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My Favorite Tree

by HAROLD L. ICKES, *Former Secretary of the Interior*

I am so fond of trees generally that I find it difficult to decide which one I like the most. The American elm always has appealed to me, but I think that for majesty and sturdy character the bur oak is strikingly impressive, especially when found on rich, moist land in association with other bottomland trees, such as the hickories, walnuts, and other oaks, where it attains its maximum development. The mature bur oak with its irregular crown; stiff gnarled branches; and stout, corky-winged branchlets inspires in me a feeling of a strong-hearted veteran whose knowledge of the world is ages old and whose faith in the future is everlasting.

Representatives of this species have attained a diameter of 7 feet and a height of 175 feet in favorable locations. Yet on dry, sandy soils and under adverse growing conditions where other species are unable to maintain themselves, the bur oak adapts itself to an unkind fate and over extensive areas constitutes almost the only specimen of arboreal life. From the rugged hills of Maine and Vermont it extends westward to the dry uplands of North Dakota and its range reaches nearly to the Gulf of Mexico in Texas. In this wide



Sturdy Bur Oak

area it takes various forms and ministers to many needs of mankind, but whether tall and stately or short and scrubby, this oak persistently maintains its determined independence. It is true to the American tradition.

American Forests



Twin Bur Oaks Silhouetted Against a Western Sky

World of Silence

by WESLEY LAURITSEN in *Forward*

In the great game of life, I was suddenly deprived of my hearing when I was fourteen years old. That was more than thirty years ago. Hard luck? No! I choose to look upon it as a blessing in disguise. As the days go by, I see more and more clearly that it was all in God's plan. The Master had work laid out for me that I could no doubt do better without my hearing.

At first it was, of course, a little hard to adjust myself to living in a world of silence, but I soon accustomed myself to this, and found there were certain blessings in being deaf. The noise of a busy world does not bother me, and I am able to concentrate better, being cut off from this noise.

The most wonderful thing about deafness is that it is merely a physical deprivation. The soul remains unscathed. It lives, figuratively speaking, in a soundproof room with soundproof windows through which to view the parade of life on earth. The mind, likewise, remains unaffected. A deaf person may be educated and make progress in life as well as any person with normal hearing.

On becoming deaf I was a freshman at South High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Of course, it was impossible for me to continue my education at this school. For a time it seemed that my formal education must come to a sudden stop, and I worked in a manufacturing plant for a year. There was not a promising future in such a place, so I switched to baking.

At the end of two years I heard about the Minnesota School for the Deaf at Fari-bault. I made arrangements to enter, and spent two years there as a student. I took the college entrance examinations and was fortunate in being awarded a five-year scholarship to Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. This is a federally controlled school, the only college for the deaf in the world. There I spent five of the most pleasant years of my life. I took an active part in all phases of college life, joining practically all the student organizations, including the Kappa Gamma Fraternity. During my senior year I was president of the Athletic Association, the College Y. M. C. A., and my class. I was

also managing editor of the college publication, the *Buff and Blue*.

During my sophomore year, I met Miss La Reinie Roper, a charming young Southern lady who had lost her hearing a short time previously. We became good friends, a year later engaged. The engagement culminated in our wedding in the auditorium of the Minnesota School for the Deaf five years later. A great storm that blew down trees and flooded the countryside raged at the time the knot was tied, and from that day to this our greatest pieces of happiness have come out of storms! Our first child, Charles Wesley, was born on December 7, 1927, during one of the greatest snowstorms that has ever struck Fari-bault. We had difficulty in getting the mother to the hospital through six- to eight-foot drifts. Nancy Marie was born on August 27, 1930, right after a big storm, and our last child, Robert Roper was ushered into the world during a snowstorm on February 27, 1933.

People who are unacquainted with the deaf often ask how deaf parents communicate with their children, how they know when the baby cries at night. When the children were very young, we invariably kept their crib next to our bed at night, and a slight movement in the crib would invariably awaken us. My wife and I have practically normal speech, and we have always talked to the children just as any father and mother would do. We tried to read the lips of the children, but this was not always easy. However, by lip-reading and simple natural gestures we always got around every difficulty. Now that the children are well along in school, they use the finger alphabet and some signs in speaking to us. The finger alphabet is really writing in the air, and anyone can learn it in a short time. Some deaf people are unable to speak. They must use simple natural gestures in communicating with their children until they acquire language.

When I was at Gallaudet College, the Minnesota School for the Deaf asked me to return as a teacher. "Help to mould the lives of young children; that is your opportunity for service," I seemed to hear a voice say. So in the fall of 1922 I joined

the faculty of the Minnesota School and am now rounding out twenty-three years of uninterrupted service. Besides teaching in the high-school department, I have found time to lead an influential Hi-Y Club, act as faculty manager of athletics, and during the past few years edit *The Companion*, a sixteen-page paper which is the official organ of the school.

