because of an expected short life, the girl began to live fast and do all the things she had wanted to do, in a short while.

Hats off to Mrs. Dorothy Smith and Dr. Margaret Y. Jackson for directing the Bats in such a dynamic performance.

Students Enjoy Evening of Fun

This year, as has previously been done, the Mentors sponsored the "Lawn Fiesta." May 19 has been marked on the calendars of all students here at Bowie, for the events of this day shall always be remembered.

The college disc jockey for the day, Leon Brooks, flipped four favorite records until the students were exhausted from dancing. The affair was climaxed when the dinner bell rang. The menu was an enticing one — frankfurters, ham and cheese, potato salad, deviled eggs, with olives, potato chips, pickles, punch and ice cream. The setting for the dinner added to our appetites. The west side lawn was arranged with neatly arrayed tables and chairs and the spring breeze made for enjoyment. At the day's end tired students crept happily home. Nothing was left to be said except that, "it was good while it lasted."

Arthur Dock '54 Leonard Moore, '54 and Harrison Thomas '54 have teaching assignments with the armed forces in the European theatre.

Sports Roundup

Varsity Athletics

The varsity basketball team this year played both the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College and Elizabeth City Teachers College at home and away. Though we can report no victories, the morale of the team remained high and there is much optimism for the results next year.

The completion of the new gymnasium will do much to alleviate some of the problems involved in our athletic program. So, like the Dodgers, we warn one and all to beware of us "next year."

Intramurals

Awards were given in chapel on Thursday, May 17, to winners of Intramural activities. For both men and women, basketball and volleyball tournaments were held in addition to a Saturday play-off in each activity.

The junior class women were first place winners for the year, in addition to winning both Saturday play-offs. The sophomore and freshmen girls tied for second place.

In the men's division, first place went to the seniors with the freshmen and sophomores runners-up. The senior men won the basketball play-off. First place awards were school jackets, with emblems given for second place and pennants for third. Trophies were given play-off winners.

Elmore Adams

When school reopens this fall, members of our present senior class shall be greatly missed. It would be difficult to pay "tribute" to each and we can think of

no more representative senior to salute than Elmore Adams. Well known and respected by all, Elmore shall probably most be remembered for his talent as a basketball player. He has been a

member of the team for four years and he was the outstanding player on this year's squad. His spirit of sportsmanship and fair play shall serve him well in his role of teacher, where such qualities are indispensable. From one and all, Elmore, much success and happiness.

Junior-Senior Prom Enjoyed

The Calendar slowly flipped its leaves over to Friday, the 18th of May when the Junior Class honored the Seniors at the Annual Junior-Senior Prom. This affair is one that, through the years, has been held in high esteem by juniors and seniors. This year it was no different. Our beautifully decorated gymnasium opened its doors to welcome some three hundred and fifty guests. The seniors' hosts and hostesses had planned for them a most exquisite menu which contributed greatly to their dancing spirit.

Music was furnished by the well known "Van Dykes" of Annapolis. Gay bright faced youngsters, smartly clad in formal attire, waltzed and glided until the clock struck twelve. No one wanted to leave. It took minutes for everyone to clear the gym. Ladies hesitated to grab balloons and bits of decoration as souvenirs to remember their well entertained night at Maryland State.

Y Presents Dr. Jeans

"Keep the Dream In Your Heart" was the theme of the message delivered by Dr. Robert Jeans, pastor of Tabor Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. on May 11. The chapel program was sponsored by the YMCA as a tribute to the senior class. Lesley Holmes, president of the YMCA, presided. Dr. Jeans was introduced by the YM advisor, Mr. Herman Brown and Robert Conway so beautifully sang.

Dr. Jeans left the congregation with a brighter hope for the future and a never-dying determination to sail forward on the ship of progress.



Top: Margie Johnson
Right: Caretha Passmore



'Eye' Members Graduate

The EYE staff loses two top members of its editorial board by graduation — Caretha Passmore, editor-in-chief and Margie Johnson, managing editor. If they carry with them the same devotion to duty exhibited in this enterprise, their success as teachers is assured.

Other Press Club members graduating are: Gloria Price, Evelyn Peters, Dorothy Pinder, Doretha Pinder, Alda Richards, Delores Wheatley, and Jeanette Russell. The EYE salutes each one and extends best wishes for abundant success.

