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GEORGE WILLIAM VEDITZ

Mr. George William Veditz was born August 13, 1861, in Baltimore within a mile of Fort McHenry and its Star Spangled Banner. He became totally deaf from scarlet fever at 8½ years, attended the Baltimore schools for two and a half years before losing his hearing, later his education was supplemented by two years with a private tutor. He entered the Maryland School at Frederick, when fourteen with the one object of learning the shoemaker's trade; learned enough of it the first year to supply all his aunts during the vacation with nice handmade slippers; was taken out of the shoe shop on the opening of school next term and given the steward's desk in Supt. Ely's office. He served from his fifteenth to his nineteenth year as book-keeper and secretary while pursuing his regular studies, but drew no pay, was ready to enter the freshman class at Gallaudet when seventeen, but lacked necessary funds. Supt. Ely advised the young man to spend his vacation in an up-to-date printing office in Baltimore and learn all he could of the trade during the three months; when school re-opened there was a well equipped printing office, and he was made foreman; he had only a smattering of the trade but one of his boys later obtained a case on the *Baltimore Sun*, and another on the *Baltimore American*, a third became foreman of a large Chicago label printery and a fourth is now pensioned as former printer for the great government asylum in Washington.

After two years in the print shop he found the way clear to enter college and made the Freshman class with the best record of any student entering direct from his home school; graduated in 1884, B. A. with the astonishing record of 98.9 for the four years, a record still unbeaten; was invited by President Gilman, Johns Hopkins, to take a post-graduate Ph.D. course at the University, but decided he would have to start earning money and taught for four years in the Maryland School.

In 1888 a cold caught the previous winter refused to yield to treatment and fearing T. B. his parents made him accept an offer from the Colorado School; he has nevertheless been since thoroughly identified with his old school; was for 15 years from



George Wm. Veditz and Niece

1884 to 1899 chairman of the annual reunion and picnic each summer of the Maryland deaf; was Moderator of the Baltimore Society for over ten years; founded the Maryland Association of the Deaf in 1892 and was its president until 1897; delivered the oration at the unveiling of the Barry Memorial in 1904, which marked his last visit to his old school.

In 1889 he was alternate orator to Robert P. McGregor at the unveiling of the Gallaudet Memorial on the grounds of the

College; on that occasion he founded the Alumni Association of the College working up the necessary sentiment and posting the call for the first meeting; in 1904 at St. Louis he was elected president of the National Association and World's Congress of the Deaf. In 1905 he resigned his position as teacher in the Colorado School, but remained five years on the pay roll as expert accountant; meanwhile developing his poultry plant until it became the largest combined poultry and pigeon plant in Colorado.

In 1907 he was elected at the Norfolk Convention for a second term as president of the National Association and immediately in his address called attention to the infamy of classing the deaf with the criminal and insane in the Civil Service regulations. As editor of the *Deaf American* published in Omaha, he began a campaign to remove the infamous discrimination; in the presidential campaign of 1908 he appealed to Messrs Taft and Bryan for a statement and pledge in the matter; both gentlemen were equally candid and favorable, but the main thing was to pick the winner and he decided that the chances seemed to favor Mr. Taft; in the *Deaf American* he threw his whole strength and influence to Mr. Taft; and for the first time in their history the American deaf were solidly aligned with a major issue, in a presidential campaign; meanwhile President Roosevelt by an executive order had removed the prohibition against the deaf in the Civil Service, but went no further. In 1911 by another Executive Order President Taft had the heads of all the various government departments select such positions for which hearing was not essential and for which the deaf might apply; Mr. Taft in a conversation with Dr. Fay stated unreservedly that it was the Veditz appeal that had led him to issue this order. In 1913 he had a personal interview with President Wilson, the first American Deaf man to be accorded the privilege by any President, and carried away Mr. Wilson's hand-written promise to do "all he could to help the deaf."

He founded the Colorado Association in 1904 and has presided over all its conventions; he was secretary-treasurer of the Pikes Peak Poultry Association for five years. It was \$300 in debt when he took

charge and had over a score of silver cups and trophies and \$300 in the bank when he declined further service; he was editor of the *Western Poultry World*, 1909-1912, and as such was instrumental in bringing the 1911 convention of the American Poultry Association to Denver; one result was that he was made an officer, honorary or elective, of every poultry organization in Colorado, and represented the State at the 1913 convention in Atlantic City. He was associate editor of the *American Pigeon Journal* while it was published in Oakland, California, and a contributor to other pigeon journals; he was foreign editor of the *National Exponent* of Chicago, editor-in-



Mr. and Mrs. Veditz in their Garden

chief of the *Deaf American* of Omaha, editor-in-chief of the *Optimist* of Atlanta, Ga., editor-in-chief of the *Silver Courier*, of Chicago. His interest in the deaf has never flagged.

It might be added that he submitted the best essay on the management of the six million dollar Myron Stratton Home and won with it the \$100 prize offered by the *Colorado Springs Gazette* that sponsored the contest. He also originated the moving picture fund of the sign-language of the National Association, \$6,000 and some of whose films are now absolutely priceless. When others held aloof, he started the Endowment Fund of that Association with a donation of \$25.00. It is now said to be \$15,000.

He was secretary-treasurer of the Colorado Springs Chess Club and won its tournaments. In 1915 he was the only Colorado Springs player to defeat Frank J. Marshall, United States chess champion,

among 51 players. Two years later with three pawns to two in an end game he should have earned a draw with Jose Capablanca, World's chess champion, but after six hours play lost on an incautions move. That was his last chess game as

he could not give the time to necessary practice.

He has been active in many other matters civic and otherwise but there is no necessity to record them as evidence of an active life.

TRIBUTE BY HIS TEACHER AND LIFE LONG FRIEND

—Rose R. Harris, Teacher, Maryland State School for the Deaf, 1874-1900—

The intelligence of the death of George Wm. Veditz has awakened long dormant memories of the Baltimore youth, who in 1877 became a member of the class under my tuition in the Maryland School for the Deaf. Deprived of the sense of hearing by an acute attack of meningitis, which calamity had befallen him some two years previous to that date, he had come from the public schools of his native city, where he could no longer hold his own in study.

A good, all-round education for their charge was the natural desire of his relatives; but training in lip-reading was stressed, as this acquisition would insure closer contact with the normal world. In accordance with their request he became, therefore, a student in both Oral and Sign departments of the school. And through his own choice and with the consent of Supt. C. W. Ely entered the press room of the "MARYLAND BULLETIN" as type setter.