As an editor I usually write about other people. It was with some reluctance that I consented to write the above personal narrative, for I do not want to seem boastful, but I do want the readers of *Forward* to know firsthand how deaf people can and do live—that they can accomplish as much as a person with normal hearing.

There was a time when the deaf had little opportunity for securing an education, but God raised up Rev. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet to be the torch bearer of the deaf in this country. This clergyman, the patron saint of the deaf of America, had his heart touched by a little deaf girl, Alice Cogswell, who was his neighbor. He decided to make the education of the deaf his lifework. He went to France and obtained information on the education of the deaf. On returning to this country he opened the first American School for the Deaf at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1817, more than 125 years ago.

There were twenty-one pupils enrolled in his first class. Now there are just over 20,000 pupils enrolled in the 212 schools for the deaf in America. All told, over 155,000 deaf persons have received instruction in these schools. One of these schools is located within a day's driving distance of practically every American home, so every deaf child in America, who is otherwise normal, can get an education.

A six-year-old child who has never heard since birth has, of course, no speech. He has no language ability, no reading ability, no writing ability. Most often he does not know he has a name. Yet, under the direction of competent teachers, this child at the end of his first year in school may be able to speak 300 to 400 words; read these words on the lips; use these words in sentences; and write these words on paper or the blackboard. The speech is not perfect if there is a total lack of hearing because speech is pleasant only if it has inflection and tone qualities.

The sign language used by the deaf is in

many instances natural picture drawing in the air. For example, the sign for God is made by pointing the right forefinger upward and looking upward as if to God in heaven. The sign for Jesus is made by touching the middle finger of the right hand against the palm of the left hand and touching the middle finger of the left hand against the palm of the right hand. This indicates how the nails pierced the hands of Christ when he was crucified.

A national survey shows that the deaf are engaged in 250 different types of work. At present they are successfully filling positions in almost every calling where hearing is not absolutely necessary.

Speaking from years of experience with deaf workers, Henry Ford has said: "The deaf require no special consideration. They do their work one hundred per cent." Charles W. Sieberling, of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, said: "We started with eight deaf workers. Gradually we added more and more until there were six hundred deaf workers on the pay roll. The record speaks for itself. These men and women proved themselves loyal, efficient, and safe workers."

The deaf are an integral part of our economic, industrial, and spiritual society which as a whole makes our country what it is. The deaf man fills his citizenship duties just as his hearing brothers. He is a family man, a husband, a father, a friend, a companion, a church member, a club member, a voter, a producer, and a consumer of goods. The deaf man asks no favors, wants none.

More or Less Ancient History

Frederick News, February 18

50 Years Ago

The prospects that Frederick will be represented in the Cumberland League or any other organized circuit by a baseball team this season are not at all bright. Mr. Harry Benson, captain of last year's Maryland School for the Deaf team, will organize another team this season and seek games with college teams.

Frederick News, February 21

20 Years Ago

As a result of a conference held in Baltimore between Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, superintendent of Maryland School, and Col. E. Austin Baughman, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, deaf persons in Maryland will be allowed to operate motor vehicles effective March 1.

He Taught the Deaf

DR. TAYLOR Pioneered Little Known Fields

During the summer just past, a group of city children who are shut off from the normal life of other boys and girls by the tragedy of deafness, had a wondrous vacation in the country through the recently established "Harris Taylor Vacation Fund for Deaf Children."

Many of the prominent educators of the country, friends of Dr. Taylor, nationally known pioneer in the education of the deaf, now retired and living at the National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park, started this fund in the knowledge that nothing would make Harris Taylor happier than to bring joy to afflicted youngsters. Of those who will be aided by this fund are many of the pupils of P. S. 47 on East 23rd St., where Dr. Taylor is a frequent visitor.

This active, alert and jovial gentleman, who passed his 81st birthday on September 23rd, is likely to be the "life of the party" in any social or educational affairs at the National Arts, where he has resided for the past 10 years. He's a member of its Board of Governors, too, and if an active member is needed on a committee or an extemporaneous speaker at any gathering, Dr. Taylor is ready, willing and able. Each Christmastime his many friends receive from him a little booklet of poems entitled "Through All The Months I Have Thought of You," with verses for each month of the year. In a poem of eight three-line stanzas written on his 80th birthday a year ago, he noted:

"I live two lives, for I have learned the art

Of giving past and present each a part
"In all activities of head and heart."

His past is a tale of pioneering in a once little-known field: the education of the deaf. He got into it by more or less of a fluke. He had never ever thought of teaching the deaf when, a gangling, high-spirited youth, he was in charge of a certain little Texas country school.

There was a boy, he relates, who didn't want to study geography and refused to do it. The trustees said it would not do to force him, for there might be trouble with his parents.

"Then you'd better let everyone else study anything he or she wants," retorted the youthful teacher, who knew that under

the law he was required to teach geography, and since the three trustees would not back him, had therefore no alternative but to leave.

