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Christmas Everywhere

A Christmas Sketch by CAROL I. THORSON in the *Lutheran Herald*

Mrs. Nelson was rechecking her Christmas list to see if she had included everyone, when Linda, Mary, and Bob came home from school.

"Mother," began Linda, "we made trimmings for our Christmas tree at school today. I made a star for the top of it."

"Miss White read us a story about the Christmas tree today," said Bob.

"How interesting! Tell it to us," urged Mother.



"Well, I thought every one had always had Christmas trees, but today I found out that wasn't right. The story told that one Christmas Eve, Martin Luther was out walking alone. The beautiful trees around him and the glittering stars overhead impressed him so much that he wanted to share it with his family when he reached home. So he cut down a small evergreen tree and brought it into the house. He put candles on the branches. When his friends saw it, they followed his example. The idea enlarged until now all over our country and many others, Christmas isn't complete unless we have a Christmas tree."

That was a new story to the other children, but they thought they would remember it every time they trimmed their tree, and enjoy it even more than before.

"Look, Mother," said Bob, who was standing by the window. "What is that new boy next door doing?"

When Mother, Linda, and Mary came to the window they saw the new blue-eyed neighbor boy fastening a sheaf of grain to the post in the back yard.

"Those people came from Norway,"

said Mother. "The boy is putting up a Christmas sheaf for the birds. In their country they want to be sure that not even the birds will have to go hungry at Christmas time."

"I know another Norwegian Christmas custom," said Mary.

"Tell us about it," begged Linda.

"Every Christmas they place a candle in the window, to show that any traveler is welcome in their home for food and shelter."

"I think that is a nice way of being 'Christmasy' to everyone," thought Linda.

Bob wanted to know how the story of Santa Claus started. Mother told that in the country of Holland there used to live a long, long time ago, a kind old man named Saint Nicholas, who was always helping everyone. Through the years the story grew and after some time the Dutch children began to leave their wooden shoes by the door for gifts. By the time the custom reached America, through mispronunciation the name had become Santa Claus. Since American children don't have wooden shoes, they substituted their stockings. The Northlands added the reindeer and sleigh-bells.



"I read a story about Christmas in Mexico yesterday," volunteered Mary. "Many homes there have miniature figures representing the shepherds going to the manger at Bethlehem. They call that their *Los Pastores*. Then they have their *Panata*."

"What is *Panata*?" wondered Bob.

"Well," continued Mary, "they hang up a paper bag filled with candy and nuts."

One at a time, the children are blindfolded and with a stick are allowed three strokes at the bag. This continues until the bag is finally broken, scattering the nuts and candy. A grand scramble follows as everyone tries to get his share, or more, of the goodies."

"Say! That would be fun," exclaimed Bob. "Let's try it sometime."

"In a magazine today I saw a picture of a great church in Bethlehem called the 'Church of the Nativity,'" said Mother. "Every year at Christmas time people from all over the world visit Bethlehem and go to this church. It is supposed to stand on the exact spot where the stable that Christ was born in used to stand. A large silver star marks the place where the manger was."



"Phillips Brooks, a clergyman from Philadelphia, spent a Christmas in Bethlehem. As a result of his visit there he wrote the poem, 'O Little Town of Bethlehem.' The organist of his church wrote the music for it. It was sung in public for the first time at a Sunday school program in Philadelphia in 1868."

"We're going to sing 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' at our program this year," said Bob.

"Wouldn't it be fun to spend Christmas in Bethlehem?" said Linda.

"It takes more than that to make Christmas," said Mother. "Love and sharing and the Spirit of Christ in the heart make a real Christmas no matter where we may be. We must remember not to give so much attention to the 'trimmings' that we forget what Christmas really means."

"Mother is right," responded Mary. "Christmas is the time we celebrate Jesus' birthday. Jesus was God's Christmas gift to all of us, and our activities during this holiday season should honor Him."

CHURCHES USED AND OWNED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE DEAF

By REV. UTTEN E. READ

There are 26 churches owned by the deaf. Of these the Episcopalians own twelve, the Methodists two, the Evangelical Lutherans of America one, and the Missouri, Ohio, and other Lutheran synods own eleven.

The two Methodist churches and the Evangelical (formerly the Norwegian) Lutheran Church of America are as follows:

METHODIST CHURCH

Cameron Methodist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, dedicated their first church at 512 East Pearl Street by Bishop H. Lester Smith of the Cincinnati Area on December 3, 1933. The church could accommodate about five hundred persons. There was in addition a six-room parsonage next door. The complexion of a city will change and so it happened that the Cameron Church sold their whole property and moved to 1413 Sycamore Street and purchased the Asbury Church building. It has a large auditorium and an equally large basement for recreation and suppers, etc. The Rev. Augustus H. J. Staubitz is the pastor.