Tall for his age, well formed and of gentlemanly bearing he created a favorable impression in his new environment, while his intelligent countenance and alertness of attention gave pleasing promise of continued and satisfactory mental development.

Untrained in lip-reading and ignorant of the sign language, he studied and recited as a "Special" during this initiatory period, sitting by my desk and replying orally to my written questions and explanations. (His articulation at that time was but little impaired).—Naturally fond of reading he had found in books not only solace for his deafness, but much valuable information as well. Quite frequently his responses and allusions showed a range of thought and acquirement far beyond his years. Thus, anxious teacher and eager pupil fared slowly and patiently, but always with encouragement, along the road which we are told is never "royal": the road to success.

With the two-fold view of instructing

my pupils in the use of written language and of introducing them to the higher forms of literature it was my custom to relate at certain intervals some graphic story from the pages of prose or verse, which they in turn were requested to reproduce in script. Occasional discussion of the main points of the narrative contributed to the general interest.

The undivided, eager attention with which the "Special" followed the story, striving to grasp its features, was gratifying. Some years ago he referred in the columns of the "MARYLAND BULLETIN" to the delight with which he followed Lew Wallace's "BEN HUR" as it was rendered in weekly installments. The old-time allegory of "Pilgrim's Progress," related on Sabbath afternoons beneath the pleasant shade of trees beautifying the grounds of the School, also fascinated him with its graphic details.

He became literally obsessed with the superlative value of signs in the education to the Deaf. An obsession that in later years led him into many a tilt on the field of argument. His vigorous pen, wielded in their behalf did as valiant service as ever thrusting lance of crusading knight. That in the heat of fray he sometimes forgot the rules of chivalric debate may not be truthfully denied; but this admission is a criticism of the act, not of the actor. Loyal to his sincere convictions, faithful to his clan—the Deaf, he has left an unstained record of integrity of purpose.

It was with great satisfaction that his teachers in the Maryland School learned in 1880 that he had successfully passed the examination necessary for entrance in the Kendall Green preparatory department of Gallaudet College. And through the years embracing his college course his achievements were noted with pride. That he would eventually return to the Maryland School as a member of its teaching force

was a foregone conclusion, which was finally verified in 1884.

Our former relation of pupil and teacher merged gracefully into the friendship of duly elected co-workers in the field of education, and once again we found an absorbing mutual interest: "THE MARYLAND BULLETIN", over the monthly production of which we both presided; he as manager of the press room and printing force, and I as assistant editor. Here let it be noted in proof of its genuine fiber that our friendship victoriously withstood the frequent provocations of delayed copy, mislaid manuscripts, and soul-harrowing feats of "the intelligent compositor". We 'dwelt together in unity', a good and pleasant thing, as we are told by the Psalmist.

This intimate personal intercourse was terminated in 1888, when he resigned his position in Maryland and entered the Colorado School where he taught with marked success for seventeen years. Marriage in the earlier part of this period gave additional stability to his character and to his position in Colorado Springs. While it was never my privilege to know his wife, incidental allusions in his letters indicated congenial companionship and a happy home for the wedded pair.

Distance and the many changes wrought by time again intervened between future reunions; but occasional messages through mutual friends and his contributions to

the Deaf press, in the columns of which he shone as a star of the first magnitude, kept me acquainted to some extent with his untiring activities and his abiding, unselfish ambition for the welfare and advancement of the Deaf.

About the time of his retirement from active service in the Colorado School a correspondence, initiated by a token of remembrance in the form of certain artistic pottery, became an established custom which continued until serious illness intervened. Even during the ordeal of suffering, his pen, held in stiffened fingers, occasionally traced a few words of kind inquiry. But in the happier years of health pleasant letters, proof-sheets of his latest literary efforts, including unrhymed poems surprisingly rhythmical, and anniversary gifts testified to an affection that had endured.

The "leaves of memory" turned by kind request, make no "mournful rustling" in the dark. They yield instead the lasting fragrance of a well-spent life and of a loyal friendship terminated only by the summoning touch of the Angel of Death.

On some glad day, "beyond the golden gateways of the stars," may pupil and teacher once more clasp hands in happy reunion, forever assured in the welcoming Land of the Leal.

Until that day, O loyal friend, Ave! and Farewell!

ADDITIONAL TRIBUTES

—*Extracts from Articles Appearing in the Exchanges*—

May I add a word of tribute to the memory of a departed friend, George Wm. Veditz. Unfortunately readers of the school publications and journals for the deaf have gained a very narrow concept as to the real character of this brilliant man of letters. In the frequent correspondence which I have had with him over a period of years, I have never ceased to marvel at the profound storehouse of knowledge which he possessed, at the brilliancy of expression and at the painstaking care with which he brought forth, even in the simplest discourse, a word picture which stood out in relief. His views anent the education of the deaf need not be elaborated upon for certainly he had never failed to make his opinion clear.

These matters received scant attention in our correspondence and most frequently no allusion to them was made.

It is quite generally known that Mr. Veditz was an authority on poultry raising, squab culture, dahlias and gladioluses, and one of the most brilliant articles I have ever read was his dissertation on pottery. His knowledge of history, literature, and political science was profound, and his fine sense of poetic appreciation was marked, although this art was little used by him in his writings.

George Wm. Veditz loved his friends. Those most intimate with him cannot deny that there were undercurrents which at times brought venom at the point of his pen. I am confident that the sympathetic

wife, who survives to mourn his loss, will cherish for all time the memory of those happy days before ill health brought constant suffering to the loved one. A sister, Mrs. Christine Roupetz of Bell, California, also survives and rare indeed were the letters in which no reference was made to either or both of these ladies. To them we extend our sincere sympathy.

Ignatius Bjorlee

George William Veditz, the most valiant fighter in the cause of the deaf who ever lived, died, at his home in Colorado Springs, Friday, March 12. He drifted off into the Sleep Eternal just as he had wished it to be, quietly, painlessly.

If there was ever a LEADER of the deaf, George William Veditz was such. He never knew the word "defeat", because he refused to acknowledge it, even when everything seemed to be working against him. And even when some of his once loyal friends deserted him, he still kept up the fight for the principles and things he believed were right.

And, as this valiant fighter for the deaf goes forth into the Invisible World and the Eternal Life, he leaves a record that shines out as a sterling example of faith, of courage, of invincibility and of success that may well serve to inspire those who come after.

There were many who disagreed with him...but about as many of those as are alive today now praise him, as they get the larger vision of his worth and work, of what he really did and tried to do.

