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Maryland School Board of Visitors Asks Deaf Be Permitted to Drive Cars; Work of Year Reviewed by Superintendent

Dr. Percival Hall, President of Gallaudet College, Speaker at Commencement

—From the Frederick News-Post, June 5.—

In the presence of more than 200 visitors, the annual commencement exercises of the Maryland State School for the Deaf took place on Thursday afternoon at 2.15 o'clock, and were presided over by Mr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Superintendent. The program included an address by Dr. Percival Hall, President of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., drills, songs and dances by the children; presentation of diplomas by Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, President of the Board of Visitors; announcement and awarding of prizes, and the presentation by the graduating class of a handsome silver flower basket to Mr. and Mrs. Bjorlee. Despite the hot weather the interesting program was enthusiastically received by those in attendance.

Opening with a salutatory and essay, "My Gift of Gratitude," by William J. McCanless, Canton, Ga., interpreted by Prof. Edward P. Gale and describing the writer's course at the Georgia, North Carolina and Maryland Schools, a tribute to the instructors and a welcome to all; rhythmic exercises, folk dances and songs, under the direction of Miss Groht, Mrs. Goodson, Miss Hopfer, Miss Anderson, Miss McCaner and Miss Radcliffe, were given in a most skillful manner by children from the intermediate, primary and kindergarten departments, and the presentation of diplomas made by Dr. Steiner, as follows: College preparatory, Emilie Marie Dietz, Baltimore; William Jesse McCanless, Canton, Ga.; Ellen Chew Peake, Annapolis; Time Certificate, Rosie Lee Hare, Baltimore; Eighth Grade Certificate, Carroll Prentice Ruhl, Baltimore.

Dr. Percival Hall, the speaker of the afternoon, was then introduced by Mr. Bjorlee, as the president of a unique institution, there being none like Gallaudet College of Washington any-

where in the United States in that deaf pupils may there take up college studies after completing their preliminary education. Dr. Hall delivered a well-chosen address which reads in part as follows:

Commencement Address

"Today I am going to tell you of three factors in your future lives which I believe will help to make your commencement in a broader life and your progress among your fellow citizens more sure of true success.

The first is obedience to law. All people, especially young people, long for freedom. Much is being said at the present time about liberty of thought and action. In some European countries the young people are taking up a movement for a life which calls for little serious thought, little labor, and little schooling, but much freedom from routine. Our forefathers are supposed to have come to this great country in pursuit of freedom. Our constitution calls for freedom of speech and religious beliefs.

"But as we grow older and study more our people, our world and the worlds around us, the more we see that there always have been and always will be laws, and that we will have to obey them, no matter what may be our desire. The man who seeks freedom on a desert island may find that certain man-made conventions and certain man-made laws may not be in force, but he cannot escape from the natural laws that govern the world. Night will follow day, the seasons will change, he will himself grow old, storm and sunshine will come, not as he wills it, but in accordance with the natural laws, which he does not control.

"No community in which there is not regard for the rights of others has ever long survived. The worst aspect of the early settlement of California was law-

lessness. Real prosperity did not come to that wonderful country until men organized to respect the rights and property of one another. The great advance of the English speaking people of the world, their wealth and power, have come largely through the establishment and maintenance of wise laws and the carrying out of these laws justly. I repeat, therefore, that one of the factors of success in the life of every young man and woman is obedience to law.

"Of course, we must remember that some laws which are made by men may not be entirely just, some laws may be unwise, but even such laws should be obeyed until they are replaced by better and wiser ones. There are in our country today two dangerous conditions. One is the making of many unnecessary laws and the other is the disobedience of the laws already made. As young citizens of our great country, I urge you to think of these conditions, to stand for fewer and simpler laws; but to stand for obedience to the laws made by the majority of our citizens for the good of all. Obedience to ethical laws, obedience to physical laws, obedience to the laws of your community will add to your peace of mind, to your health of body and to your prosperity.

"The second factor in your success which I wish to mention is that of independence. Many years ago, deaf children were felt to be a burden on society. Their lives were sometimes even destroyed, and for centuries they were handicapped in the eyes of the law. Now, thanks to Christianity and to the development of education, deaf boys and girls are taught to take care of themselves and to be a help to the community instead of a burden upon it.

"In all of our State schools throughout the country, including the Maryland School, great stress has been laid upon manual training and trades teaching for all deaf pupils. To my mind, this part of your education is of the utmost importance. Trained hands, as well as the trained mind, are necessary for real independence.

"It has been the boast of educators of the deaf in the United States that the deaf people of the country are more nearly self-supporting than are their hearing brothers and sisters. In fact, it has been stated that 98 per cent of the deaf people

of the country support themselves. Whether or not this statement is exact (and I believe it is nearly so), I want to impress upon you today the necessity for your independence.

"In some of the other countries of the world thousands of men and women are living partly upon the charity of friends. In our own country, while it is true that some who are mentally or physically ill must be taken care of by the State or the community, there are still opportunities for every physically and mentally able man and woman to earn an independent livelihood. To my mind, nothing is more important for real success in life than for a man or a woman to earn his own way.