Christ Methodist Church for the Deaf, located at the corner of Calhoun and Lexington Streets, Baltimore, Md., has for the past eighteen years been entirely free of all mortgages or other indebtedness. The officers of the church say: "We are a church without a debt." The church was established April 26, 1896, with the Rev. Daniel E. Moylan as its pastor, who continued as its pastor until his death in 1943. The Rev. J. Lee Williams, a hearing man, is now pastor and Louis W. Foxwell is the assistant pastor.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

The new Ephphatha Church for the Deaf and Blind at Faribault, Minn., is one of the finest churches for the exclusive use of the deaf in America. It is built of cut limestone and cost \$25,000, furnished by the deaf and their hearing friends. It is equipped with a pipe organ, has a seating capacity of four hundred, and a church auditorium 65 feet x 33 feet. There is a Sunday School room on the main floor 35 feet x 40 feet. There is an upper room of the same size. The church is furnished

with a stone altar, an altar art window, and other stained windows. Gifts totaling fully the cost of the church have been received. This church was dedicated by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Aasgaard on Easter Sunday, April 13, 1941. Strange to say, the first funeral from this church was that of the Rev. Henry O. Bjorlie, the pastor, on April 6th, 1947. It was due to his activity that the church was erected.

The old Ephphatha Church for the Deaf and Blind was erected in 1920, the Rev. Bjorlie purchasing and equipping the church with his own money. It was dedicated by the Rev. C. M. Larson, and the pastor, the Rev. Bjorlie, who was in turn installed as pastor the same day, March 21, 1920, by his predecessor, the Rev. B. J. Rothnem. By 1924 this church was fully paid for by collections received from surrounding congregations visited by the pastor and representative groups of his deaf and blind parishioners. Thereupon this Ephphatha Church was deeded to the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America which had supported this mission by paying the pastor's salary. On September 12, 1948, the Rev. Stewart Dale was installed as pastor. The Rev. Dale is a hearing man and is learning signs under Prof. Wesley Lauritsen, instructor at the Minnesota School.

"Johnny Belinda"

All of the children and practically all members of the staff recently attended a showing of "*Johnny Belinda*" at the Tivoli Theatre. The production is of a high order and has an appeal to the general public, although it was of special interest to the deaf in view of the fact that the leading character is a deaf girl who, due to negligence on the part of her guardians, was deprived of an education through childhood and early youth. Through the language of signs and through speech and lip-reading, she overcomes much of her handicap to the end that she can live a normal, useful life.

Fortunately there are very few children in our day who are thus deprived of an opportunity to gain an education.

ALAN B. CRAMMATTE

*Lay Reader, Episcopal Church
Washington, D. C.*

By THE REV. UTTEN E. READ

Alan B. Crammatte was born in Aberdeen, Washington, on April 26, 1911, of hearing parents. At 15 years of age he became totally deaf from spinal meningitis. He attended the Washington State School for the Deaf at Vancouver and graduated in 1929. That fall he entered Gallaudet College at Washington, D. C., and graduated in 1932. He studied statistics at the American University at Washington and Gallaudet College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts in 1935.

Mr. Alan B. Crammatte and Miss Florence Bridges of Alabama and a graduate of Talladega were married in St. Ann's Church for the Deaf by the Rev. G. C. Braddock in 1935. Of this union two children were born.

From 1933 to 1942 he was a teacher at the New York School for the Deaf. The influences that led Mr. Crammatte to enter as lay reader of the Episcopal Church were a desire to serve the deaf and at the urgent request of his pastor, Rev. G. C. Braddock. He served as lay reader three times a month at St. Ann's Church for the Deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Crammatte live now at 1103 Trenton Place S.E., Washington, D. C. He is lay reader at the St. Barnabas Mission of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Washington. He serves about once in two months. The Mission is sponsored by the Washington Diocese. The services are attended chiefly by the middle-aged deaf. The orally taught deaf seldom attend the services nor do the deaf children attend when at home from school. The Mission holds bazaars, church suppers and Christmas and Easter sales. They have no choir. The St. Barnabas Mission has no church building or parsonage of their own. There are about 400 deaf in Metropolitan Washington. Students from Gallaudet College occasionally attend the services. There is no Bible Class.