Seniors Benefit From Speeches

One of the most important phases in the life of seniors is that of preparing and delivering speeches. The series of speeches began Jan. 7 and extended through May 10. Mrs. Dorothy Smith and Dr. Margaret Y. Jackson worked diligently with each individual to help him to develop and master

those qualities that are essential in good speech.

Among the comments made by seniors, Genevieve Hill said: "I feel that I can prepare and give another speech if I have it to do again." Dorothy Pinder feels that "it has helped me to overcome the fear of an audience."



Parents, relatives and friends of seniors come regularly to hear their dear ones deliver their senior speeches. Pictured above are Mrs. Mabel Gale of Jesterville, mother of Vincent Elzey, and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Elzey, his grandparents who journeyed 165 miles to lend him moral support.

Bowie at E.S.A.P.T.

Members from each class were representatives at the Eastern States-Association of Professional Schools for Teachers in New York City at Hotel New Yorker, 22-24.

The purpose of this Association is to improve the services of teacher education institutions. The general aim is to promote cooperative participation of students and faculty in the formation of aims, policies and practices. The purpose is further promoted through:

A. Mutual acquaintance and common understanding among members of the administrative and instructional staffs and student bodies of institutions for the professional education of teachers in Eastern States.

B. Through serious and constructive study of the administrative, student, and faculty problems of member institutions.

The membership of the Association is institutional and is limited to the following types of institutions of acceptable standing in classifications:

- A. University schools and Colleges of Education.
- B. State and Municipal Teachers' Colleges and Normals.
- C. Graduate Schools of Education and Graduate Divisions or Departments in Colleges

and Universities.

The Student conference also has its purposes, which are:

A. To promote acquaintance and common understanding among student groups as a basis for intelligent cooperation in all inter-institutional endeavors for enrichment of their common life as prospective teachers in public schools.

B. To help students demonstrate to each other and to faculty, administrative and instructional officers that they are able and willing to assume a larger share of the burden or responsibility for policy forming organization leadership than has thus been placed upon them. This affords a relief to the faculty and gaining opportunity to enrich their own experience as a basis for future professional service.

C. To join with the faculty in bringing effectively to the attention of the general public the significance of the work of the institution whose exclusive function is the preparation of teachers for the public schools.

Among the delegates attending the Association were: Lessie Bates and Marion Bailey, seniors. Mary Thomas, sophomore, Doris Sommerville, Edward Taylor and Margie Adams, juniors and Isaac Waller, freshman.

Two Attend Security Council

You might be interested to know that the two delegates from Red China (Bowie) were your own seniors, Marian Bailey and Betty Thompson, who represented the school at the "Security Council" at Towson State Teachers College recently. From all along the east coast delegates came to help solve the conflict between Syria and Israel.

Arriving on the rainy afternoon of Mar. 16, they were registered, fed an excellent dinner with all the trimmings and cordially escorted around the campus. Later they were taken to a comfortable, cozy room with adjoining bath. On the program for the evening was a meeting of the Security Council to prepare for the following morning. Following the meeting, two educational films were shown on the UN. Now for entertainment: There was a social gathering in the modern campus grill room where all delegates met informally. This informal spirit was carried further by going out on the town for cups of hot coffee. A few more laughs, then bed.

Up at 7:30 a.m., your delegates, who were rooming with delegates from Belgium (Morgan) were ready for business. They met promptly in the Security Council room at the table designated for them. The atmosphere was most conducive to working in the UN. Flags of the member nations were all around. The arrangement of tables was an exact replica of the UN building in New York. Attending the Council meeting were delegates from Russia (Seaton Hall), Turkey (Towson), France (Johns Hopkins), England (Loyola), United States (Goucher), Syria (University of Pennsylvania), Israel (Towson), and of course, Red China (Bowie).

Practice Cottage Featured

The Newsletter of the Council On Cooperation In Teacher Education for April, 1956 carried the following article on Bowie's practice cottage.

"The practice cottage at Maryland State Teachers College, Bowie, provides students with experiences that help them guide individuals in the communities where they teach in improving the quality of family living. The training in the practice cottage is voluntary.