"The third factor, which is in many ways connected with both the first and second, is service. Nothing is truer than that even those who command are servants. Whatever may be your dreams or plans of future success, you will never achieve happiness without service.

"Sometimes young people fresh from school or college expect to work only in some particular line which pleases them. Sometimes certain kinds of work which may be at hand may seem beneath the dignity of an educated person. Sometimes young people look upon certain kinds of work as degrading or demeaning. Let me point out to you today, that any honest labor or any useful work done by hand or brain in the service of others is worth doing. A task of any sort, well done, will often lead to a better one. A glance at the lives of many of our most famous leaders shows their successes began with the humblest of tasks well done. Abraham Lincoln as a young man split fence rails, it is true, but he was a champion rail splitter. Grover Cleveland drove mules which towed canal boats through the Erie Canal in New York, but he kept the mules moving all the time that they were at work. Florence Nightingale took up the nursing of soldiers when such work was looked upon as menial and disgusting. Before she died she had raised this work to an honored profession. Unless we can be of service to those with whom we are associated, success and happiness will never be in our hands."

Awarding of Prizes

At the close of Dr. Hall's address, presentations of prizes were made as follows:

George William Veditz prize \$15 in gold, scholarship; Marie Dietz, Baltimore.

Mrs. David Lowenstein prize \$10 gold, efficiency in trades, Leo Deluca, Baltimore.

Jewish Deaf Society of Baltimore prizes, of \$5 gold each for faithfulness and efficiency, Leonard Downes, Montgomery County; Bill McCanless, Canton, Ga.

Edith Markey prize, \$5 gold, deportment; Irvin King, Fawn Grove, Pa.

School deportment prize, \$5 gold, Frances McCann, Darlington, Md.

Wanita Gay Smith \$2.50 gold coin prize, domestic science; Josephine Bushey, Baltimore.

George Faupel Literary Society prize \$2.50 gold coin, Carroll Ruhl, Baltimore.

Edward James, tailoring prize, Harry Friedman, Baltimore; Howard Dovell, Hagerstown.

Mrs. Sterling Galt prizes \$5 gold each, efficiency in athletics; Coyle Smith, Hancock; Arthur Winebrener, Woodboro.

Intermediate department, proficiency in schoolwork, Herbert Hush, Sykesville.

Mrs. Irene Chapman Goodson Sunday School prize, Mitchell Pumphrey, Landover, Md.

James McVernon, Boy Scout medal; Leo Rosenberg, Lonaconing.

George McCleery gold watch prizes for scholarship: Berta Shockley, Frederick, John Ross, Dublin, Md.

Superintendent's gold medal for best drill officer, Harry Friedman, Baltimore.

Elizabeth and Helen Moss, Golden Rule prizes; \$25.00 in gold, each to Evelyn Townsend, Arlington, Md; Henry Ross, Balto.

A valedictory and essay on "The Benefit of Reading to the Deaf," was prepared and read by E. Marie Dietz, interpreted by Ellen Chew Peake, the audience then being dismissed with benediction by Rev. D. E. Moylan, of Baltimore, followed by salute to colors.

Dr. Steiner's Address

At the close of the exercises, an address was made by Dr. Bernard C. Steiner at the site of the new trades and gymnasium building.

Dr. Steiner, who was introduced by Mr. Bjorlee, said that whenever one "stood at a place like this and at a time like this, he looks both backward and forward." Tracing the early beginnings of the school, he related that in 1776, the Revolutionary War barracks

were built; how Baylor's cavalry had wintered there; that the place was linked with memories of the Revolutionary War; and the Civil War, when the ancient building was used as a hospital for soldiers. After that time came the turning over of the ground for the school. Continuing the history of the education of the deaf he said that in 1828, the state began to send deaf persons to Philadelphia for instruction; in 1864 to Washington; and four years later to Frederick. It was largely due to the influence of Henry Baker that the School was established. The occasion for the laying of the corner stone of the Main Building fifty-five years ago was alluded to, and the increase in enrollment to 165 pupils with the expectation of even more in years to come, he said, proved that the education of the deaf was making rapid strides in the state.

The granting of an appropriation of \$50,000 by the General Assembly of Maryland and Governor Ritchie in 1924 for the new trades and gymnasium building was spoken of, and also the possibility of equipping the basement of the new building with a swimming pool, providing a small additional appropriation is made. Of buildings to be erected at some future time and mentioned by Dr. Steiner in his address were an infirmary and domestic science cottage. The speaker closed by assuring all that the faculty and school were "glad of the past and hopeful for the future."

An exhibition of military tactics and rifle drill, Boy Scout exhibit of drills and games, and a competitive drill in manual of arms, judged by Major Elmer F. Munshower, then took place on the lawn, the events being directed by James A. McVernon, instructor in military tactics at the school. Those who won prizes in the competitive drill were: Irvin King, first, silver medal; Henry Ross, second, bronze, and Howard Amberg, third, bronze. These prizes were given by Mr. McVernon. At the close of the exhibition, refreshments, prepared by the young ladies of the domestic science department, were served.