Alumni And Other Deaf

Mrs. Helen Wriede

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The Silent Oriole Club held its eighteenth annual dance at Workmen's Circle Lyceum on November 27. The big attendance packed the ball room to capacity. How true the old saying, "The more, the merrier." It was a merry crowd and they were not disappointed in the advance notices about the floor show. "Tops," they say. The Miss Silent Oriole glamour contest was won by Mrs. Howard Amberg. Mrs. Coly copped second honors and Mrs. Albina Watson was third. The dance was under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Myerovitz, who was ably assisted by Messrs. Dennis Broughton, Sam McCarthy, Vincent Demarco, Ed Waters, Albert LePore and Gerald Watson. This affair was labeled "Couldn't be better." From the dance program we learned that the new 1949 officers are Howard Amberg, president; Dennis Broughton, vice-president; Perrin Lee, secretary; Ben Myerovitz, treasurer; George Kelly, sergeant; Murray Rothstein, John Kulski and Abe Omansky, trustees. Joseph Pfeiler is chairman of the board of governors. Others on the board are Leroy Amberg, Dennis Broughton, Vincent Demarco, William Dilworth, Jerome Kiel, Perrin Lee, Sam McCarthy and Herman Schwartz.

Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, president of Gallaudet College, was the guest speaker at the Sunday service at Christ Methodist Church for the Deaf, November 14. His talk on "Be Still—I Am God" was delivered in clear-cut signs and proved very interesting to the large audience.

Sister Gerard who recently returned from Puerto Rico surprised the Catholic deaf of Baltimore with the announcement that she will remain in Baltimore. The Catholic deaf here are fortunate in having her back and also the kind support of Sister de Lourdes and Sister Annette at the Sacred Heart Mission.

The latter part of November saw Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Blumenthal basking in the sun at Miami Beach, Florida. Their cards said, "Stopping at the Shoreham.

Everything from A to Z is perfect here." Gee, now I am talking to go south.

News of their becoming grandparents proved too big a temptation for Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Scherr. So on December 3, they packed and entrained for sunny California for an indefinite visit with their daughter and son-in-law and, of course, the new granddaughter. Doggie went along, too.

Mr. Jay Shunk has not found house painting to his liking, so he is preparing for a change by taking the linotype course at Mergenthaler School of Printing. There was a time when you could count the number of Maryland State School for the Deaf graduates in printing shops on two hands. But now you will need more than two hands and all your toes to count them.

Mr. and Mrs. August Herdtfelder, of Silver Spring, Md., spent Thanksgiving Day in North Carolina at the home of their daughter, Julia, and son-in-law. Granddaughter, Linda Cheryl, 2½ years old, proved a bigger attraction than the turkey.

Mrs. Harry Redman and her daughter, Mrs. G. Watson, attended the Catholic Deaf Society's ball in Paterson, N. J., November 19. Besides having a fine time at the ball, they had the pleasure of meeting many friends from their former home town.

Mr. Clyde Graham was among the 104,000 spectators at the Army-Navy classic in Philadelphia November 27. To the Navy rooters it was a big treat to see the Middies hold powerful Army to a 21-21 tie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chittum and son, accompanied by Miss Ethel Howell, were recent visitors to the Skyline Caverns in Front Royal, Va. The trip also gave them the opportunity to attend the Virginia-West Virginia football game played in Staunton. Mr. and Mrs. Moreland Lawrence, of Portsmouth, Va., were recent week-end guests of the Chittums in Baltimore and reported a swell time.

The purchase of a used Studebaker and the wanderlust took Mr. and Mrs. James Swanson away from this city several times recently. During the summer trips were made to Pennsylvania and West

Virginia. On October 30, accompanied by Miss Anna Metzger, they attended the homecoming and football game at the West Virginia School for the Deaf. Mrs. Swanson recently was the recipient of a new Easy spin drier washer, a gift from her thoughtful husband.

DEATHS—

October 18—Theresa Koenig, daughter of Mrs. Helen Koenig.

November 15—Isabel L. Boss, daughter of Mrs. Pauline R. Boss.

November 19—Mrs. Gus Matzart, of New Jersey, sister of Mr. Harry L. Redman.

COMING EVENTS—

December 27—Christmas Festival at Christ Methodist Church for the Deaf.

December ? (date to be sent by card)—Christmas Festival in St. Michael and All Angels auditorium. Miss Elizabeth Moss in charge.

December 31—Watch Night Social at Gehb Hall, Christ Methodist Church for the Deaf, under the direction of the official board.

Basketball games of the Interstate League of the Deaf.

Jan. 11—Silent Oriole Club vs. Lancaster.

Jan. 15—Youth Silent Club vs. D. C. C. D.

Jan. 22—Youth Silent Club vs. Philadelphia.

Jan. 29—Youth Silent Club vs. Lancaster.

All of the above games will be played at Y. M. H. A., Monument Street near Howard Street. Games start at 8 P. M. *Merry Christmas to You All!*

BASKETBALL GAME at the Y.M.H.A. on Monument St. near Howard St. on **DECEMBER 18**. Watch the Youth Silents play the Silent Oriole Club in an Interstate League game. Game starts at 8:00 P. M. Admission at door. School children Half price.

After the game, go to Gehb Hall for Eats and Meet your friends THERE.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19—Movies at Gehb Hall.