But another job had to be found, and ultimately Taylor went to call upon the president of his alma mater, Dr. Johnson of Trinity University. There Fate lay in wait.

Said the kindly and sympathetic president, "They want a man at that deaf and dumb asylum in Austin."

Young Taylor was hurt.

"Don't make fun of me," he pleaded. "I don't know a thing about teaching deaf children."

"But look at the letter," insisted Dr. Johnson; and the young man read that no experience in this special teaching was necessary, and that all necessary training would be given the one taking the job.

Unfortunately the school staff didn't like him, and they simply left him to "sink or swim." Perforce he had to experiment to discover the means of aiding these children locked in their hopeless prison of silence. That he must have been ingenious and persevering is evident from the fact that two years later he was instituting the teaching of speech to these mute youngsters. Also he had become the "white-haired boy" of the faculty through a fortunate acquaintanceship with a state official which helped to secure for the school its needed appropriations. In a short time he had founded the National Association for Child Study in Behalf of Deaf Children.

He also met Alexander Graham Bell, who "took a fancy" to him, he mentions modestly, for the great inventor had a wife totally deaf and was deeply interested in her problem. The two men carried on an active correspondence for many years, and Dr. Bell received and read with interest all the papers of the little school where the young man was still serving. Once he wrote:

"Dear Harris Taylor: For goodness sake, marry, and show people by example how to raise children."

"I became a 'Mainiac' through marriage," Dr. Taylor observes with one of his frequent quips, and for many years, until

recently, he spent all his vacations near Frenchman's Bay, Maine, his wife's home. Mrs. Taylor died in 1919.

Following a three-year period as principal of the Kentucky School for the Deaf at Danville, Dr. Taylor was appointed in 1909 to be the head of what is now the Lexington School for the Deaf at 67th Street and Lexington Avenue, a post he held for 26 years. He contributed to many magazines; he served for two years as superintendent of Volta Bureau in Washington, center of information for the deaf; he succeeded Dr. Bell as president of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf, serving it for 10 years. In 1912, he was one of a committee to establish, under the National Education Association, a Round Table for the Improvement of Speech Teaching, of which he was first president, and out of which grew a national organization for teachers of speech.

He retired in 1935, but he has been a very busy man this past decade. He was asked to do advisory education work for the deaf first for Tennessee, then for New Jersey and for New York at Albany; he was elected president of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf and served several years.

He also invented. Every student in the country has occasion to be grateful to him, for he was the creator of the looseleaf notebook! He also helped to perfect electrical instruments to aid deaf children.

He has rounded out a versatile career by serving as vice president of the New York Poetry Group. He has hundreds of friends who love and admire him for his humor, his modesty and simplicity, to say nothing of the new and hopeful outlook on life his work has helped to bring to thousands of the unfortunate deaf of our land.

—Gramercy Graphic

American Educator Figures in Story In Ontario Deaf News

Dr. Elwood A. Stevenson, superintendent of the California School for the Deaf, was recently in Toronto, Ontario, where he took part in hearings that were conducted before the Royal Commission on Education. It was while he was in a dining room in that city that the incident reprinted herewith took place.

In answer to the question of a charming hostess, they said they would not mind

being seated at a half-occupied table with strangers. They introduced themselves at once and the following amazing dialogue ensued:

"I am from Berkeley, California," ventured Dr. Stevenson.

"I lived in Santa Monica, Calif., for eight years," said one of the strangers. Then there was general conversation among the four. Later Dr. Stevenson happened to say:

"I was born in Brooklyn and I lived in Flatbush for many years."

"Isn't that funny! I was born within a stone's throw of your birthplace on the street in Brooklyn you mentioned and yet our paths have never crossed until we met right here in Toronto, of all places," countered the stranger, with arched brows.

"I later moved to 160th Street and Fort Washington Ave. in New York," recalled Dr. Stevenson.

"Is that so? Believe it or not, my father also moved his family to 158th Street. I used to visit the Fanwood School frequently as a boy. My father was a great friend of the late Supt. Enoch Currier," the stranger reminisced.

"Why, I taught at the Fanwood School for ten years, serving under Dr. Currier," interposed Dr. Stevenson.

"Ah, this is getting interesting," cut in the stranger. "Dr. Currier accepted me as his godson."

"When my daughter, June, was born, Dr. Currier also consented to be her godfather," said Dr. Stevenson.

"One of the attractions which drew me to Fanwood School on many a visit in my boyhood days was an unusual music box which I used to love to play—it belonged to Dr. Currier," said the stranger.

"When Dr. Currier died and his widow moved to California she willed this very box you were raving over to June who still possesses it," explained Dr. Stevenson to the vastly surprised stranger.

"What are you doing now?" Dr. Stevenson asked of the tall, husky and exceedingly handsome man.

"My name, as I said before, is Stephen Chase, and I am a professional actor. I am appearing this week in the current stage play, 'Strange Fruit,' at Royal Alexandra Theatre. I have been in the footlights for many years now. My troupe has wandered all over the continent," explained Mr. Chase.