Preceding and following the exercises many persons inspected the splendid displays of booklets, etc; from the kindergarten department to the intermediate and senior classes. Many pieces of handwork from the manual arts: attrac-

tive painting and basketry from the art department and a display of dresses, rugs, etc; from the domestic science classes. Printed matter and a fine display of furniture made by the pupils was also exhibited. In the same part of the building was a collection of books completing a group of 100 given to the school by Mr. Ernest Jenkins, a member of the Board of Visitors. These books comprise the set of "One Hundred Books that Never Grow Old For Young People" compiled by Dr. Steiner.

Members who attended the annual meeting of the Board of Visitors Thursday morning: Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, Baltimore, president; John K. Shaw, Baltimore, vice president; Ernest Helfenstein, Frederick, secretary; Charles McC. Mathias, Frederick, treasurer. Executive committee: Chairman Richard P. Ross, Frederick, together with the following; Richard Potts, Col. D. John Markey, S. Elmer Brown, Dr. Charles H. Conley, Jacob Rhorback, Frank L. Stoner, R. E. Delaplaine and Dr. B. O. Thomas, Frederick; Lloyd Lowndes, Cumberland; Isaac H. Moss, Govanstown; Walter W. Mobley, Montgomery County; Oscar E. Webb, Jr., Baltimore.

Among the matters of importance transacted at the board meeting were decisions to install a new press and linotype in the Trades Building, and the adoption of a resolution passed by the board that it be requested of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles—that the deaf of Maryland be given an opportunity to drive automobiles in conformity with plans now in operation in Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Bjorlee's report in part is as follows:

Trades Building Equipment

"We are now confronted with an important problem in the matter of trades building equipment. Our new building will doubtless be completed by November 1st. and ready for occupancy. Due to the fact that we have anticipated the erection of a new building nothing has been added to the cabinet shop, and but very little in the way of equipment has been provided for the printing shop. During the past years the printing press has from time to time given trouble and we have felt a growing demand for a new press.

"We are sorely in need of a linotype machine. Printing is recognized as the best trade for the deaf, yet we are not fully

equipped to give the proper training due to the fact that we have no linotype machine. I would have urged the purchase of a linotype several years ago save for the fact that in the old shop there was no room for the installation of same. Now the time is ripe for the purchase of such a machine and I sincerely hope that in some manner arrangement can be made whereby we can equip our printing shop with a linotype machine this fall, and not be obliged to wait for an appropriation by the next Legislature which does not meet until January, 1927.

"Some of the machinery in the cabinet shop being obsolete and not worth replacing in the new building, it may be necessary to make slight expenditures in this department, also.

Changes In Staff.

"There will this year be six changes on our teaching staff. The following ladies will not return next year: Miss Mildred Groht, who goes to the Lexington Avenue School New York; Mrs. Irene Chapman Goodson, to Hartford, Connecticut; Miss Ruth Park, Beverly, Massachusetts; Miss Josephine Nunnelley, Romney, W. Va., and Misses Lillie and Lucy Wilmot, who plan to continue in the deaf work, but have not as yet signed contracts for next year. These vacancies have been filled by the appointment of Miss Mary C. Mauzy of the North Carolina School; Miss Mary D. Cason of the Mississippi School; Miss Margaret H. Surber of the Indiana School; Miss Millicent Kinsman of the Minnesota School; and the Misses Marguerite Greiner and Helen Haight of the Ohio School.

"Of the above changes, I particularly regret the loss of Miss Groht's services. She has proven herself to be a most efficient teacher. She has thoroughly enjoyed her work with us and would doubtless have continued save for one consideration, namely that of a teacher's pension. Miss Groht will this year be entitled, according to the laws of New York, to ten years of credit, applied to her pension. This would be forfeited by another year's absence from the state.

Normal Training Department

"We are this year instituting a normal training course. One young lady Miss Anna A. Bickford, who is at present teaching music and athletics at the

Whittier School for Girls, Merrimac, Mass., has been employed as athletic instructor for the girls and in addition to these duties she will receive a course in training for teaching the deaf, together with ample opportunity during the year to observe the work in the various classes.

"Another young lady, Miss Margaret Scott Kent, who is this year completing her high school course in Frederick, will assist at the piano in connection with our rhythm work and will receive the same opportunity for normal instruction and observation.

"Our enrollment this year surpasses that of last year by five. The average number of pupils per class in the best schools for the deaf throughout the country is nine and such schools in addition thereto have one or more principals or head teachers who have no other duties save those of supervising teachers.

Accordingly it was been found advisable this year to secure the services of an additional teacher. Our class average being ten and one half.

"The selection of Miss Elisabeth Anderson, a member of the staff, as teacher in charge of the primary department, has been a step in the right direction; but the time allotted her was not sufficient to give such teacher an opportunity to thoroughly familiarize herself with the work being done in the other classes. We hope that with an additional teacher for the coming year this feature of the work may be even more thoroughly systematized.