Feature Film to be announced at Game in Y.M.H.A.

ELY LITERARY SOCIETY

JAMES FLAHARTY, *Secretary*

On November 13th the pupils listed below entertained the Ely Literary Society members. Martha Sprainis was the presiding officer. The program follows:

Current Events: Jerry Collison; Reading, "Master Sunday," by Angela Wich; Essay, "Advice," by Thelma Clark; Poem, "Autumn," by Donald Tress; Short Stories given: "The Kind Police," by Shirley Cox, "Edna," by Malcolm Hess, "Esther's Birthday," by Edna Clayton, "Ben's New Blouse," by James Gates. Then a playlet which was about fun in school was presented. The players were Ronald Hood, Francis Imhoff, Donald Leitch, Edward Johnson and Milton Sahm. Several jokes were told by Catherine Hook. The program ended with a declamation, "Evening," by William Forsyth. Miss Wohlstrom who gave the critic's report said the program was very good because all except one knew their parts.

The members of the Ely Literary Society were entertained November 20th by a story-telling hour with Mr. Tharp providing the story, "Rip Van Winkle." It was told in a very amusing way and everybody enjoyed it immensely.

November 27th was Movie Night for the members of the Ely Literary Society. There were two large reels of "Captain Caution" and another a cartoon. Both were greatly enjoyed.

On Saturday, December 4, Mr. Ray M. Kauffman brought some movies taken of the deaf at reunions and picnics. Some of the films were old. We saw the Rev. Daniel E. Moylan sign several hymns and Dr. Bjorlee was shown giving address of welcome to Alumni reunion of 1934. We saw Mr. George Faupel and many of our friends. When the showing of the movies was over, we thanked Mr. Kauffman very much, and we appreciate his coming here to give us the entertainment.

It's a Girl!

Congratulations! Born to Mr. and Mrs. Garretson a baby girl, weight 7 lbs. 12 oz., who has been given the name Random Lee. Mother and little Random Lee doing very well.

ATHLETICS

MERVIN GARRETSON AND JEFF THARP, *Reporters*

Basketball Outlook

This year's squad of basket shooters is rather on the green side as far as varsity experience is considered. However, many of the newcomers have played in city junior league contests and show every promise of becoming well-seasoned veterans in no time.

Coach Behrens feels he is very fortunate in having all-around floorman Milton Sahn back at the masthead for one last year. Others who have seen some varsity play include Donald Tress, James Flaharty, Charles Curry, Joseph Irvin and James Czyzia.

The new recruits are headed by dead-shot Nathan Kambarn, who went on an 18-point scoring spree against Lisbon, Jerry Collison, Donald Leitch, Robert Spencer, Thomas Chesnut, Edward Johnson and James Kelly.

The opening game against Lisbon was almost a no-contest tilt, so it is difficult to evaluate the season's prospects on the basis of this one game.

However, this column says:

Despite the loss of three well-sized lettermen and the apparent lack in reach of this year's team, cooperation and better shooting should make this season every bit as good as last, and perhaps even better.

M. S. S. D., 40; Lisbon, 9

The Maryland Orioles took on an inexperienced and hapless Lisbon High School as their first victim of the 1948-49 basketball season. The final result of the massacre was 40-9.

Opening the game with two neatly-placed free throws, Kambarn went on to rack up 18 tallies for the evening. Milton Sahn showed his customary floorwork and courtmanship and the team clicked fairly well.

Coach Behrens mercifully yanked the first string out in the first quarter and let the reserves finish up most of the game.

M. S. S. D.	G.	F.	Tp.
Kambarn, f.	7	4	18
Tress, f.	0	0	0

Leitch, f.	2	0	4
Spencer, f.	2	0	4
Flaharty, c.	1	0	2
Chesnut, c.	1	0	2
Irvin, g.	0	1	1
Sahn, g.	3	1	7
Curry, g.	0	0	0
Czyzia, g.	1	0	2

Totals	17	6	40
Lisbon	G.	F.	Tp.
Lee, f.	1	0	2
Hutchinson, f.	0	1	1
Weller, f.	1	0	2
Mack, f.	0	0	0
Slagle, c.	0	0	0
Gartrell, g.	0	0	0
Pfefferkorn, g.	2	0	4
Cecil, g.	0	0	0
Thompson, g.	0	0	0

Totals	4	1	9
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Referee: J. Price. Timer: Glenn Knode. Scorer: Victor Fine.