Alumni and Other Deaf

Mrs. Helen Wriede

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Mr. S. R. McCall, president of the MSSD Alumni Association, informed the writer that Mr. Stephen Sandebeck, chairman of the alumni social, "Carnival of 1946," has given much of his time to present something new at Gehb Hall on March 30. Mr. Sandebeck is well known as a tireless worker and in his efforts to be original we believe he has hit upon something that promises to be different and with enough variety to make the coming social rank with the "best bets" of former years. Don't miss the social, it's a bargain at 75c.

On February 23 our Baltimore lads playing under the banner of the Silent Oriole Club, met and conquered the District of Columbia Silents at the Baltimore YMHA. The final score, 40-36, shows what a closely fought game it turned out to be. From the first toss to the final whistle the game was replete with thrills and had the large crowd on their feet most of the time. In a preliminary game the SOC reserves, Gelmini, Wise, Waters, McCarthy, Swindell and Lacks, met and defeated the SOC old-timers, R. Amberg, Geiger, T. Miller, Cutchin, H. Amberg and Kalinowski. Age gave way to youth, but youth had to fight hard to win, 33 to 20. The victory over the D. C. Silents sent the SOC to Philadelphia on March 2 to compete in the Eastern Basketball Tournament. Our boys played well but were eliminated by the Philadelphia SAC, 53 to 41.

Christ Methodist Church for the Deaf, founded 50 years ago, will celebrate its golden anniversary during April with a full week of appropriate services and events. According to Rev. Louis Foxwell, the celebration will open on Sunday, April 7, with services conducted by Rev. E. W. Hall. And—

Sunday, April 14: Services by Rev. W. Retter of Hereford, Md.

April 21: Easter services by Bishop Charles Lesley Flint.

April 22: To be announced.

April 24: Play, depicting the history of the church.

April 26: Cabaret night, floor show and dancing.

April 27: Fifteenth Anniversary Banquet.

April 28: Closing services by Rev. R.

Y. Nicholson.

All services start at 3:30 p. m. All socials start at 8 p.m. and no admission will be charged. For banquet reservations, contact Rev. Foxwell.

On February 27 the All Angels Mission for the Deaf staged an entertainment and country store in St. Michael's auditorium. "The Moon" and four lively skits, plus the country store, proved a delight to the good-sized audience. Mr. Stanley Taranski, as the jester, and Mr. Broughton, as the king, kept the audience in constant laughter and were ably supported by Messrs. Cutchin, H. Ross, David and Mesdames Taranski, Berg, Och and Leitner. Rev. Dr. Don Frank Fenn, rector of the church, gave an interesting talk about his present and past associations with the deaf. In Minnesota he was rector of a church where the deaf under the late Rev. Grace held their services. It is pleasing to note that the deaf of that church in Minnesota named their guild the Fenn Guild.

Seen at the SOC-DC Silents game—Mr. Rudy Hines, MSSD's representative at Gallaudet College; Mr. Irvin Markel, of York, Pa., cheering for the SOC and proud of his son, Edwin's guarding that was a big factor in the SOC's victory, Mr. Leonard Downes, of Washington, D. C., who refereed the prelim, but itched to get in the big game; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Highkin, just returned from California; Miss Alice Smith, of Cumberland, Md., a recent MSSD graduate, whom hubby swears resembles the writer; a large number of D. C. fans who came over to root for their team and wanted to murder the referees, so did we.

The FFFS, with Mrs. Frank Rebal at the helm, held a successful card party on February 9. A very pretty crazy quilt made by the ladies of the FFFS was offered as a drawing prize and won by Mrs. Ray Kauffman.

In the early morning of March 2 the front door of the Silent Oriole Club room was pried open and from a large closet about thirty dollars was stolen. The police working on the case reported that the carpenter shop above the club room had also been entered in a similar manner.

While waiting settlement of the Eastern

Aircraft strike Mr. Jacob Hahn put his time to good use by painting suburban houses outside Baltimore.

Mr. Henry Ross is sporting a silver tie clasp; it's a prize he won for finishing third high in the Hecht Bros., bowling league.

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Miss Doris Faupel to Mr. Charles Knowles during February. Mr. Knowles, a linotype operator, holds a night "sit" with Baltimore Sunpapers.

Mr. Orlando Price and Miss Louise McClain were married Friday morning, February 22, at the home of Rev. Williams with Rev. Louis Foxwell assisting.

The George Washington social held by Christ Methodist Church for the Deaf on February 22 was a big success socially and financially. The affair was cleverly chairmaned by Mrs. Frank Fraley.

Mr. William Nordhouse, who attended MSSD from 1883 to 1893, has been steadily employed as a painter for 30 years with the Dundalk Realty Co., in Dunlak, Md., and is still going strong.