There was no worthy cause of the deaf but found him its vigorous champion; his work in behalf of the National Association of the Deaf is a big, bright part of its history.

Some may have objected to his biting sarcasm, his sharp-edged replies to hecklers, and his hatred for sham and dishonesty. But, in the main, all these will now admit that a squarer man than George William Veditz never lived, or a truer friend, or a more relentless opponent. His defense of the Sign Language, his valiant, unceasing fight for the Combined Method and its use in our State Schools for the Deaf, stand out vividly. While others ignored or ran away from the issue, Mr. Veditz faced it squarely.

Even in his last years, when most men

are sitting on the bench, waiting for the end, George William Veditz was fighting as hard as ever for his people.

It is a sad commentary on the intelligence of the human race that they so often overlook or disregard a man's true worth while he is alive...and then heap flowers on his coffin when he is dead.

So now the tributes to the worth of Mr. Veditz roll in.

Our sympathy goes with that of all the deaf of America and of the deaf all over the world, who knew and admired this good man, this brilliant leader, to the grieving wife in Colorado Springs. To her is left a rich legacy of love, of a perfect comradeship, of a pal who was affectionate and unwavering thru so many happy years. Hers are many happy memories.

A great and useful life is ended. The tired worker rests.—*Roy B. Conkling, American Deaf Citizen.*

Mr. Veditz possessed rare ability as a writer, a keen and effective pen, which he used without stint to correct what he considered unfair treatment of the deaf. At times his comments seemed unfair, but the sincerity of his endeavor to assist the deaf cannot be questioned. To all who knew him intimately his wonderful mental abilities, the sincerity of his beliefs, the passionate desire to be of service to his fellows was plain. For these latter qualities he will be remembered and esteemed.—*Thomas Francis Fox, Deaf Mutes' Journal.*

Veditz was a natural-born fighter. He would rather fight than eat. Like all great crusaders, his fighting zeal sometimes outran his good judgment. Of late years he sent stinging screeds to the ADC. His vitriolic style was a relic of the Dana-Watterson-Steffens era; he knew no other. Today's writing-style inclines to puff the good sides of a question, not to concentrate on "viewing with alarm" the undoubted disadvantages of a matter.

Since the 1927 Convention of the N. F. S. D. in Denver, Mr. Veditz knew nothing but hard luck. A flood ruined his garden and drowned most of his prize pigeons. He was stricken with arthritis, but somehow partly recovered. He was hit and seriously injured by a kid in a car; received not a cent in damages. This, that,

and the other thing went wrong. One of the Eight Greatest Fighting Men in the history of American Deafdom...and we left him to his fate.

Two years ago he felt the end approaching. To a few chosen friends, he gave away most of his choicest possessions. It fell to my lot to receive about the very best of all—the autographed prize book by Frank J. Marshall, U. S. chess champion. This has clippings pasted therein, showing that on February 4, 1915, out of 51 men meeting the mighty Marshall in simultaneous play, George Wm. Veditz was the only one to win his match. I truly treasure that volume—with the autographs of both Marshall and Veditz.—*J. Frederick Meagher, A. D. C.*

George Wm. Veditz is dead. He was an individual who did not hesitate to state what to him was obviously true. He attacked several persons and their beliefs with his able, vitriolic pen, and it is certain that he caused hard feelings as a result of his widely published articles. We can say of him that he loved the deaf in his own way and that he was sincere in his efforts to expose inconsistencies in individuals and in systems, and that hypocrisy did not exist in his life. Regardless of whether one agreed with him or not, it was to admire his brilliant reasoning and the beauty of his English. We are sorry that this old fighter has gone Home.—*Deaf Oklahoman.*

Mr. Veditz was active in all that concerned the welfare of the deaf. He wrote extensively on many and varied topics. His last article appears in the March number of the *American Annals of the Deaf*. As a writer he had not an equal among the deaf. His style was clear, fluent, easy, and forceful. He could express his moods and feelings in the most beautiful English. He could frame sentiments in gentle, sweet, and seductive phrases, and he could hurl thunderbolts of invectives against men and measures that he did not approve.—*P. N. Peterson, Minn. Comp.*

George William Veditz was a man of exceptional scholarship, master of half a dozen languages, and with a marvelous command of the mother tongue. He had positive convictions and when he espoused

a cause, threw himself into it heart and soul. Unfortunately, he sometimes allowed his zeal to lead him to extremes, weakening the force of his efforts.