Six students are selected by the director to live and work for six-week intervals in the cottage. The training is available to young men as well as young women. The six students who make up "the family" for the six-weeks period are responsible for the operation of the cottage under the supervision of the director. The training in the cottage itself is supplemented by courses, cultural programs, trips, speakers, and through working with pupils in the campus laboratory school.

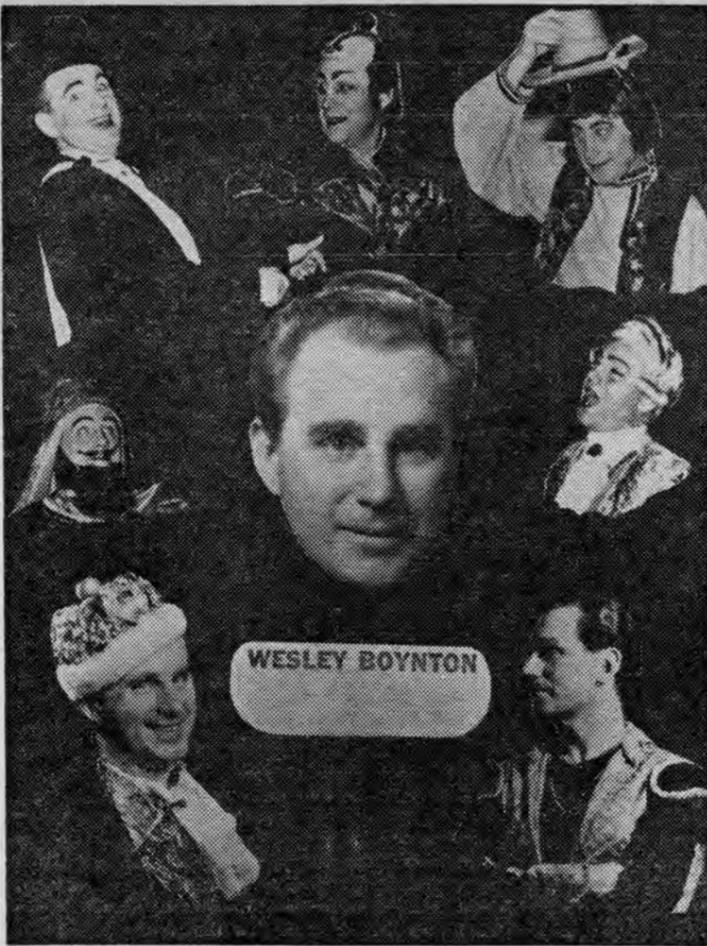
In many of the regular college courses some emphasis is pointed toward the practice cottage experience. In addition, a college course in homemaking is required of all freshmen. Follow-up work on the part of the college indicates that as a result of these experiences graduates of the college, if they go out to teach, have been able in many cases to help lower income families improve the quality of family living."

Senior Senate Entertains

The Women's Senate has concluded a year crowded with activity. We proudly salute them for their entertaining affairs given for the benefit of the student body.

Among the items which have been crossed from their agenda have been hall teas, chapel programs, a lawn party and the house party.

The main event of the year was, "At Home With the Senior Senate." The college dining hall was partitioned to welcome seniors, junior girls, and representatives from all classes. Students summarized fully the discussions of their individual hall teas, which brought to light the intelligent views of our students here at Bowie State.



Wesley Boynton in "Classics of the American Theatre"—Mar. 14.

**Cultural Series
1955-56**

Cultural programs for 1955-56 numbered eight. The first, October 20, was a presentation by The Palmer Martin Marionettes, "Tinderbox," taken from the beloved fairy tale of the same name by Hans Christian Andersen. Pupils of the laboratory school and college students enjoyed the trip into never-never land where witches can fly and brew evil potions . . . where a common soldier wins the hand of the Princess and destroys the wicked witch that had been casting spells over the Kingdom for hundreds of years.

The Barter Theatre of Virginia on Nov. 22 appeared in a fresh and invigorating interpretation of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. Especially effective were the sets designed by Lynn Pecktal. The lavish costumes designed by Maryanna Elliot, were authentic from the togas and jewelry down to the laced sandals.