The Deaf and The Automobile

"The subject concerning which I invite your attention for just a moment is one which vitally affects the deaf of our State; not only the adult deaf, many of whom are graduates of this school, but also every deaf person within our borders.

"I refer to the ruling by the State Automobile Commissioner barring the deaf from the use of state highways in the operating of motor vehicles. This ruling is founded upon a misconception, for to my personal knowledge through experiences coming under my direct observation, I am convinced that the deaf from the very nature of their deafness are more careful and cautious than are the average hearing drivers and that because vision is vastly more important than is hearing the deaf by exerting more caution through their visual sense have more than over-

come the handicap imposed by deafness.

"Time will not permit of an exhaustive review of the subject. Permit me briefly to answer the chief objection raised: If the deaf are permitted to drive automobiles, horns on autos would be obsolete. In the use of this argument a significant fact has been lost sight of: The hearing man depends upon his hearing to a considerable extent for safety at railroad crossings or when crossing the public highways. Therefore, failure to sound a horn might prove disastrous to hearing pedestrians or driver, and failure of a horn to give warning might thus cause an accident where a deaf man by making use of his eyes alone would have been saved from an accident. As authority on the subject I would refer you to the unanimous resolution voted at the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf at Belleville, Canada, July, 1923. Also to a resolution passed by the unanimous vote of the Conference of Superintendents and Principals of American Schools for the Deaf, held at St. Augustine, Florida, January, 1924, pleading for equal rights for deaf and hearing drivers. Practically every state of the Union was represented at both of these conventions.

At both of the conventions it was the consensus of opinion that the deaf would rank high in efficiency as drivers, and that statistics bear ample testimony to this fact. Further evidence in support of this theory is the fact that of all the states which register drivers of motor vehicles, Maryland is the only State discriminating against the deaf.

"While a small number of automobile drivers only would be involved, this ruling places a stigma upon all the deaf by implying an inferiority where such condition does not exist. One of the large problems before the officials of schools for the deaf is to educate the public as to the ability of the deaf to do things and just here is one illustration of a gross violation of this principle. Accordingly, I would respectfully request that the Board of Visitors take some action in the matter of drafting a resolution which shall have as its aim the granting to the deaf of Maryland equal rights with the deaf of all other states, free use of the public highways toward the support of which, as taxpayers and citizens, they are contributing their share.

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Baccalaureate Sermon

The Baccalaureate Sermon to the graduates of 1925 was delivered on Sunday May 31st, by Rev. William R. Glen, of the United Brethern Church. We regret exceedingly that space will not permit of our printing in full the text of this address, which was centered around the significant though "Little Things That Count." The application was most impressive to the young; especially those who are about to leave school and to assume positions in life where they must be self supporting.

Prizes Awarded at Commencement Exercises

Through the generosity of friends of the school, we are this year enabled to give a larger array of Commencement prizes than ever before. The prizes representing jewelry, medals and gold coins, represent a total valuation of approximately \$200.00. A number of prizes have become annual donations, all of which are mentioned elsewhere in this BULLETIN. We wish however, to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to Mrs. David Lowenstein for ten dollars to be used as prize money, also to the Jewish Deaf Society of Baltimore for an equal sum to be used for a similar purpose. Coming as they have absolutely unsolicited, these and the other splendid

prizes are highly appreciated not only by the pupils, but by the officials of the school as well; for they show an appreciation on the part of the donors for the work that is being accomplished at the School.

The Iowa Convention

Various committees in charge of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf to be held at Council Bluffs, Ia., are hard at work and all indications point toward a most successful gathering for the twenty-fourth meeting of the organization. Delegates from every State in the Union and from various parts of Canada are expected to be in attendance. Mr. Bjorlee, who is Secretary of the Convention, will represent the Maryland School and it is hoped that some of the members of the teaching staff may also find it convenient to attend. Those who have never had an opportunity to take part in such a Convention do not fully appreciate the benefits to be derived from the opportunity to interchange ideas on methods and experiences incident to the teaching of the deaf. The Convention dates are from June 29th to July 4th. Those planning to attend should make early reservations in the matter of board and rooms.

Lutheran Synod Holds Convention

The 106th Annual Convention of the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran Church convened in Frederick from May 25th to 28th. It was our pleasure during the meeting to entertain as guests Rev. C. R. Botsford and Mr. Harry L. Smith, both of Cumberland. It was indeed a pleasure to have the gentlemen with us and to give them an opportunity to see a little of the work of the School. A full program made it impossible for us to entertain our guests as we should have liked. The St. John's Record of the Cumberland Lutheran Church has the following to say concerning the visit; of which tribute we are indeed appreciative.

We were cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Bjorlee in the Maryland School for the Deaf. Our hosts were charming and most generous. It was a great privilege to see the wonderful work of this institution in training effectively 165 deaf pupils from 5 to 16 years of age. Among these pupils are 5 to 6 from Cumberland. We saw their work and heard their recitations and songs with amazement at the results accomplished.