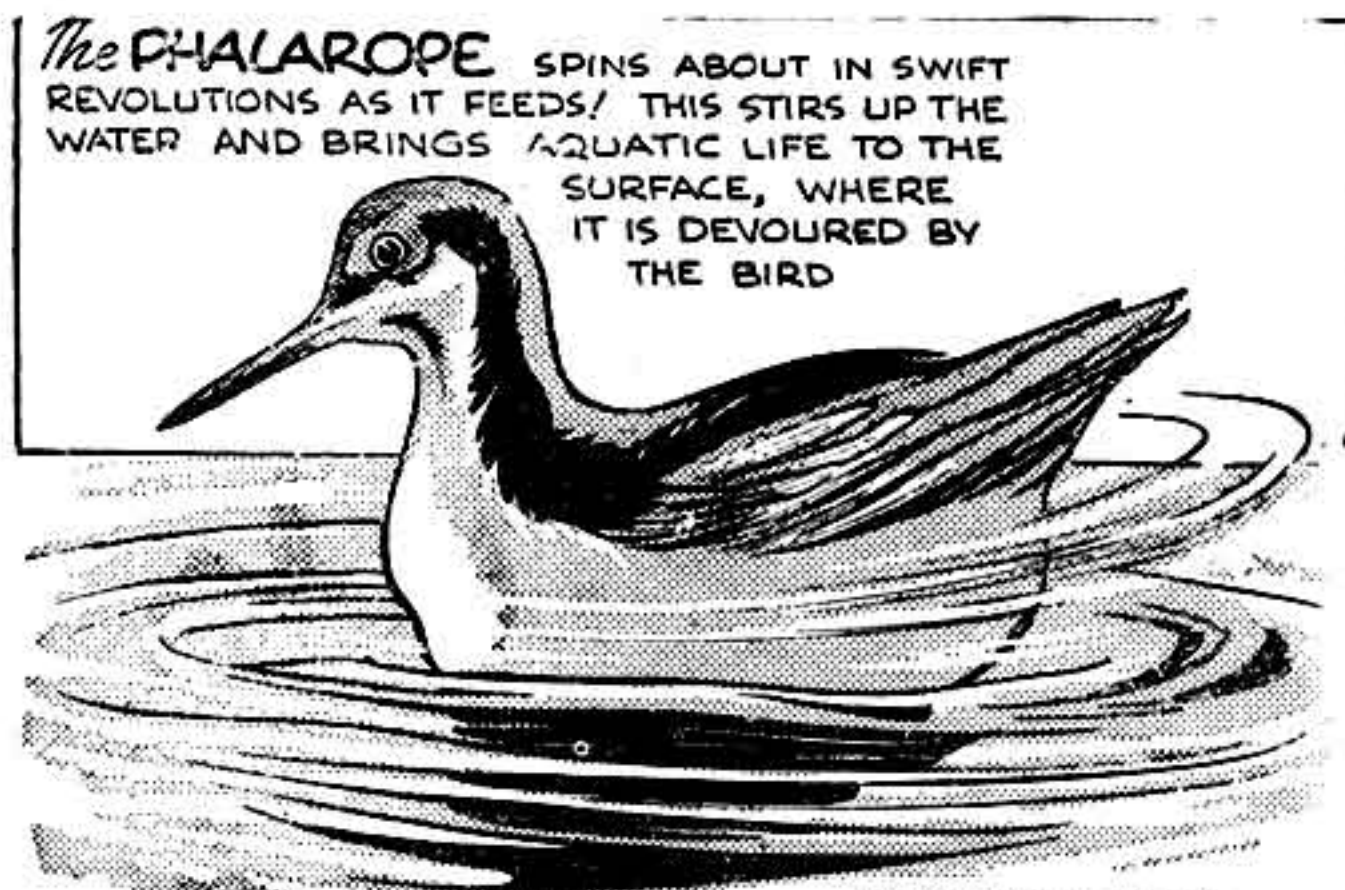
Personally, he was a man whom it was good to know, a delightful companion and a loyal friend. His last years were shadowed by ill-health, but nothing could break his spirit, and he kept up, to the very last, his fight for the rights of the deaf, as he interpreted them. From his sick bed came, almost weekly, forceful articles attacking what he considered to be abuses, and outlining plans for correcting them. He realized that the end was near, but there was no flinching, and he met Death with level eyes.—*G. M. McClure, Kentucky Standard.*

George Wm. Veditz died "with his boots on", as he wanted to die...with his last breath, I am sure, he tried desperately to rise in the stirrups and send out, over the heads of his "army" that famed battle-cry: "The National Association of the Deaf, shall not perish while there is still breath in ME!"

Like the Captain of a sinking ship, he stood by until all hands were in the life-boats,...flags flying, he went down with the ship. Let it be said of us deaf that we were not worthy of such a leader. It matters not what he said in these pages... he believed in a principle and fought, with every weapon at his command, for that principle. What matters it what he DID. There was 'ever that spark that ignited the flame, that burns brightly in the heart of every true American: "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness"... those of us who knew him, and those of us who did not; those of us who loved him, and those who crossed swords with him, should remember him for what he really was, "A Crusader without an army."... He fought, for the most part, alone... which is no credit to You or Me.

Turn back the pages and See, go back 5 years; 10! 15! 20!, aye, go back 50 years! ...and let the book tell you. You will see of what stuff the man was made...not sawdust and empty dreams, but deeds, and plots, and plans for YOU and for Me...and we turned him down! He was a relentless champion of the "poor deaf and dumb people"...yes, that's you and me. You will pardon me if I shed a tear for him.—*"Jock" Eberhardt, American Deaf Citizen.*

MOTHER NATURE'S CURIOSITY SHOP

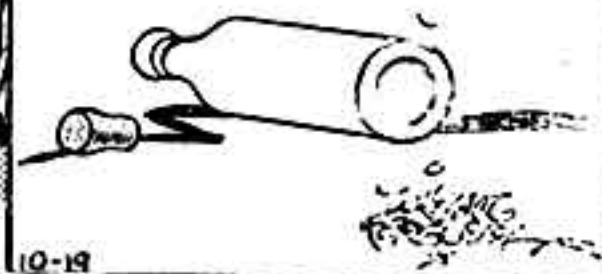


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TEN MEADOW MICE
TO EACH ACRE, IN A
100 ACRE MEADOW, WILL
EAT 11 TONS OF GRASS
YEARLY.



A TORNADO
CAN TAKE A TIGHT-
FITTING CORK OUT
OF A BOTTLE.



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The *phalaropes* constitute a group similar to the sandpipers. The females are brighter than the males. It is interesting to note in this case that the males incubate the eggs and care for the young, while the females go off by themselves; for it is believed that the dull coloration of most females is due to the need of being inconspicuous on the nest.

The *meadow mice* or field mice (sometimes called "voles") are larger than the house mice and more harmful but less widely distributed. They feed on grass, grain, fruit, and vegetables. In some seasons they increase in such numbers that they destroy entire crops of grain, clover, or alfalfa. They also damage trees, shrubs, and flowers by gnawing the roots and bark. Large orchards are sometimes destroyed by them.

The *tornado* in passing creates a vacuum in the immediate vicinity of the bottle. The air inside the bottle expands and forces the cork out.

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Easter Observances

In accordance with custom, Good Friday was a holiday at the school. A brief service was held on Easter Sunday afternoon and Monday afternoon was devoted to the annual egg hunt participated in by all of the children on the campus. Parties were held in the gymnasium in the evening. The following committee was in charge: Misses Gale, Breitwieser, Houchin and Mr. Faupel.

The weatherman seems to have taken some liberties this year. Easter Sunday registered 17 degrees colder than did Christmas day. Inclement weather did not, however, prevent a large number of parents and friends of the children from paying their customary visit.

Deaf Students Winners in High School Essay Contest

Under the auspices of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, an essay contest was conducted for children taking high school branches of study in all schools of Frederick County. Briefly stated the terms of the contest were that biographies be written of men or women who have distinguished themselves through pursuits of peace. Each essay to have a minimum length of 1500 words. The essentials of heroism to be:

1. Nobility of character

2. Fearless and self-sacrificing devotion to a great cause

3. Constructive work for humanity of a permanent character

Our school was invited to participate and the interest shown in the contest was of a very high order. Not only did the pupils exhaust the literature supplied by our own library, but they also resorted to the use of the Frederick City Library and that at Hood College. One of the contestants sent to Baltimore for additional literature while another secured books from Washington.