Mr. Harry Friedman recently presented his wife with a beautiful engraved ring on their fifteenth wedding anniversary. The ring is adorned with 24 rubies and 11 diamonds. Mrs. Friedman proudly proclaims that her hubby made the ring, but Harry modestly says that his boss, Michael Cohen, helped with the setting and other details.

Mrs. Harry Reamy's sister, Sally Pettit, died on February 9. Miss Pettit was well known to the older deaf generation in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. William Seymour left Baltimore last month to return to their former home in Florida.

We met Mr. and Mrs. William Smith at a social recently. Mrs. Smith informed us that William has just rounded out 22 years with the Cummins Products Co.

Mrs. Frank Rebal attended the big Brooklyn Frats ball in New York City on February 23 and incidentally met some friends whom she had known in Louisiana before coming to Baltimore.

Mrs. Margaret Kambarn has secured employment in the bindery department of the Waverly Press where her daughter, Julia, also works.

Mr. George M. Leitner was confined to bed over two weeks with an attack of grippe during February.

An infected foot forced Mr. Jonas Carpenter to bed in Leigh Memorial Hospital in Norfolk, Va., last month. Mrs. Carpenter, the former Florence Mason, is a graduate of MSSD.

BIRTHS—

February 4: A girl named Linda Lou, 7 lbs. 5 oz., to Mr. and Mrs. George Singer at Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C.

February 17: A boy named Clifton LeRoy, 8 lbs. 14½ oz., to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chittum.

February 27: A boy named Joseph Michael, 6 lbs. 4 oz., to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krebs.

COMING EVENTS—

March 23: Maryland Day Social, auspices Silent Oriole Club.

April 14: A fine program of movies will be shown in the Silent Oriole Club room.

A Trip to Staunton, Virginia

On February 16, our regular team left Frederick for Staunton, Virginia, at 8:30 o'clock in two cars. We were thrilled as we started on our trip to Virginia to play basketball. When we arrived in Winchester, Virginia, we rested and had soda and cookies. Leaving Winchester, we saw mountains and orchards of apple and cherry trees. At 12 o'clock we arrived in Staunton. We were happy to meet the Virginia boys. They showed us the school, shops, pool, dining room, kitchen, chapel, dormitory, study hall and so on. In the afternoon we visited Wilson's birthplace and then went to the movie, "Dakota." It was very good. We rested for an hour, then ate supper at 5:30. The food was good. We had raw vegetable salad, Virginia ham and baked beans. An hour later we played basketball against the Virginia boys. They won by the score of 32 to 25. That night we attended a dance.

On our return trip to Frederick we travelled on Skyline Drive. It is one of the most beautiful motor roads in the world and is about 105 miles long. Really, we were all in after arriving at Front Royal where we had dinner. That place was very beautiful. When we arrived near Frederick, we had a flat tire which we fixed in about five minutes. We arrived here at 6:00 o'clock. We all had a wonderful trip and enjoyed both the hospitality of the Virginia School and the Skyline Drive.

Richard Bankert

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We wish to call the attention of parents to the regulation whereby no Easter vacation is observed at the school. Preparations are being made for fitting observances, which will conclude with an egg hunt on Monday afternoon and parties in the evening. The cooperation of the parents is requested to the end that the children may be permitted to remain at the school during this period.

Mr. Storm Appointed Secretary Of the Board

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, announcement was made of the appointment of Mr. William M. Storm to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Richard Potts who served in that capacity from 1938 to the time of his death on December 19, 1945.

Illinois School Celebrates Centennial

The Illinois School for the Deaf at Jacksonville recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of the date when children were admitted for the first time to that institution. Mr. Leonard M. Elstad, president of Gallaudet College, delivered one of the chief addresses. We wish to congratulate Supt. Daniel T. Cloud for the splendid manner in which the work of this institution has progressed during recent years. From the standpoint of curriculum and building program, all indications point toward a most active and vigorous administration.

Survey of Gallaudet College

Dr. Harry Best, professor of sociology at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and author of "Deafness and the Deaf in the United States", is heading an intensive survey covering all phases of Gallaudet College. This work is being conducted under the direction of the Federal Security Agency of the United States Government in cooperation with the Board of Directors of the College. Dr. Best is seeking suggestions from all interested sources, which include administrators of similar institutions of learning, superintendents of schools for the deaf, alumni of the college and all others who may be interested in making of this national institution a more useful agency toward advancing the cause of the deaf. The task is a large one and will require much time and effort on the part of Dr. Best. The results of the findings of the committee are being looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

Rotarians Hold Round Table

On Thursday evening, February 21, Dr. Bjorlee was host to a round table meeting of the Frederick Rotary Club which was held in the parlor of the school. The meeting was well attended and before the adjournment an opportunity was given for the gentlemen to witness a brief program showing the type of work conducted at the school. Refreshments were served and all present expressed themselves as having spent a most pleasant and profitable evening.