Finding Delight in Service

It has been a pleasure to note the spirit with which our boys have assisted in cleaning away the stone and brick on the site of the new trades building. Mr. Benjamin Rosenour was recently an interested spectator and stated that he could stand for hours watching the boys work. Every moment of the time they showed a degree of diligence that was a delight to behold. The lesson taught in early life of the nobility of labor and of the importance of application and effort will stand our young men in good stead when they tackle problems of real life.

Misrepresentation

The deaf have at all times been subject to misrepresentation in press articles. The automobile situation of our State is a clear illustration of this fact and recently there have appeared various articles concerning the education of the deaf which have been so highly colored, to suit the imagination of the reporters, that they have lost such semblance of accuracy as was probably originally intended to be conveyed by those giving the interview. Such articles can do no harm save in the minds of readers who like the reporters have no first hand information in the matter which they seek to cover.

Strawberry Festival

A strawberry festival was held at the First Baptist Church, Baltimore on the evening of May 21st. A gathering of approximately one hundred deaf together with at least three times that number of hearing friends were in attendance. The money raised at the festival was a donation to the local congregation which has just erected a splendid new church edifice. When all arrangements are completed the deaf will have a large assembly room in the basement which will be exclusively devoted to their services. They will also be given a small assembly room for Sunday School work. The local man pastor of the congregation, is an enthusiastic worker and will render every possible assistance to the recently appointed lay reader, Mr. Elmer E. Bernsdorff, who will be in immediate charge of the deaf branch of the work. Mr. Bjorlee delivered an address at the festival while Mrs. Bjorlee played two violin selections. Mrs. Bernsdorff ren-

dered in most graceful signs the poem America the Beautiful. At the close of the exercise the ladies presented Mrs. Bjorlee with a large "home made" chocolate cake, which proved in the eating to be one of the best ever.

Lutheran Pastor of the Deaf

Rev. H. O. Bjorlee, of Faribault, Minn., called on the evening of the 16th, with some lantern slides which he showed to the pupils. Mr. Bjorlee was interested in our new arrangements for visual education, and expressed great surprise at the extent of our work in this direction, and the excellence of our equipment.—*Hawkeye (Iowa)*

Rev. Bjorlee is a cousin of our Superintendent. He is in charge of the religious educational work among the Lutheran deaf pupils at the Minnesota and Iowa Schools, residing in Faribault where he has a large congregation of adult deaf.

An explanation is in order from those people who maintain that the faulty English of the deaf is due to the sign-language. The fact is that imperfect English is due to lack of familiarity with it, and to nothing else. Practice alone can make perfect. The apprentice in the use of tools makes many mistakes, but constant practice eventually makes him a skilled workman. The foreigner and the deaf child are in the same boat. The English language is a complicated tool, and only constant study and practice will enable any one to use it correctly. For the matter of that, there are a good many people, native Americans, high school and even college graduates, who continue to fall down on grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Considering all the handicaps under which the deaf labor in learning the English language, there is more reason to praise success than to criticise their failure.—*Minn. Companion.*

All Done

One predicts a future for the schoolboy who wrote the following terse narrative about Elijah:

"There was a man named Elijah. He had some bears and lived in a cave. Some boys tormented him. He said: 'If you keep on throwing stones at me, I'll turn the bears loose and they will eat you up.' And they did, and he did, and the bears did."—*Epworth Herald.*

SENIOR DINNER

May 31, 1925, 1 o'clock
Given by Mr. and Mrs. Bjorlee

Class Flower
Carnation

Class Motto
Always Prepared

TIME CERTIFICATE

Rosie Lee Hare

EIGHTH GRADE
Carroll Prentice Ruhl

COLLEGE PREPARATORY

Emilie Marie Deitz
William Jesse McCanless
Ellen Chew Peake

GUESTS

Miss Ethelyn Dryden
Miss Evelyn Gardner
Mrs. Edwin Baker
Dr. Edwin Lathrop Baker
Miss Elisabeth T. Anderson
Miss Mildred A. Groht
Mrs. Irene Chapman Goodson
Miss Irene Goodson

MENU

Pickles	Preserves	Olives
	Fruit Cocktail	
Chicken Fricassee		New Potatoes
Creamed Peas		Asparagus
Tomato Salad	Rolls	Wafers
Pie	Ice Cream	Cake
	Cheese	
	Salted Almonds	
	Coffee	

"Food for Thought"
Dr. Baker

Extract from President Coolidge's Norse-Centennial Address Recently Delivered in Minneapolis, Minn.

"There seems little doubt that several centuries before Columbus saw the light of day there was born upon American soil, of Norse parents, a boy who afterward became so great a mathematician and astronomer that his studies may have contributed much to the fund of knowledge which helped Columbus formulate his vision of the world as we know it."

LOCAL NEWS

It has been a pleasure to have with us Mrs. James A. McVernon and Mr. McVernon, Jr., during our Commencement Season. Mother and child are both pictures of health; even the hot weather has not phased them.