There can be no doubt but that diligent application and wide reading made it possible for three of our students to win places in the contest. First place, Robert Muckey on the subject "Elihu Root"; third place, Hazel Manahan who wrote on "Louis Pasteur"; and honorable mention was given Sheldon Blumenthal who used "Florence Nightingale" as his subject.

Second honors were awarded John M. Sausser, of the Frederick High School, whose theme was "Jane Addams".

Paul Calahan of the Emmitsburg High School was also awarded honorable mention.

Winning essays were announced over radio station WFMD on the afternoon of April 9. The winners were introduced and Dr. Bjorlee read the winning essay written by Robert Muckey.

Prizes of \$10.00, \$5.00 and \$3.00 each were awarded to the winners.

Judges of the contest were Dr. Joseph H. Apple, president emeritus of Hood College; Edward S. Delaplaine, author and attorney; and Dr. Louise R. Heath, professor of philosophy and psychology at Hood College.

Colonial Furniture, the Gift of Miss Bowie

The museum recently received one of its most valuable collections in the form of a table, chair, chest, pewter plate, mortar, powder horn and fire-arm dating back to early colonial days. These pieces are of unusual interest because of their extreme age and furthermore, because they have been handed down as heirlooms in the family of the donor, Miss Lucy Leigh Bowie of Washington, for more than 200 years. The oldest piece, a gate-leg table, dates back to 1670, a chair of 1700 and a chest of 1760. These valuable antiques

have been made the nucleus of colonial furnishings to occupy the small room, formerly officers' quarters, in the Barracks, and it is hoped that eventually other items of a similar nature and in harmony with the pieces now in hand may be added.

Second WPA Project Begins

On March 24, fourteen WPA workers began the excavation of the sewer trench which is to connect the various buildings with the newly constructed city sewer line along Carroll Street. The depth of the trench will vary from 8 to 13 feet and as considerable rock will be encountered during the excavation, the work will consume the major portion of two months. The length of the trench on the school grounds will be approximately 300 feet.

Rev. H. O. Bjorlie Appointed Superintendent of Religious Work Among Lutherans

Rev. H. O. Bjorlie, pastor of Ephphatha Church mission among the students of the three state institutions in Faribault has been called by the Board of Home Missions of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America as general superintendent of religious work among the deaf.

Rev. Bjorlie will make his home in Faribault and continue his work among the deaf, blind, and children of the State School Colony here, but will devote himself exclusively to extending and superintending this work among the deaf in other states so far as possible.

ARTICLE PAYS TRIBUTE

The following article from a recent issue of the *Deaf-Mutes' Journal* of New York pays a beautiful tribute to the pastor and his work in establishing the Ephphatha Church in Faribault. This article is an unsolicited testimonial given by one of the deaf workers in this mission, Wesley Lauritsen, a member of the faculty of the School for the Deaf of Minnesota.

"Reverend Henry O. Bjorlie, who has had charge of the Ephphatha Lutheran Church for the Deaf and Blind, in Faribault, for about 20 years, is a second cousin of Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf. Both of these gentlemen, like Superintendents Elstad of Minnesota and Skyberg of New York, are St. Olaf College alumni.

PROVIDED BUILDING

"The Reverend Mr. Bjorlie has brought religion to not only Lutheran students, but to all Protestant children at the Minnesota school. When he took charge of the work the children of the school met in the basement of the Lutheran church in the city. Pastor Bjorlie saw the need of a building that might be used exclusively for the deaf and blind students at the Faribault schools, and on his own responsibility purchased a small school building which he had remodeled into an edifice of worship that can seat close to two hundred parishioners. This was a tremendous undertaking for one man with no resources other than a meager salary. The project was not sponsored by Pastor Bjorlie's church, or any group, and the financial responsibility was entirely his own.

"After the church was formally opened, the attendance was inspiring. The worshippers being school children from poor homes or homes of moderate means, the pastor rarely spoke of the financial side of his undertaking. There were no collections, as the pastor realized that many of the children would be unable to give, and he did not wish to embarrass anyone, or have the collection plate keep children from getting their religion.

MORTGAGE BURNED

"The Lord was behind the work, however, and Pastor Bjorlie with several pupils from the school for the deaf and blind traveled over the state giving programs in churches of his denomination. Collections at these services raised funds to pay off the mortgage gradually, and it was burned at an appropriate ceremony several years ago. Two young deaf ladies, Marion Olsen and Cecelia Plaisance (now Mrs. Elwyn Dubey), deserve special mention as helpers in this work.

"On Sunday, September 27, Rev. Bjorlie presented three services near Glenwood, Minn. In his absence Layreader Wesley Lauritsen had charge of the services for the deaf, while Mrs. Bjorlie spoke to the blind."—*Lutheran Herald*.

Ellen Vear King

It becomes our sad duty to chronicle the passing of one of our pupils on the evening of Friday, April 2. Ellen Vear King, 13 years, 9 months of age, had always

been a child of frail health. For some time it was known that a chronic heart condition prevailed and the child had not been permitted to participate in any of the strenuous exercises at the school. On the day preceding her death, she seemed to be in normal health and spirits and attended school as usual, spending the afternoon in the sunshine and open air with her playmates. Early Friday morning a hemorrhage of the nose set in which left her weakened and she was placed in the infirmary. The physician was summoned and it was apparent that the condition was grave. Despite the efforts of a nurse, who remained constantly at her bedside, the heart gradually weakened and the child slept away.

Ellen was of a cheerful disposition, accepting her frailty without murmur. She will be missed by her classmates and by the teachers and officers who had learned to admire her amiable qualities.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving King of Traceys Landing, came to Frederick on Sunday and the body was taken to the late home on Monday, where funeral services were conducted at St. James Church, near Mt. Zion, Anne Arundel County, with interment in the adjoining cemetery.

A floral tribute was sent by the pupils and the staff and sincere sympathies are extended to the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters.

New Era Girls Visit Washington

Twenty-five members of the New Era Club accompanied by their advisor, Miss Wohlstrom and Miss Kent, spent Saturday, April 3, in Washington. The girls chartered a bus which left Frederick at 7 o'clock in the morning, returning at 9 o'clock that night. It was a group of tired but exceedingly happy young ladies who immediately upon their return began to relate the experiences of the day to the younger girls who will doubtless be looking forward to such excursion another year.

Practically all of the more important places of interest were pointed out and, within the limitation of the time allotted, many of the buildings were visited. By way of variation, let it be said that the zoo was not overlooked.