Dr. Anderson Goes to California

Information has just been received to the effect that Dr. Tom L. Anderson will transfer his activities from Texas to California as consultant to the deaf and the hard of hearing. Dr. Anderson has assumed his duties and will be joined at the close of the school year by Mrs. Anderson, who, during the emergency, has taught at the Texas School.

Attends Quarterly Meeting

Dr. Bjorlee attended the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of Gallaudet College held at the Cosmos Club, Washington, on the evening of March 4. Dr. Hall presided and Mr. Elstad gave a detailed report of activities, also outlining in brief the progress being made in the survey now under way.

Letter From South Africa

We are just in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Winifred Coyne of Roodepoort, Transvaal, South Africa, advising us that she has accepted the position of principal of the Kutlwanong Deaf and Dumb Institute at Roodepoort, recently organized and concerning the development of which she feels there is great promise. Mr. Albert Coyne, her husband, after four years of service for the armed forces, is now secretary of the South African National Council for the Deaf.

The Coynes will be well and very favorably remembered in connection with their visit to the United States in 1939, when they visited a number of schools in the interest of the Coyne Pitch Indicator. No mention is made of the instrument in the letter and we may perhaps assume that because of the restrictions imposed by the war, work on this instrument has, time being, been curtailed.

Named Community Chest President.

Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee was elected president of the Community Chest of Frederick, Inc., at the organization meeting of the Board of Directors held in the Federated Charities Building, February 28. Dr. Bjorlee has been an active worker in the Chest organization and was the first campaign manager when the Community Chest was organized in 1938.

Boy Scout Week

February 10 marked the opening of Boy Scout Week and the deaf Scouts participated in all the various events. Game Night was held on the 13th when 100 boys from the city joined with the local group in the school gymnasium for a hilarious evening of fun. Refreshments were supplied by the Coca Cola Company and the G. L. Baking Company.

Father of Mr. Fisher Passes Away

Mr. George Elmer Fisher, retired farmer of near Frederick, passed away on February 15, at the Frederick City hospital after a week's illness. Mr. Fisher was the father of Mr. E. Wilson Fisher, engineer at the school. He is also survived by two other sons and three daughters. Funeral services were conducted in Middletown with interment in St. John's Cemetery, Church Hill.

As a mark of appreciation and sympathy a contribution toward flowers was made by the staff of the school.

Civic Club Demonstration

Miss Kent and Miss Gruss were invited to demonstrate methods of teaching the deaf, on February 18, to the Civic Club at the Federated Charities Building. Approximately 30 members were in attendance.

The Robins Are Here

The first official visit of our friends, the robins, to the Maryland School campus was noted on March 4. On that date the temperature reached a new high of 78 degrees and we hope our feathered friends will not get caught in a return of winter weather as was the case last year.

Sociology Classes Visit

Accompanied by their instructor, Prof. Allan W. Eister, two classes from Hood College visited various departments of the school on February 12 and 13. Dr. Bjorlee addressed the groups and answered numerous questions brought up as a result of the visits.

Survey Continued

Mrs. Mabel Elliott recently completed two weeks of survey work in the public schools of Anne Arundel County. The hearing tests were made in connection with an extensive survey being conducted covering all phases of handicap among school children.

Virginia Team the Winner

On January 26 it was our privilege to entertain the basketball team of the Staunton School for the Deaf. Although the visitors defeated our boys the contest was most exciting and despite keen rivalry both teams displayed a fine brand of sportsmanship. We hope our boys made as fine an impression upon the Staunton group at the return game on February 16 as did the Virginia lads while they were with us. In addition to the coach, Mr. T. Carlton Llewellyn, the following members of the Virginia staff accompanied the team: Mr. Richard G. Brill, Mr. Alden C. Ravn, and Mr. F. Leon Baker.

Coach and Mrs. James Behrens, Miss Edith Fauth, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Berg of our staff and the driver and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Crawmer, enjoyed the trip to Staunton with the boys. All had a delightful time despite the fact that again our boys bowed to a superior quint.

Deaf Museum Curator

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Babbitt of Peter-sham, Mass., stopped off for a visit on February 19, enroute to Florida. Mr. Babbitt, a deaf gentleman, is curator of the Worcester, Mass. Museum of Natural History, and spends considerable time gathering specimens of reptiles and amphibians. Last year Mr. Babbitt gave a lecture at the school at which time he exhibited live specimens while describing his work.

Washington's Birthday

The usual birthday party honoring our First President was held in the gymnasium on the evening of February 22, with Miss Gruss, Miss Jenkins, Miss Radcliffe and Mrs. Remsburg in charge. The room was decorated with hand-made posters, also pictures connected with incidents in the life of the Father of Our Country. Refreshments were served.

World of Silence

Parents and friends of deaf children are urged to read the article entitled "World of Silence" by Wesley Lauritsen, B.A., M.A., which appears in this issue. Written in an autobiographic vein, the splendid bits of philosophy portrayed should be of much aid to those who are striving to gain a clear concept of the deaf.