On Sunday May 17th, Rev. D. E. Moylan, of Baltimore, was a guest of the institution. He delivered an address to the congregation of the adult deaf in the city in the morning and to the pupils in the institution chapel in the afternoon.

We enjoyed a brief visit on Saturday, May 30th, from Mr. August Wriede, and Mr. and Mrs. August Herdtfelter and their little child. The party were motor-ing through from Romney to New York City. The Herdtfelters plan to make a Westward trip and to be at Council Bluffs during the Convention.

"An Hour of Music and Reading" for the benefit of the Frederick City Library was given on Friday evening May 15th at Winchester Hall by the following members of the Hood College faculty; Violin selections were rendered by Mrs. I. Bjorlee. Reading by Miss Evelyn Gardner and piano selections by Dr. Edwin L. Baker. Friends from the Maryland School presented Mrs. Bjorlee with an exquisite bouquet of roses. A large and appreciative audience attended the recital.

What Immigrants Do

Here are some facts about immigrants: They contribute eighty-nine per cent. of all the labor in the iron mines and steel mills.

They refine nineteen-twentieths of the sugar.

They build and keep in repair the railroad tracks.

They build four-fifths of all the furniture.

They do nine-tenths of all the work in cotton mills.

They make nineteen-twentieths of all the clothing.

They mine ninety per cent. of the coal.

They own eighty-one per cent. of the farms they operate. Which facts move the *American Leader* to remark: It strikes me that the problem is not, What are we going to do about him; but, What would we do without him?—*Deaf Mississippian.*

ALUMNI AND OTHER DEAF

On May 9th Mr. John Trundle, responding to a wire message, called at the bedside of his aunt, a nonagenarian, who lay dangerously ill at her home in Shepherdstown, W. Va. Enroute to his home May 11th Mr. Trundle stopped in the city over night as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Faupel.

The following young men from Baltimore: Abe Stern, Joseph Pfeiler, Roland Stultz, Rozelle McCall and Abe Omanski were attracted to the city on May 9, by the great game of ball between the Romney School team and our team. They remained over night in the city and spent most of the next day at the school.

Blue skies and a kindly smiling sun which contributed to make motoring a delight on Mother's Day brought a crowd of visitors to the Green. Among them we were pleased to see the following: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Feast and Mr. William Duvall, Jr., of Baltimore who were accompanied by their hearing friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiebking, and Messrs Uriah Shockley and Walter Halbach.

Mr. Henry O. Nicol, Sr., passed away at his home in Baltimore Thursday afternoon May 14, the immediate cause of death being cancer of the throat. He was in his 71st year. The funeral which was of a private nature took place from his late residence on Ramsay Street on May 18. Rev. D.E. Moylan, a lifelong friend of the deceased, officiated at the funeral. Deceased is survived by his wife, seven children and thirteen grandchildren. Mr. Nicol received his education at the Kendall School, Washington, and later at the Maryland State School.

On May 17th a baby girl arrived to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. James (Sunny Jim) Behrens of Union Bridge, Md. When baptized the girl will take the name of Jane Christen.

News also reached us of the advent into the family of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Watkins of a fine eleven pound baby boy born on May 23. The boy will bear the name of Melvin Copeland Watkins. We congratulate the happy couples.

Mr. F. Layden remembered the writer with a card recently when he, in company with Mrs. Layden, Mr. Boss and Mr. and

Mrs. Murphy, paid the great metropolis of New York a visit.

Despite the hot weather there was a good sprinkling of deaf visitors among the two hundred people in attendance at the Commencement exercises: Walter Swope, Harry Ewing, Vincent Serio, Jay Shunk, Rev. Mr. Moylan, Mr. and Mrs. Shockley, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Houck and the Misses Elizabeth and Bessie Moss and Maxwell.

Rev. Moylan gave the benediction at the close of Presentation Day program at Gallaudet College on June 9th.

Writing for the *California News* about his trip east last year Mr. W. S. Runde had this to say of his visit to Mr. and Mrs. Veditz:

Our visit over Mr. McAloney kindly drove us over to the residence of Mr. George W. Veditz whose name is known far and wide as an educator, writer, lecturer, poultry expert, dahlia grower and chess player. We were kindly received by Mrs. Veditz, who is a very charming woman and the only deaf teacher in the Colorado School. She is intensely interested in her work and she talked interestingly of her experiences with young deaf children.

After luncheon, which was a very enjoyable affair, we sat down in the cozy living room for an old fashioned chat on divers things. We had never met Mr. Veditz before, although we had exchanged letters and formed opinions of him before the meeting. We had always admired him because of his wonderfully keen mind. We also admired him for his courage in standing up for his convictions and the rights of the deaf. The meeting did not alter our opinion in any way, except to make Veditz stand out a more wonderful personality than we had imagined. He can talk entertainingly on any subject. His fund of information is truly remarkable. When he was in the schoolroom he must have been a masterly teacher—a teacher gifted with that rare kind of personality that attracts and makes of learning a keen desire. He talked of children and education, the condition of the adult deaf, of fancy fowls, of dahlias, of Colorado's wonderful clays, etc. He spoke with pride of the splendid Colorado School for

the Deaf, its past record and of the glory the future has in store for it, provided it continues in good hands.