Attends Senate Hearings

Dr. Bjorlee has recently attended several hearings by the United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor. These hearings have been held in connection with proposed legislation; the purpose of which is to authorize the use of Government funds for the education of all types of handicapped children.

Miss Groht Pays Visit

On April 1, we had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Mildred A. Groht, principal of the Lexington School for the Deaf, New York City. Miss Groht was formerly a member of the teaching staff of the Maryland School and we always enjoy a visit from her when the opportunity presents itself.

Western Pennsylvania Normals Here

On March 29, the Misses Hammond, Bash, Hilditch and Fleitz, members of this year's training class at the Western Pennsylvania School were interested visitors. Unfortunately the afternoon being a holiday did not permit of as much time as might have been desired to present the work of the school. The young ladies were very much interested in such features of the work as they had an opportunity to see and it was a pleasure to have them with us.

Contribution Toward Physics Equipment

A gift of \$25.00 was presented to the school by Mrs. Dolores Umbach who served as teacher in the high class department during the first five months of the present school year; subsequent to which she accepted a position to teach modern languages in one of the high schools of Washington. The gift was thoroughly appreciated and the amount will be placed to good advantage when the new class shall resume the study of natural sciences in the fall.

Cruise of the Mediterranean

Under the title of "A Summer Cruise to the Mediterranean", Miss Enfield Joiner, principal of education of the North Carolina School, has written a very attractive little text of 44 pages. The booklet is divided into twelve chapters adapted for school room use. It would be difficult to conceive of a more attractive method of

ALUMNI AND OTHER DEAF

Mr. Lincoln Larsh was a visitor at his Alma Mater April 6 and 7.

Miss Mary Saylor spent Sunday, April 11, with lady friends at school.

Mr. Frederick Connick made a flying trip to Washington April 11 to see his mother.

Mr. Jacob Hahn considers himself fortunate in that he has a good paying job as a painter of auto bodies in the Chevrolet factory in Baltimore.

Mr. Murray Faupel returned to Blue Ridge College Sunday, April 4, to resume studies after a ten-day Easter vacation spent with his parents.

Mr. Joseph Bogucki participated in the fifth annual 15-mile marathon handicap run of Easterwood Democratic Club, Inc., in Baltimore on April 4. Joseph gave up at the six mile post.

Mr. Alan Cramer remembered the writer with a card from Barnesville, Ohio, whither he had gone with his brother-in-law to attend a convention of Eagles over the Easter weekend.

Easter week visitors from among the alumni were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Leitch who came to see their daughter Vivian; Miss Edna Hall to see sister Ethel; Messrs Fred Semler and James Gneicko.

In the course of his travels in the southern counties of the Eastern Shore recently Mr. J. A. Trundle came across Mr. Medford Matthews who works in the Phillips canning factory in the fruit season.

Mr. Marcus Kerr, instructor in printing at the New Jersey School for the Deaf, improved his Easter vacation with visits at various schools. We had the pleasure of a visit from the gentleman on April 2.

The interesting narrative under the caption "Covered Wagon Trek" which occurred in serial form in the columns of the *Deaf-Mutes' Journal* was read with much pleasure by friends of the author, Mrs. Helen Moss Wallace.

March 9 being the natal day of Mr. Hansford Anderson his good wife got up a party and invited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moylan, Mr. McKeldin, Rev. D. E. Moylan, Mr. Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Snoop. Hansford was the recipient of some useful presents.

With the advent of spring Mr. Harold Hopkins' thoughts turned to the pleasure of motoring over the country roads. Therefore he went to a garage in Hebron and carefully looked over a 1929 model Nash to be sure it was in first class condition. Then he made a purchase.

Miss Pauline Bensley and Mr. William Smith, both of Baltimore and former pupils of this school were united in holy wedlock before the altar of Christ M. E. Church Thursday evening March 25. Rev. D. E. Moylan was the officiating minister.

Last January Mr. Leo Rosenberg got discouraged at the futility of searching for a job in Lonaconing, Md., his native town, and hied himself to Jersey City, N. J. It did not take him long to find work. Though we do not know exactly what he is doing we are told he is connected with an electrical firm.

Rev. Arthur Boll was pleasantly reminded that he had reached another milestone in life on March 7. The Lutheran deaf of Baltimore got together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrandt and invited Rev. Boll to meet them there. You can imagine the surprise he got. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

The following from Frederick and vicinity went to Washington on March 20: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinn, Mrs. Francis Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cramer, Miss Louise McClain, Messrs Roland Murray, Leonard Downes, and Arthur Winebrener. The gentlemen participated in the bowling matches between the Washington and Baltimore divisions.

Mr. George Faupel delivered an address on "Significance of Easter" at the Easter services in Christ M. E. Church, Baltimore, March 28. At the conclusion of the services Rev. D. E. Moylan the pastor, assisted by Rev. Jaeger, performed the marriage ceremony by which Mr. Louis Foxwell, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Foxwell, and Miss Ruth Park were made man and wife. The church was packed with communicants, friends, hearing and deaf.

The Alabama School for Deaf at Talladega acted host to eleven teams from as many schools for the deaf of the South

participating in the basketball tournament during the first week in March. It was a great success no doubt due to the efforts of Mr. Harry L. Baynes. He was instrumental in bringing the teams to Talladega and in the formation of the Conference of Southern Schools for the Deaf. Mr. Baynes was presented a gold basketball watch charm by the boys and girls of the School in appreciation of his work. In his presentation speech Supt. Riddle paid a high tribute to him.

Deaths

Mrs. Elizabeth Feldpusch Landenslager departed this life at her Baltimore home on March 19. She was one of the very first pupils enrolled when the Maryland School was opened in 1868. She was in her 79th year.

Mr. John B. Smith, Baltimore, a pupil of this school from 1873 to 1880 passed away suddenly on March 21 as the surgeon was about to perform an operation to prolong his life. He was aged seventy and for a number of years was a widower.

Mrs. William T. Cairnes, nee Margaret Cooper, former pupil of this school, died at Church Home Hospital, Baltimore, March 31 and was buried on April 3 in Foster's Cemetery, Rev. D. E. Moylan officiating. Revs. McClay and Manly assisted. Cause of death was lobar pneumonia with which she was ill for a long time.

Fifty Years Ago, April, 1887

Misses Ella Watkins, Helen Wells, Iola Pettit and Johanna Thies went home to spend the Easter holidays with their parents.

Baseball is the game with the boys nowadays. Easter Monday a game between two nines captained by Fred Tschiffely and John Edelen respectively resulted in a victory for the former by 17 to 9 runs.