Mrs. Tillinghast Passes Away

With the passing of Mrs. Hilda B. Tillinghast on January 3, there went a member of probably the largest family group that has and is serving the deaf educationally. Mrs. Tillinghast herself served as a matron or teacher in six different schools; her father, James Watson, founded the schools in Washington and Idaho; her grandfather, Edward McGann, established the school in Belleville, Ontario; her aunt, Mrs. Harriet Ashcraft, headed the McKay School in Montreal; her husband, Edward S., was superintendent of several schools; her children and their spouses are or were educators, her son, Edward W., being the current superintendent of the Arizona School. Mrs. Tillinghast has been a grand representative of a family of able educators and her passing is mourned by a host of friends and colleagues.

The Cavalier

Loyalty Holds First Rank

Some years ago the Princeton faculty was asked to vote on the most potent word

in the language—and the most votes went for LOYALTY. At the time it didn't seem especially significant. MONEY was the word most potent then among Americans. But the intervening years have shown that the Princeton pedagogs had scored a bull's eye.

Long-headed business men will not forget this vote when they reorganize their personnel for the postwar pull. They will rate the capacity for loyalty as the No. 1 qualification to be sought in hiring employes. They will make the promotion of loyalty a regular function of management. They will do their full part to make all their people happy in their jobs and, if they have chosen their associates wisely, will get a response in esprit de corps that will give their operations a wholly new momentum.

"Bankers" Bulletin

Locals

Mrs. Clipp had the pleasure of entertaining her niece, Dr. Ellenetta Beachley of Washington, Pa., on February 15 and 16.

Under the direction of Miss Cole, local health nurse, five children from the public schools were given audiometer tests at the school on February 28.

On February 6 Dr. Thomas C. Ferguson, State Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, paid a visit to the school to discuss the general health survey which is being conducted throughout the State.

Mrs. S. R. Kresge, of Danville, Pa., having for several days been the guest of Mrs. Bjorlee, returned to her home on February 26. Rev. Kresge was for several years pastor of the Lewistown, Maryland, Area Evangelical Reformed congregations.

On the evening of February 19 Mrs. Bjorlee entertained members of the sewing circle which had met weekly under the direction of the AWVS. All of the teachers who reside at the school were invited as practically all of them had been actively engaged in this work.

Mr. Thomas Berg recently had the pleasure of entertaining his brother, Arthur H. Berg, Seaman First Class, who had a ten-day leave from his activities at the Great Lakes Training Station in Illinois. Sfc. Berg has just been transferred from St. Mary's Pre-Flight School, California, and is in the OGU at Great Lakes.

The Ely Literary Society

Alyce Bean, Secretary

Saturday evening, February 2, the Ely Literary Society members were entertained by an interesting lecture based on time and the calendar. The lecture was given by Reverend Otto Berg, minister to the Episcopal deaf in our district. The subject was unusual because it contained some history. We learned that our calendar at present is much different from those long ago, and that there was much confusion about the calendar until the present calendar was decided upon. We enjoyed his lecture very much and hope to have him with us again in the future. Mr. Thomas Berg extended the society's thanks to him after the lecture.

The Boy Scouts added another success to their record of entertainments when they gave "The Wolf-Man Hunt" and "The Prize Fighters", Saturday, Feb. 9. Though given and managed by the younger members of the troop, it was excellent. The names of those taking part and roles follow:

Charles Curry, Dr. Janssen, a German refugee; Raymond Donahoo, Dr. Imhoff; Donald Tress, the Corpse and the Wolf-Man; William Hudson, Investigator Carney; Donald Leitch, Sergeant MacKay; James Czyzia, Sergeant Williams; Jack Miller, Mary Sykes; John Herron, John Baylor, Chief of Detectives; Carol Samuels, the grave-keeper.

The following scenes were given:

ACT I

Scene I The Graveyard of London

Scene II Dr. Janssen's Laboratory

ACT II

Scene I The Wolf-Man Strikes Again

Scene II The Showdown

"The Prize Fighters" was a comical playlet in which Jerry Collison was the tough kid fighter who knocked down the Big John L. acted by Byron Van Vuren. Charles Curry was disguised as a referee, and the seconds were Billy Robinson and Edward Johnson.

At the end of the program, Miss Wohlstrom praised the Boy Scouts for their work and cooperation, and Mr. Berg told the group that most of the work had been done by William Hudson and Jack Miller.

February 16 the Ely Literary Society members were entertained with a play entitled "Grand Central Station" given by the Seventh Grade under the direction of Miss Radcliffe.

Seventh Grade and pupils from other classes depicted the following roles:

Charles Curry, the janitor; James Flaharty, the cop; Gretchen Crabtree, the office girl; Joseph Irvin, the lonely soldier; Martha Sprainis and William Hudson, the couple; Fern Spencer and Leslie Shaffer, the bride and the groom; Billy Robinson, the doughnut boy; Doris Fansler, the old lady; Donald Tress, the newsboy; Francis Langlais, the ticket agent; Virginia Clare, Joanna Sturgis, Mildred Masek and Thelma Clark, college students. The children were Teddy MacGregor, Herman Shelton, Wesley McGee, Sandy Ewan, Sandra Hughes, Edna Clayton and Dixie Lee Guarro.