A day with Veditz seemed but an hour. Time was all too fleeting and it was with regret that we tore ourselves away and made for the railway station to continue our journey toward the setting sun and to that land of all lands—California, our home.

Baltimore News

Miss Bessie Scully was married to Mr. Masteri of Newark on May 7th and the couple left immediately for Northern parts, on a honeymoon.

The Stork made Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Scherr of Philadelphia happy when it visited their home on April 15th bringing a baby girl. Congratulations.

The Committee of the Maryland Picnic Association has distributed pamphlets to the deaf throughout the State telling about the Picnic and Bay Excursion to be held August 5th and 6th respectively. If you don't get one by June 15th, write a card to Mr. Michael Weinstein, the Secretary. Paste the date—August 5th and 6th in your hat.

On May 21st, the large auditorium of the newly built First Baptist Church was packed by approximately four hundred persons and Mrs. I. Bjorlee drew applause from the audience by playing violin selections. Mr. Bjorlee, Supt. of the Maryland School at Frederick, had been invited to speak about the deaf and their activities which he did. The hearing people were greatly impressed. Mrs. Ethel Bernsdorff gave a fine declamation in graceful signs. Delicious strawberries and ice-cream refreshments were served. The proceeds from the festival netted the Department a tidy sum.

The members of the Jewish Deaf Society gave a farce play "The New Chauffeur" to rather a large crowd on May 19th. Mr. Fred Coblenzer interpreted for the hearing people. Strawberries and ice-cream were served and a good time was had by all present.

Attention, Baltimore readers! Don't neglect to tell the writer about your vacations, also about important events during the summer so he may write about same for the MARYLAND BULLETIN.

Michael Weinstein

BASE-BALL

Little Deluca chalked up a victory for our Seniors, beating the Middletown High School by the score of 11 to 3 on our diamond, Thursday, May 14. Deluca walked eight, but our opponents could not hit when the runs were needed. He allowed four hits and struck out nine. Haishman, hurling for Middletown, was hit freely. In the third inning our boys had a batting rally which scored six runs.

Our students saw their favorite team trounce the Ox Fibre Brush Factory team on our grounds, Saturday, May 16, by the score of 15 to 2. Downes pitched a very efficient game and struck out sixteen factory men, allowing but three hits.

Efficient twirling by Downes paved the way for our Seniors to romp away with an 8-to-4 victory over the Union Bridge High School team, Wednesday, May 20. He struck out seventeen and held his opponents to seven timely hits. In the second inning the Union Bridge lads scored four runs on timely hits and profiting by the poor work of Smith, but after this inning Smith caught Downes in better style. Our boys could not hit till the fifth inning, when they hit freely, scoring five runs on costly errors.

Our Seniors lost one of the most exciting games of the season to the Woodsboro County League baseball team, the champions of 1924, at Woodsboro, Saturday, May 23, by the score of 2 to 0. Downes pitched a masterly game, but poor base running on the part of our boys and a costly error by Winebrenner, caused his downfall, though he allowed only two hits and struck out six and our boys made seven hits off Jacobs. Our boys had two double plays to kill off chances for Woodsboro to score.

Our Senior baseball team outbatted the Middletown High School club, Tuesday, May 26, at Middletown, and won by the score of 10 to 8. Our boys earned all of their runs on hard hitting, while the High School boys scored on errors. Downes relieved Deluca in the sixth inning and held his opponents scoreless, except for two counters in the sixth inning.

Our Seniors closed their season by losing an exciting game to the Union Bridge High School, at Union Bridge, by the score of 5 to 4. The winners shoved three runs in the inning on three costly errors and two safe hits. In the ninth inning our boys had a batting rally, trying to overcome their opponents, as they scored three runs, but the third out was an easy throw to third base. Downes pitched good enough to win but he was given poor support in the infield.

ELY LITERARY SOCIETY

Saturday evening May 2, the Girls of the Reading Room under the direction of Miss McAndrew entertained the Ely Literary Society with a play entitled "Madame Butterfly" the well known Japanese opera. Marie Dietz took the leading part very well. The stage was decorated to represent a beautiful Japanese garden. Miss Hopter rendered some piano selections. This play was one of the best ever given before the student body.