Twenty-five Years Ago, April, 1912

Mr. Charles Creager has secured employment as a farm hand on the Gallaudet College land. Having acquired ample experience on the farms near this city he is well fitted for the position.

Henry N. Suhre of Sparrow's Point has been granted United States Letters-Patent for a trap to destroy roaches. Henry claims the trap will both attract and kill these pests.

Baltimore News

—George M. Leitner—

Since our last report to the BULLETIN, four graduates of the Maryland School for the Deaf have passed away.

While enjoying the play given in the school chapel during our home-coming party we were shocked and saddened by news of the death of our friend and leader, George William Veditz, on March 12, at Colorado Springs.

The others no longer with us are John B. Smith and Mrs. Lizzie Landenslager, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Maggie Cairnes, of Hereford. Mrs. Cairnes' passing comes as a great shock to Mr. Cairnes who is crippled and still helpless as a result of injuries received in a fall some time ago.

Bowlers representing the Baltimore Division, N. F. S. D. journeyed to Washington only to be beaten in most unbrotherly fashion by the Capital Fraters, who won by 90 points.

Special Easter services were held at Christ M. E. Church for the Deaf with two hearing clergymen assisting the pastor, the Rev. Daniel E. Moylan.

The Rev. Oliver J. Whildin is preparing to enter a hospital for a general examination and rest. Another on the hospital list is Adolph Bomhoff.

The F. F. F. S. had its regular business meeting at Miss Marie Meyd's home. The members decided that they would have another social on May 8 to swell the Empty Stocking fund. After the meeting refreshments were served among the members.

Mrs. Stanley Taranski had an accident when she got off the car; spraining her ankle badly. However she is able to walk around at this writing.

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ELY LITERARY SOCIETY

At the weekly meeting of the Ely Literary Society March sixth William Jones opened the program with Current Events. Robert Everhart recited an essay, "George Washington," and several young members of the society told short stories as follows: "Ponce de Leon" by Ruby Howes; "The Hungry Kitten" by Benjamin Tasker; "The Cat and the Milk" by Wanda Middleton; "The Naughty Rabbit" by Joseph Krebs; "A Pet, I Once Had" by Gladys Hartley; "The Hollow Log" by Theodore Baraty. Estella Gillispie and Ruby Dilley rendered a dialogue, "The Life of Thomas Edison." Sheldon Blumenthal was the critic. Ethel Hall was the presiding officer. After the program the following moving pictures were shown: "Fire Prevention and Protection," "Birds and Animals in the Yellowstone National Park," "Cotton, From Seed to Cloth," and "The Big Pie Raid."

"The Hobgoblin House", a mystery drama, was presented by the Ely Literary Society in honor of the home coming alumni, Saturday evening, March 13.

The young men of the Senior Reading Room Club gave an excellent program at the meeting of the Ely Literary Society on March 20. Thaddeus Juchno occupied the chair as presiding officer. The program was started by George Singer with the reading, "Doctor Kane in the Frozen Sea." Then the following numbers were rendered: essay, "Cows," by Fred Schroeder; stories, "Chips and the Looking Glass," by Herbert Frey and "The Boy Lindbergh," by Edward Spath; dialogue, "Happy Reunion," by Kenneth Brown and Kermit Keyser; reading, "The Smallest Man," by Sheldon Blumenthal; "Believe It or Not," by Charles Knowles; items of interest by Robert Muckey; instruction, "How To Sprint," by Armstrong Elliott; jokes by Richmond Kieffer; playlet, "Courtship and Marriage in 1800," by Dan Kalinowski, Leonard Berman, Morris Highkin, William Baraty and William Jones. The program was ended with the poem "Sic Vita" by Philip Mumford. Mildred Dick, president of the New Era Club, was invited to be the critic of that night's program.

At the weekly meeting of the Ely Literary Society we enjoyed a delightful Easter program given by Mr. Faupel's class on March 27. The program was as follows: reading, "The First Easter Rabbit" by Esther Steele; essay, "Easter Flowers" by Herbert Frey; stories, "Henry's Easter Lilies" by Edward Bodensteiner, "Johnny's Easter Eggs" by George Emminizer, and "The Broken Eggs" by George Swindell; dialogue, "The Dead Bulb" by William Baraty and Kermit Keyser; talk on "Origin of Easter" by Mr. Faupel; playlet, "Bunny's Easter Eggs" by William Baraty, Kermit Keyser, and Joseph Webster; recitation, "Six Little Easter Eggs" by six members of the class.

Robert Muckey, Sec'y.

Scout News

On Wednesday night April 7 the Scout Troop No. 8 had charge of a program in the gymnasium. The Red Fox patrol gave the oath and laws, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance by the Silver Fox patrol. After that we played some games called "Rooster Fight," "Seize the Bacon" and others. After the games some of the boys of the Red Fox patrol made several models of tents and then one of them who knows about tents gave a talk. Several members of the troop gave talks on "A Scout is Helpful."

Kenneth Brown, Scout Scribe.

On March 24, the Girl Scouts met in the Sewing Room at 4:30 P. M. This meeting was spent in the taking of tests on signal codes. The following passed: Katherine Strosnider, Cecelia Wolsky, Nancy Tannenbaum, Ruby Dilley, Catherine Hill, Irene Quidas, Anna Bartha, Ethel Huff, and Doris Faupel. They will receive their medals after paying for them.

The girls met again on March 31. The meeting was opened with the recitation of the Girl Scout Laws. Next each girl was asked to give the names of ten wild flowers. Presently the girls played a humorous game called "Chicken Market." The meeting was then closed after the repeating of "Taps".

Hazel Manahan, Scout Scribe.

THE NEW ERA CLUB VISITS WASHINGTON

Last Saturday when we were in Washington we saw the Supreme Court building. As we entered guards took our cameras away from us. The building is made of white marble and is one of the most beautiful buildings in Washington. When we saw the Supreme Court Room we wondered where the new seats would be put if six more judges are added to the Court.—Nellie Martz.

We entered the Folger Shakespeare Library located near the Library of Congress. We saw a Shakespearian Collection of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, relics, tapestries, actors' costumes, busts, playbills and other material which illustrate the poet and his times. We have studied several of Shakespeare's plays so we were glad to visit this library to learn many new things from the era of the world's greatest dramatist.—Vera Cirri.