At the conclusion, Mr. Tharp praised the participants of the play and Miss Radcliffe for the good entertainment.

February 23 was Movie Night for the members the Ely Literary Society. A five reel movie of a western picture entitled "Wild Horse Canyon" was shown. It interested practically everybody. A comedy reel, "The Little Blue Boy" followed. "Aqua Sports" was enjoyed by the members for it was so interesting to see a person swim under the water, and the different kinds of dives made by the women champions. The last reel, "Intimate Birds," was very instructive. We enjoyed the movies very much.

Facts

The story of the creation of the world is told in Genesis in 400 words.

The world's greatest moral code—the Ten Commandments—contains only 207 words.

Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg Address is but 266 words in length.

The Declaration of Independence required only 1,321 words to set up a new concept of Freedom.

The Office of Price Administration uses 2,500 words to announce a reduction in the price of cabbage seed.

ATHLETIC NOTES

MSSD, 21; Westminster, 54

The Black and Orange cagers lost to Westminster High School at Westminster February 8 in a lop-sided scoring game. Baraty was the leading point man for the locals with 11 markers.

MSSD, 28; Washington Township, 31

Washington Township High School at Waynesboro, Pa., February 12, nosed out MSSD in a last-minute offensive. The locals see-sawed a thriller after matching points in the first period which ended 10-all. WTHS was ahead, 16-15, at the half. The Black and Orange came back strong in the third quarter and led 26-23. Rubinstein was the high man for the locals with 10 points, made in the first half.

MSSD, 32; VSD, 25

Held to one field goal in the third period while matching the opposition the rest of the way, the Maryland State School for the Deaf Black and Orange dropped a 32 to 25 decision to the Red Raiders of the Virginia School for the Deaf at Staunton, February 16. Both teams registered eight points in the opening period and the half ended with Virginia on top, 13 to 12.

The Red Raiders counted nine points in the third period and were never headed. MSSD with Sahm pacing counted 11 points in the last period but couldn't overcome the deficit incurred in third quarter. Cunningham kept the winners in front, ably supported by Grizzle.

Maryland S. S. D. (25)	G.	F.	Tp.
Livesay, f	2	0	4
Rubinstein, f	0	1	1
Foreman, c	1	0	2
Bankert, g	3	1	7
Sahm, g	4	3	11
Baraty, c	0	0	0

Totals	10	5	25
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Virginia S. D. (32)	G.	F.	Tp.
Smith, f	0	0	0
Grizzle, f	5	1	11
Cunningham, c	6	2	14
Burnette, g	1	1	3
Spady, g	0	2	2
Spence, f	0	0	0
Soaper, f	1	0	2

Totals	13	6	32
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Referee: Blair. Timer: Brill. Scorers: Berg and Baker.

MSSD, 26; Damascus, 35

Damascus High School's courtmen stepped out in the final period February 18 to break a 20-20 stalemate and defeat the MSSD cagers on the latters' floor, 35 to 26. The contest was close until Damascus developed a hot hand in the fourth quarter to outdistance the locals. Half time count stood 17 to 12 in the Black and Orange's favor.

MSSD, 55; Elmer Wolfe, 23**MSSD Girls, 29; Elmer Wolfe Girls, 23**

MSSD captured both ends of a double-header from Elmer Wolfe High School of Union Bridge Febraury 20 on the locals' court. Coach Behrens' proteges ran roughshod over the Elmer Wolfe boys, 55 to 23, while the girls took the measure of the visitors, 29 to 23.

The girls' game was far superior to that of the boys with the local sextet coming through in the fourth period to win. The count at the end of the third period was 21-all. Mary Lou Jones of the local sextet was the leading point maker of the game with 21 points. Praise must go to Bean and Dixon for their excellent passing work which enabled Jones to amass her total.

MSSD Girls (29)	G.	F.	Tp.
Jones, f	8	5	21
Bean, f	3	2	8
Dixon, f	0	0	0
Jenkins, g	0	0	0
Huffman, g	0	0	0
Czyzia, g	0	0	0
Sturgis, g	0	0	0
Clare, g	0	0	0
Sprainis, g	0	0	0
Bartha, g	0	0	0
Totals	11	7	29

Elmer Wolfe Girls (23)	G.	F.	Tp.
Stulz, f	0	0	0
F. Stambaugh, f	3	1	7
Boohr, f	0	0	0
Lambert, f	4	0	8
Ecker, f	4	0	8
Kennedy, g	0	0	0
Metcalf, g	0	0	0
T. Stambaugh, g	0	0	0
Nushman, g	0	0	0
Edwards, g	0	0	0
Wellers, g	0	0	0

Totals	11	1	23
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