On Jan. 16, Nelson and Neal, brilliant Australian-American two-piano team, thrilled us with their skilled performance on their two concert grand pianos (a \$15,000 gift from the Baldwin Piano Company.) Miss Nelson (Mrs. Neal in private life) was Australia's leading child prodigy and was brought to this country by Eugene Ormandy in 1944. She met and fell in love with Harry Neal while both studied at Curtis Institute. Their intriguing story appeared in the Jan. issue of the Ladies Home Journal.

Boynton and Haithwaite of the Arundel Opera Theatre, Kennebunkport, Maine, appeared in "Classics of the American Musical Theatre" Mar. 14. A program of wide appeal, it comprised musical highlights from the outstanding successes of recent years. Mr. Boynton, tenor, in appropriate costumes, sang lustily from such favorites as "Brigadoon," "Kismet," "Oklahoma," and Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Mr. Haithwaite, in addition to playing the accompaniments, rendered three piano solos.

Charles McCabe proved himself a master of the violin in his Apr. 17 appearance before a most attentive and appreciative audience. While all the numbers were liked, favorites seem to have been Mendelssohn's Concerto in E Minor and the lovely Ave Maria by Schubert—Wilhelmj. The Concerto has three equally attractive movements — the first, full of lovely singing melody, reaches its climax in a fiery brilliant cadenza. The Andante is a simple noble melody, while the final movement is in animated style containing many vigorous passages of glistening brilliance.

May programs featured the Baltimore Singers, prime favorites here; Louis J. Alber, lecturer (covered elsewhere in this issue) and Elizabeth Rayfield Hall, lyric soprano. Mrs. Hall's pleasant concert was dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. George Bolek, vocal coach and teacher of the artist. Thos. McPherson Jr. provided sympathetic accompaniment.

Groups Exchange Visits

The members of the Student Christian League, along with their sponsor, Mrs. Etta M. Head, made their annual visit to the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington on Feb. 19. They shared in a profitable discussion on "The Meaning of Security."

In return, Mr. Patterson, sponsor of the youth group at Metropolitan, brought them here for a discussion of their Sunday School lesson, "The Institution of the Last Supper." After refreshments the visitors were taken on a tour of our campus.



Nelson and Neal—Two-piano team, Jan. 16



Barter Theatre of Virginia in the tense and exciting "Et Tu, Brute" scene from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," Nov. 22.



Baltimore Singers

Homecoming, May 26

Graduates and former students of MSTC will hold a homecoming celebration on Saturday, May 26.

They have selected the theme, "The Endless Journey," with the Honorable Emory R. Cole, House of Delegates in Annapolis, as guest speaker. Delegate Cole was educated at our Normal School.

Registration is set for 4 p.m., dinner at 5:30, followed by a dinner-dance at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the class of 1954, the planning committee is composed of Royace Goslee, Octavia Henry and Etta Imes Marshall.

Band at Johnsville

Johnsville Elementary school in Carroll County at their Spring Musical on May 16, featured the M.S.T.C. Band.

The selections played were Pacific Grandeur, Activity Mutual, Little Grey Church, Military Escort, and Waves of Danube.

Marvin Cornish '55, music instructor at Johnsville, has done commendable work evidenced in a high calibre of singing and folk dancing by his pupils. Arthur Neal '50, is the principal.

Lab Pupils Hold May Day

May Day exercises will be held on Tuesday, May 29. The theme of the program is "Disneyland," and the script was written by members of the Junior Class under the supervision of Miss C. B. Robinson. All classes in the demonstration school will participate.

Some of us might feel just a bit as though we are "getting along in years" when we meet such friends of long ago as Cinderella, Snow White, Robin Hood, Jack and Jill, et al. Since it is said that, "It's always fair weather when good friends get together," we are looking forward to plenty of sunshine and good times when we meet our friends of old at May Day in Disneyland.

Dance Group Performs

The Modern Dance Group performed at May Day Exercises at Sollers Point High School, Dundalk, Md., on May 1. Three numbers were presented; viz: "Demonstration of Dance Techniques," "Mambo," and "Lil' David Play on Your Harp."

Immediately preceding May Day Exercises at the college on May 29, the group will present a program in the college gymnasium. Members include Catherine Wright, Vivian Wilson, Katherine Foote, Sylvia Smith, Parl Martin, Magusta Tolson, Barbara Bowie and Charlotte Simmons.

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