Basketball Schedule Not Completed

The basketball schedule, although incomplete, is announced by Coach James Behrens as follows:

Tue., Dec. 14—Middletown H. S.	Home
Fri., Jan. 7—Middletown H. S.	Away
Sat., Jan. 8—Kendall School.	Away
Tue., Jan. 11—Westminster H. S.	Home
Fri., Jan. 14—Walkersville H. S.	Home
Mon., Jan. 17—Emmitsburg H. S.	Away
Fri., Jan. 21—Poolesville H. S.	Home
Sat., Jan. 22—Virginia School.	Home
Tue., Jan. 25—Open date.	
Wed., Jan. 26—Kendall School.	Home
Fri., Jan. 28—Poolesville H. S.	Away
Tue., Feb. 1—Open date.	
Sat., Feb. 5—Virginia School.	Away
Tue., Feb. 8—Open date.	
Fri., Feb. 11—Lisbon High School.	Away
Wed, Feb 16—Brunswick H. S.	Home
Fri., Feb. 18—Westminster H. S.	Home
Mon., Feb. 21—Emmitsburg H. S.	Home
Fri., Feb. 25—Open date.	
Mon., Feb. 28—Brunswick H. S.	Away
March 3, 4, 5—Tournament of the Eastern States School for the Deaf.	
Sat., March 12—Alumni (Homecoming).	

Mr. and Mrs. Houck Observe Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Houck, who reside in Frederick, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 28. Both were born in Maryland, Mrs. Houck on September 3, 1871, near Detour, and Mr. Houck on March 10, 1866, near Manchester. Both are graduates of the Maryland State School for the Deaf. They resided for a number of years in Gettysburg, Pa., and have made their home in this city for the past 37 years. Mr. Houck has been employed here as a shoe repairman for more than 32 years at Droneburg's shoe repair shop. Mr. and Mrs. Houck's descendants include five children, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Mr. Houck has one brother, also deaf, who is 95 years old and a sister who is 86. Both reside in Hanover, Pa. Mr. Houck's brother and sister-in-law recently observed their 55th wedding anniversary.

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Houck, on their 60th wedding anniversary, their daughter Mrs. Roland Ebberts and Mrs. Bessie Delauter entertained with a party of friends at the Houck home, Sunday evening, November 28.

The couple received many handsome presents. Delicious refreshments were served the 37 friends who attended.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Houck, Roland Ebberts, Mrs. Ignatius Bjorlee, Mrs. Byron Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Young, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Knode, Mrs. Alan Cramer, Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Shockley, Mrs. Benjamin Lorenz, Howard Hood, Lester Brown, Walter Duvall, William Houck, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Masser, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martz, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fisher, Dorothy and Russell Jr., Mrs. Paul Houck, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ainsworth, Mrs. W. C. Gollner, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Tharp, George Houck.

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Association Changes Name

The American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf has felt the need of a shorter and a more convenient title, and will hereafter be known as the Volta Speech Association for the Deaf.

Arrives in Manila

A recent communication advises that the Rev. E. J. Klippert, Catholic missionary to the deaf of Manila, has again resumed his duties after an extended visit to the United States. We extend Christmas Greetings.



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A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

is extended to all the readers of the *Bulletin*. The school has enjoyed another year of progress as evidenced by letters of commendation from parents and friends of the school, who are in a position to know and to judge of the merits of the type of training employed and of the general atmosphere which means so much to child growth and development.

Christmas vacation will begin following the closing Christmas Tree exercises at 7 o'clock on Friday evening, December 17. Special busses will bring the children to Baltimore on the morning of the 18th, the children to return on Wednesday, January 5. As this is a somewhat lengthy vacation, please lend your cooperation by seeing to it that all the children return to school on schedule time.

Painting of Dr. Forrester Presented

A portrait of Dr. Thomas C. Forrester was recently presented to the Rochester, New York, School by friends and co-workers as "a lasting reminder of esteem and devotion."

Dr. Forrester was superintendent of the Maryland School from 1913 to 1918 subsequent to which he held a similar position at the Rochester School for twenty-five years. His death occurred on May 22, 1945.

Board of Visitors Meet

Frederick News-Post

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Visitors of the Maryland State School for the Deaf was held Thursday, November 18 at the school which is now in its 81st session.

Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, superintendent, made his biennial report.

Among the improvements listed in the report was the restoration of the front lawn which had been entirely ruined as result of the Japanese beetle grub, and the painting of the interior of the academic building, and dining rooms. Extensive repairs were also made to power equipment.

Dr. Bjorlee stated that the need for new kitchen equipment has been evident over a period of years. Due to the war no purchase could be made and even at this late date more than six months have elapsed before the lead cable of proper size could be secured to convey current from transformer to the main building. A number of pieces of kitchen equipment have been on order since early summer and it is hoped installation can be made during the Christmas vacation.

REQUEST FOR LIBRARY BUILDING

Chief among the requests contained in the report were a new heating plant and a library building with study hall facilities. The present boiler room equipment has been in service for 29 years.