Madam Butterfly (Cio-Cio-San) Marie Dietz
Suzuki (her servant) Theresa Herold
B. F. Pinkerton, Lieut., U.S.N. Berta Shockley
Kate Pinkerton Nadine Fox
Sharpless (U.S. Consul at Nagasaki)

Esther Dwyer
Goro (a marriage broker) Evelyn Donohue
Prince Yamadori Ellen Peake
The Bonze (Cio-Cio-San's uncle) Frances Zollner
The Imperial Commissioner Anna Clayton
The Official Register Elsie Hobson
Trouble (Cio-Cio-San's child) Vera Cirri

Cio-Cio-San's relatives and friends { Regina Nelson
Evelyn Townsend
Dorothy Myers
Genevieve Thrasher
Helen Delis
Virginia Brushwood

Servants { Margaret Baumann
Josephine Bushey

Time—Present Day Palace—Nagasaki

Saturday evening, May 9th, Rev. Mr. Pulver of Washington, D.C., entertained the Ely Literary Society with a thrilling lecture on the subject "The Chemical Fairy Tales." He explained for us about nitrogen, alcohol and various other kinds of chemicals which made the lecture of great interest to us. The West Virginia School boys were guests of the Society at the time. At the close of the lecture, Mr. Faupel gave some congratulatory remarks after which Rev. Mr. Pulver was given a rising vote of thanks. The meeting then adjourned.

Saturday evening May 23rd was called "Story Night" and it was quite a success. Those who volunteered to render stories were: Billy Williamson on "Happiness at Last." Carroll Ruhl, "Scottish Chiefs"; Leonard Downes, "Our Baseball Trip"; Bill McCanless, "Laughing Dumpling"; Esther Dwyer, "The Six Servants"; Virginia Brushwood and Genevieve Thrasher, a humorous dialogue on "School Life"; Francis Zollner, "Jacob and Bryans."

Leo Rosenberg presided at the meeting.
Carroll Ruhl, Sec'y.

"Scout Night" which is an outstanding event on the Ely Literary Society calendar occurred on the 30th of May. The Society members were entertained by the boys of Troop No. 8. of the School. An elaborate program lasting over two hours was carried out in the boys' gymnasium instead of on the chapel stage. It showed what wonderful strides the Troop has made in Scoutcraft under the able direction of Scoutmaster McVernon.

A number of boys and girls in attendance participated on the program at times as in the tug of war, barrel tilting and fighting blindfolded.

ROLL CALL

SALUTE AND PLEDGE

A talk on "Final Report in Contest"

By Mr. McVernon

First Aid Race

Knot Tying for Speed

Semaphore Signalling

By Tigers and Lions

Advanced First Aid

By First Aid Squad

Tug of War between Tigers and Lions

Dressing Race

Barrel Tilting between Tigers and Lions

Scout Stunts by Troop

Scout Games between Tigers and Lions

SCOUT OATH

Saturday evening, June 6th, the members of the Ely Literary Society assembled in the chapel for the last meeting of the scholastic year. On account of the excessive heat the meeting was brief. No program had been prepared for the night. Mr. Faupel, who presided, entertained the members with a number of humorous stories in connection with the telephone under the subject, "Where the Telephone is Still a Marvel." Marie Dietz and Ellen Peake, this year's graduates, gave a few farewell remarks. Mr. Alan Cramer then related a story which was intended to illustrate the power of a smile. The presiding officer continued the lesson in a discussion on the value of a smile. After a brief review of the meetings of the Society for the year, and some remarks appropriate to the closing minutes the meeting was declared adjourned.

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State School for the Deaf,
Columbus, Ohio,

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We wish to express our appreciation to the above named firms who by their patronage assist us in publishing the MARYLAND BULLETIN. Being limited in the matter of space and facilities due to the tearing down of our shop building, we are this month obliged to omit the six pages of advertising matter which appears regularly each month. The usual sixteen page issue of reading matter is also reduced to twelve. In view of the fact that we have run an over-sized paper every month during the year, our readers will note that despite this abridged number they have still received 156 pages or an average of seventeen pages of reading matter per month. Our October number will also be small, but once established in our new quarters, we hope speedily to make amends.

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BOYHOOD AND SPRINGTIME

It seems to me when the spring comes back I can always
see them so—

The boy with the bee sting over his eye and the stone
bruise on his toe;

The boy with a broken arm in a splint, and the boy with
the swollen knee.

And the boy that I still find bubbling up way down in the
heart of me;

The boys of the days gone by—hooray.

For the vision that greets my eyes
When the locust blooms in the month of May
And the springtime decks the skies.

Where the dusty road winds far and sweet to the creek at
the meadow's end;

Where the blackberries bloom in the misty heat and the
whole world seems your friend;

Where the willows lean o'er the muddy stream, and the
catbirds squawk o'erhead—

Oh, there they go in a solid row, that troop of the tousled
head;

The boys of the days gone by—ah, me,

What a wonderful host of light,
With their cheeks that shone in a pristine glee
And their hearts that were clean and white !

The nicknames ring through the air of May as they did
so long ago,

And they sound so queer to the startled ear in the breath
of the springtime dawn;

And vision fair in the hour of care is that troop come back
to me—

The boy with the stone bruise on his foot and the boy
with the swollen knee.

The boys of the days gone by—dear shades, I greet you
one and all—

The fat boy clad in the gingham shirt,
And the lean boy, straight and tall !

—By Folger McKinsey.