The first building the New Era Club visited in Washington was the Capitol. On the walls of the Rotunda are several paintings representing scenes from American History. Having seen the Senate we went up to the top of the capitol. Of course, some of us were nervous walking up the narrow winding stairs, but it was worth it for we had a wonderful view of Washington and the surrounding country. After coming down we saw statues of famous persons and the Hall of Representatives. It was all very interesting.—Myrtle Erbe.

Our trip to Washington would not have been complete without seeing the White House. We spent about half an hour there. Visitors are admitted to a part of the building. The East Room is very large and beautiful. It is lighted by two immense glass chandeliers. In one corner is a gold piano worth \$15,000. In other rooms we saw china and furniture used during previous administrations. In the hall were paintings of several presidents and their wives. The White House is larger than I thought it was.—Katherine Strosnider.

Of all the buildings we saw in Washington, the Library of Congress impressed me as being the most interesting and beautiful. At the entrance is a bronze fountain called the Court of Neptune. Entering the building, we came into the central stair

hall. This wonderful place is sometimes called "a vision in polished stone." The ceiling and walls are adorned with exquisite colored designs and pictures. On the second floor we saw the shrine where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are kept. Next we visited the gallery from which we saw the Rotunda Reading Room. Everything was new to us, but what surprised us most of all was the name of Gallaudet which we saw inscribed in the ceiling of the North Hall.—Mildred Dick.

April third, at 7 o'clock we left for Washington in a special bus with Miss Wohlstrom and Miss Kent. We visited the following places in order: The Capitol, Supreme Court House, Folger Library, Library of Congress and the White House, all of which have been described above. In the Pan American Union we saw tropical plants, the "Atzec Garden," and the "Hall of the Americans" where the delegates of the American Republics meet. The Lincoln Memorial on the Potomac River next took our attention. It is a fitting monument to such a great man. After eating lunch on the banks of the Potomac River we went to the Smithsonian Institution. The first thing we saw was the Spirit of St. Louis which hangs from the ceiling. It seemed very small compared to the planes we have now. The costumes of Presidents' wives interested us very much. From there we went to the new National Museum and saw skeletons of mastodons, dinosaurs, and other animals, ancient family groups including, Japanese, Eskimos, and Indians. We learned a great deal about ancient history in this place. Next we went to the Zoological Park and saw the interesting animals. After this we drove to Rock Creek Park where we stopped and had supper. Then we drove back to Washington as we wanted to see it lighted at night. There were so many lights that the place seemed like a fairyland. Just before we went home we stopped for ice-cream sundaes and sodas which were Mrs. Klipp's treat. We returned to school at 9:20. Of course, we all enjoyed our educational trip exceedingly.—Doris Faupel.

PUPILS' ITEMS

Girls' Items

We had a test Friday and wrote the names of 50 famous pictures. I don't know if I made mistakes or not, as I have not gotten my paper back yet. I like to learn about famous pictures.—Laura Markland.

I am making a linen dress in the sewing room. It is easy to make. It is all finished except the blouse. I will sew four buttons on the back of the dress. I will wear it for school. I hope my mother will like my dress when I go home.—Miriam Meredith.

My teacher went away for the week-end. In a 5-and-10 cent store she bought two books for her class. One was called "Houses Around The World" and the other was "Children Around The World". They are very interesting and are illustrated.—Nettie Poe.

A friend of my teacher, who lives in Washington, D. C., gave her about 14 victrola records for our radioear. We are so anxious to hear them. After awhile she will give her all she wants. She said she had no idea my teacher would want them. They are records of opera singers and other types.—Irene Quidas.

On the evening of March 24 just after the girls basketball game with the all-around Frederick girls, Miss Cason surprised the girls in their dormitory. Delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream and cookies were served. Each member was pleased with Miss Cason's kind hospitality.—Hazel Manahan.

Boys' Items

My father got a new car last Friday. It is an Oldsmobile Six. It has a clock, heater, cigarette lighter, and other things. It has a place for a radio but my father has not gotten it yet. I was surprised Sunday when I saw the car. I like it very much. I might go to the seashore in the new car this summer.—Rudolph Hines.

When I went home on April 9, I was surprised to see three little puppies in the cellar. Two are brown and one is black. I like the black one the best. My father feeds them milk. He puts the milk in a baby bottle and puts a nipple on it. The

puppies are cute. I have not decided what to name them but I think I will call them "Blackie", "Boots" and "Jimmie"—James Barrack.

Wednesday night, April 7, the Athletic Association held a meeting in the boys' study hall. Captains were chosen for the volley ball league teams. They are as follows: G. Singer, of "Jacksons"; T. Juchno, of "Columbus"; D. Kalinowski, of "Boone"; L. Hudson, of "Hudson"; S. Blumenthal, of "Edison"; E. Spath, of "Washington." The boys are looking forward to having much pleasure in playing volley ball.—William Jones.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock when I was out doors in front of the school watching the cars go by, I heard a loud roar in the sky and I knew that it was an airplane. I kept looking for it until I caught sight of it. It had two motors and was a mail plane. It was a silver plane and was flying high up in the clouds. It had low wings. I would like to fly in an airplane. Would you be afraid of getting sick?—Robert Everhart.

We are practicing running on Bjorlee Field daily. We shall have a field meet with Frederick High School the last of May. I hope we will win. I will enter six different events. Several of us will go to the University of Maryland in May to another meet. I will run in the 220 yard dash and try my best to win. If I lose the race, I will have the experience anyway. Some other boys who have been there told me that I will have an interesting time.—Edwin Markel.

Edwin Markel and I are almost ready to pass the First Class test of the Boy Scouts. Last Thursday we worked in the cabin and swept it very nicely. We asked Mrs. Jane to let us get some blankets. We fastened some thick papers and the blankets to the wall to protect us from the cold. Then we went to our bedroom and got some pillows, sheets and blankets and took them to the cabin. We made our beds. At night we were glad to go to sleep in the cabin. In the morning I felt fine because my bed was soft and very warm. Edwin and I shall sleep out every night in the cabin for 50 nights.—Herman Schwartz.

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AN APRIL MIND

An April mind is a happy thing,
It bears the footsteps of the Spring,
And feels the songs the robins sing.

It makes one roam on a rainy day
Into the fields and far away,
To hear what the unborn violets say.

And when the winds blow impishly,
Then who so light of heart as we
Who share with April's ecstasy?

Ours are the moods of the sunny hours,
The lilting breeze and the sudden showers,
The marching grass and fragile flowers.

When the brook's awake, and the bird's
awing,

And the fallow earth waits--listening--
Oh, an April mind's a happy thing!

--*Mazie V. Caruthers*