In making the request for a library building, Dr. Bjorlee pointed out that to instruct deaf children in the correct use of English and to make the written page of sufficient interest so that it will be used extensively in future life, is one of the most difficult problems confronting the education of the deaf. Therefore, he said, in order to encourage and promote the use of English and the reading of proper text and library books, it is necessary that we strongly urge the erection of a library building. The library would greatly enhance the reading habit and promote the study period. For six years, Dr. Bjorlee stated, he has requested the erection of a library building and he now feels that special stress ought to be placed upon the securing of same.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BAKER

In his report the superintendent paid tribute to John H. Baker, who resigned as president of the Board at the May meeting. Dr. Bjorlee described Mr. Baker as a man to whom the school owes a special debt of gratitude who in a "quiet unassuming manner, rendered splendid service in the interest of the school." Having for many years been co-responsible for a boarding school owned by the Baker family, he was familiar with the problems of such institutions and sympathetic toward the needs and requirements of the same. Mr. Baker was succeeded by Judge Charles E. Moylan, a member of the Board since 1933.

SURVEYS

As a result of the survey started in 1937 to determine the amount of hearing loss prevalent throughout the state among children, very few cases of serious hearing loss have been found and only a few children have come to the Maryland School through the survey agency. As a matter of fact, the primary object of the survey is to apprehend any ear condition in children that may result in further impairment of hearing later on and to this end, all children with a slight hearing loss, or who may be suffering from an ear ailment, are reported to the State Department of Education and to the various County Health officials. During the present year the State Department of Health has taken a more active interest in the survey and as a result many more children can receive the benefit of thorough clinical examination.

Dr. Bjorlee reported that a survey of the Maryland State School was recently completed under the direction of Dr. Irving S. Fوسفeld, dean of Gallaudet College and a recognized authority on the problems concerning the education of the deaf.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Members of the Board who attended were Judge Moylan, Baltimore, president; Dr. Charles H. Conley, Frederick, vice-president; William M. Storm, Frederick, secretary; Charles McC. Mathias, Frederick, treasurer; Robert E. Delaplaine, Frederick, chairman of the executive committee; Gen. D. John Markey, Wal-

kersville, member of the executive committee; Oscar E. Webb, John H. Baker, and Joseph D. Baker, Jr., of Baltimore; J. Norman Ager and Harry B. Shaw, Hyattsville; Dr. Floyd J. Carter, Chevy Chase; J. Vincent Jamison, III, Hagerstown; and Dr. B. O. Thomas, Sr., J. Tyson Lee and Walter E. Sinn of Frederick.

Mr. Tennant Passes Away

Mr. Palmer Tennant, appointed a member of the Board of Visitors of the Maryland School in 1905, passed away at his home in Hagerstown on November 13, at the age of 79. Mr. Tennant was born in Norfolk, Va., studied law in the office of the late Alexander Armstrong, Sr., Hagerstown and was admitted to the Bar in 1900 subsequent to which he practiced law and was for a time judge of the Juvenile Court. He also served as postmaster. Interested in all civic activities, Mr. Tennant was for many years a member of the Antietam Fire Company, being president for 20 years. He was secretary of the Hagerstown Fair Association for over 20 years and had also served as president of the Board of Trade. He served two terms in the Maryland House of Delegates.

Mr. Tennant is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Duncan Tennant, to whom our sympathies are extended.

Thanksgiving

The usual observance of Thanksgiving was held at the school with a special dinner at noon and parties for the smaller children and for the older group of students in the evening. Enthusiasm ran high and all those who attended entered spiritedly into games and various forms of amusement that had been provided by the committee consisting of Miss Houchin, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Jenkins and Mr. Hanke. The older students had decorated the gymnasium for the occasion and also were represented on the committee in charge of the program.

Tall Corn Grows in Maryland

The school garden has this year produced another good crop of field corn. The gardener, Glenn Knode, brought to the office a stalk that measured 13 feet 6 inches and bearing a well-developed ear 7 feet from the ground level.

Freedom Train Visits Frederick

All pupils 12 years of age and over, at the Maryland School, had the opportunity of being among the first to board the famous Freedom Train on its one-day visit to this city. From *The Frederick News-Post* we quote as follows:

"A priceless cargo of these precious documents that are the roots, trunk and limbs of our Democracy" poised in Frederick's B. and O. Railroad yards, for 19 hours and 31 minutes, Sunday, November 21.

Climaxing months of local endeavor and a week of rededication to the fundamental principles of the American Heritage, this city "saw" the Freedom Train.

Official clocking of visitors to the Freedom Train Sunday, as completed at 10:25 p. m., totaled 9,152. American Heritage Foundation officials on the train said this set a new record for a Sunday exhibition of the documents in a 50,000-population area approximately the size of Frederick County.

Hundreds were standing in line to pass through the coaches when they opened for public viewing at 10 a. m. More than a hundred city, county and local Freedom Train committeemen and guests were first shown through the exhibit by Freedom Train Director Walter H. S. O'Brien and Lieut. Col. Robert F. Scott, U. S. M. C., commandant of the Marines special escort and guard.

Included in the big line waiting for the general opening of the train to the public at 10 a. m., was the student body of the Maryland State School for the Deaf.

Countians patiently stood in roped-off lines, which at times extended back several blocks to see with their own eyes the 127 historic writings which originated American freedoms.

The Freedom Train rolled quietly into its berth in Frederick at 4:30 a. m. Sunday. It had completed 35,436 miles of coast-to-coast travel, upon arrival here from Gettysburg, via Hagerstown in both of which places it had been viewed.

At 12:01 o'clock Sunday morning the

Diesel-powered, red, white, blue and gold "shrine" left for Newark, N. J.

Frederick is the 315th city visited by the American Heritage Foundation, Inc., Special since the nation wide tour started September 14, 1947.

Closing the count of persons viewing the documents aboard the train at Gettysburg, Saturday, 3,098,241 citizens had seen these fundamental writings of the United States, during the 359 Freedom Train stops up to Frederick.

Mayor Lloyd C. Culler commented in part: "It is fitting that Frederick, steeped in the traditions of Francis Scott Key, Roger Brooke Taney, Barbara Fritchie, John Hanson and other immortal Americans, should view these great documents."

The County Commissioner, Mr. Hooper, commented as follows on the significance of the week's program, "At a time when our system of government is perhaps being tested as never before, and as we look with anxious and perplexed minds to what the future holds in store for us; it is a good thing to have come amongst us these original historical documented facts."

Never before have so many documents pertaining to our country's history been brought together. From Christopher Columbus' published announcement of the discovery of America dated 1493; the Mayflower Compact of 1622; the original manuscript of the immortal statement of the Declaration of Independence of 1776; the original manuscript of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address of 1863 and through the original instrument of surrender by the Japanese forces to General Joseph W. Stilwell in 1945, were displayed in attractive glass frames that filled the three pullman coaches. At the end of the exhibit of documents were displayed Flags of Freedom which included General Eisenhower's personal flag and the very famous flag raised on Mount Suribachi by the U. S. Marines in the invasion of Iwo Jima.

Of particular local interest, was the original manuscript of *The Star Spangled Banner* written by Francis Scott Key, a native of Frederick.

Boy Scout Activities

On November 15, the Maryland State School for the Deaf Boy Scouts Troop No. 258 held their 25th anniversary banquet.

After an excellent chicken dinner, Dr. Bjorlee opened the meeting with a brief speech in which he recalled some of the early history of the troop. He recounted how Mr. August Wriede, then boys' supervisor, who had no experience in Scouting, took a correspondence course from Columbia University that kept him one step ahead of the troop through the first year of work.

Mr. Stevenson introduced Mr. Donald Simpson, the local Scout field executive, who was guest of honor and principal speaker. He complimented the troop on their record at camp last summer and told some stories about Scouts.

Following these talks, everyone adjourned to the auditorium where they were shown some movies which we obtained from the Navy. The Byrd expedition to the South Pole and the atomic bomb test were both well received by the boys.

Those attending, in addition to the above mentioned, were Mr. Garretson, Mr. Behrens, Mr. Knode, Mr. Uriah Shockley, Jr., Mr. Hanke, Alfred Shockley, Charles Ager, Billy Collins, Jerry Collison, James Crites, Charles Curry, Dick Czyz, Jim Czyzia, Mike Downey, Bill Forsyth, Louis Frisino, James Gates, Malcolm Hess, Ronald Hood, Joe Irvin, Edward Johnson, Jerry Jones, Nathan Kambarn, Jim Kelly, Al Lawson, Charles Leister, Donald Leitch, Phillip Robinson, Allen Russell, Bob Spencer, Ronald Stafford, Bill Stillings, Mike Tsimis, Spencer Tracey, Maurice Wagner and Billy Ward.

The Francis Scott Key District Boy Scouts Court of Honor was held on November 19th. The Maryland School was represented by seven Scouts, who received awards. James Czyzia and Donald Tress received Star Scout awards which were due them last February, but held up by an error. Charles Ager got merit badges in horsemanship, printing, bookbinding, woodturning and wood-carving. Charles Curry got his merit badge in leathercraft which he earned at camp last summer.

Edward Johnson, Donald Leitch and Nathan Kambarn received their First Class Scout badges.

Uriah B. Shockley, Jr., who has accepted a commission as Assistant Scoutmaster of the school troop, was awarded his Eagle badge. The badge was pinned on by his mother.

These advancements are encouraging and it is to be hoped that it will stimulate all the boys to work for further advancement along the "Trail of the Eagle."

J. W. STEVENSON, Scoutmaster

Girl Scout Group No. 1

We have Girl Scout meetings every Thursday. For some time the meetings were held in Mrs. Bjorlee's apartment. The Girl Scouts are very much pleased that now we have a new room for our meetings on the first floor of the Main Building. The room is very comfortable and the decorations of this room are pretty. There is a long table, about two dozen chairs, a desk, and a large chest of drawers where we keep our supplies. Once we went to Mrs. Dolores Devilbiss' home to see her baby and to hold a meeting there.

When we go to the meetings, we learn games, to sew and to make things. Now we are making things for our mothers for Christmas.

One time before the close of school, we went to Camp Baker. We went on a hike and cooked our supper. We enjoyed ourselves very much. Once we went to Bjorlee Field to have a picnic. Suddenly it began to rain, so we had the picnic in the gym.

Mrs. Bjorlee is our Scout leader, and Mrs. Devilbiss is assistant leader. Miss Jenkins, Miss Addison and Mrs. Elliott are committee members.

We have 19 girls in our group. They are Dorothy Leitch, president; Shirley Delauter, vice president; Nancy Lee Davis, secretary; Jane Angell, treasurer; Margaret Hooker and Maxine Darnell, chairmen; Carole Jackson, Catherine Hook, Martha Kambarn, Dorothy Bossom, Patricia Frisino, Shirley Patterson, Joan Crum, Dorothy Greear, Martha Baugher, June Townsend, Rita Coburn, Helen Harris, and Edna Clayton. *Dorothy Leitch*

State Dietitian Visitor

Miss Jane Hartman, consultant dietitian for the State Department of Health, spent the evening of November 9, at the school. Miss Hartman visited the kitchen, the dining room while the children were at supper, and showed two very attractive moving pictures on food as it pertains to physical education and health in growing children.

Attend Food Show at Armory

Under the direction of the instructor of domestic science, Mrs. Sinn, classes were taken daily to the Frederick Food and Better Housing Show held at the State Armory during the week of November 15. The demonstrations were very instructive, illustrating as they did the use of modern equipment of all kinds. Displays of well-balanced menus were presented. The usual prizes were award and six of these were won by our students.

Brownies

A group of Brownies or embryo Girl Scouts, was organized this fall with Mrs. Quinn as leader and Miss Houchin assistant. Additional members of the committee were Mrs. Sinn and Miss Benson.

Meetings are held on Thursday of each week from 2 to 4. A party was held on one occasion at the home of Mrs. Quinn.

Eight girls constituting the group are Patsy Abell, Catherine Blades, Agnes Gernert, Betty Ann Gray, Sandra Hughes, Mary Ann Murphy, Patricia Richey, and Catherine Waltermeyer.

"Secret Land"

Under the auspices of the AMVETS, the moving picture entitled "Secret Land" describing the latest polar expedition by Admiral Richard E. Byrd was shown at the City Opera House on November 30. As an educational film, the presentation was of a very high order as evidenced by the fact that special permission was made by public schools to enable the children to attend. Through the courtesy of a friend of the Maryland School 75 of the older children and their teachers were recipients of complimentary tickets.

Pupils See Mt. St. Mary's St. Vincent's Football Game

Through the courtesy of the Rev. Joseph P. O'Donnell, Rector of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary at Emmitsburg, all of the older students at the school were invited to attend a football game between Mt. St. Mary's and St. Vincent's of Pittsburgh on November 14, at McCurdy Field, Frederick. The game was an exciting one from start to finish, although the rooting by our group failed to effect for our hosts a winning score.

Cadets in Parade

The deaf cadets were included in a parade held by the local veterans on the evening of November 17, emphasizing the importance and significance of the Freedom Train which visited Frederick on Sunday, November 21.

Pastors Pay Monthly Visits

Regular visits to the school were made by the Rev. W. A. Westermann of Washington on November 21, and the Rev. Guilbert Braddock of Staunton, Va., on November 28.

Among Recent Visitors

Dr. and Mrs. Ingeman Highby and Paul, Washington, were Sunday visitors at the school on November 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Snyder and infant daughter of Baltimore visited the school on November 7.

Mrs. Clyde Burgee, the former Lois Montgomery of our teaching staff, and daughter, Jane, of Lewisburg, Pa., stopped at the school on November 29, to renew acquaintances.

Enroute from their home in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to spend the winter in the south, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nerby spent November 10 to 12 at the school. Mr. Nerby is a cousin of Mrs. BJORLEE.

Miss Kate A. Currier, Danville, Vermont, Mrs. S. C. Currier and Mrs. H. W. Blodgett, St. Johnsbury, Vermont, visited the school on November 9. Miss Currier was a former teacher at the Fanwood School, New York.

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