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Gov. McKeldin Breaks Ground

Leads Ceremonies For Gym, Dorm

An historic event took place at State Teachers College—Bowie, on Friday afternoon, April 29, 1955 when His Excellency, Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, broke ground for the new buildings on the campus. These buildings—a gymnasium and a women's dormitory—are scheduled for completion by 1956.

The faculty, staff, studentbody of the College, the laboratory school pupils, as well as neighbors, assembled on the lawn to witness the ceremony which began at 2:30.

In describing the proposed brick-limestone trim gymnasium, Cyril H. Hebrank, architect, especially mentioned that the stage will be placed on the side of the auditorium and not at either end as a conventional one would be, which would make it practical for all purposes.

Governor McKeldin prefaced the groundbreaking with a brief discourse on the educational facilities needed in Maryland for the next 15 years for which he is making a great effort to provide.

Sharing in the occasion were special representatives of the various state departments who brought greetings. They included W. T. Boston, assistant superintendent of schools; James L. Reid, supervisor of school plant planning, who worked tirelessly with Dr. William E. Henry, president, and others in making the buildings a realization; James J. O'Donnell, of the Department of Public Improvement; James G. Rennie, director of the Department of Budget and Procurement. In describing the dormitory, Mr. Reid assured the audience there will be ample space for living comfortably.

Rev. David H. Croll, Annapolis, Maryland, provided the spiritual atmosphere for the program.

Music rendered by the College Glee Club and College Band was under the direction of C. B. Robinson and Jametta White,



music instructors at the College. Among other guests were Robert Scheckels of the Department of Budget & Procurement and Garrett O. Billmire of the Department of Public Improvement. Mrs. C. H. Hebrank of Baltimore accompanied Mr. Hebrank.

The special shovels for the occasion will be preserved in the archives of the College.

A Message from President Henry

A long-cherished hope is about to become a reality. When Governor McKeldin broke ground on April 29, for the new gymnasium and dormitory, the administration, faculty, students, alumni and friends of this institution shared in the rejoicing. Our building program is moving forward, as it must, if we are to meet our obligations to the State of Maryland.

Pioneers Sponsor High School Day

The Maryland Society of Educational Pioneers sponsored their Annual High School Conference here on Sunday, May 15. The theme, "The Challenge of Integration in Education" was brought to the attention of students from twenty-five Sr.-Jr. High Schools in the State of Maryland.

These students, bubbling with ideas and suggestions, thoroughly discussed during group sessions: *The Challenge of Integration to the Citizen. The Responsibility of Students in an Integrated Program. The Challenge of Integration to the Parent and Home, The Challenge of Integration to the Civic Leader, The Responsibility of Religious Institutions in Implementing Integration.*

Conference moderator was Mrs. Genevieve Brown. Mr. Paul E. Huffington, Supervisor of High Schools, introduced the guest Speaker, Dr. W. Earl Armstrong, Director, National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education. Mr. Charles W. Fletcher, principal of Soilers Point High School, and chairman of the Maryland Society of Educational Pioneers, introduced his co-workers—the Maryland Pioneers.

FALL
REGISTRATION
1955

FRESHMEN
September 6
UPPER CLASSMEN
September 7



Architect's Drawing of New Gymnasium

Gov. McKeldin addressing assemblage at ground breaking. Seated on platform: FRONT ROW—Dr. Henry and Mr. Slicer; SECOND ROW—Mr. Reid, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Rennie, Mr. O'Donnell; BACK ROW—Mr. Billmire, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Hebrank, unidentified, Mr. Sheckles and Mrs. Hebrank. Not shown: Father Croll, Mr. Boston and Mr. Sutter, contractor.

Dr. Henry Elected To New Office

Dr. W. E. Henry, State president, was elected to the vice presidency of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers at the annual spring session held at the Hotel New Yorker in March.

Membership in the association is held by teachers colleges in the New England states, in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Prior to his election to the second highest office in the conference, Dr. Henry had served as treasurer for four successive years.

Sen. Wheatley Speaks

State Senator H. Winship Wheatley, Jr., of Prince Georges County addressed a special assembly here on May 16. The legislator explained "The Mechanics of the Maryland Assembly".

Delegates Attend ESAPST

On March 16 through 19, Adrian Brown, Bertha Brown, Mildred V. Brown, Canute Jenifer, Marquerite Johnson, Christine Presberry, Marquerite Ames and Bettye Thompson, all students at State, accompanied by Miss Josephine H. Brown and Mrs. Evelyn Williams attended the Thirtieth Annual Spring Conference of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers, held at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City. The purpose of this association is to improve the services of teacher education institutions. Our president, Dr. William E. Henry; is the outgoing treasurer and the newly elected vice president of this organization.

The purposes of the Student Conference are to discuss new ideas in the colleges whereby other colleges may profit by the curriculum changes and to discuss other subjects that may affect modern education.



Mr. Boston to Address Graduates

Mr. W. Theodore Boston, State Supervisor of Higher Education in Maryland, will deliver the address to 78 candidates for the B.S. Degree in Education at the Commencement exercises, June 4, at 2 P.M.

Prior to his appointment as State Supervisor three years ago, Mr. Boston had served his home county, Dorchester, as school superintendent for fifteen years.

In his present position, he has made significant contributions towards the improvement of teacher education. Of major importance is his direction of the curriculum revision program. Bringing together the faculties of the five State Teachers Colleges, Mr. Boston has conducted a series of workshops, and as a result new curricula are being evolved.

Reading Institute Held

The Southern Maryland Reading Club joined with MSTC to co-sponsor a Reading Institute here on April 16.

Dr. Eva C. Mitchell, professor of education, Hampton Institute, addressed the group during the morning session on *Phonics and Related Word Perception Skills*.

Luncheon speaker was Mrs. Frances Knight, professor of education, University of Virginia, who discussed *New Trends in the Teaching of Reading*.

Serving as consultants and recorders at group meetings were: primary level—Mr. J. Alexander Wiseman, professor of education, Bowie, and Mrs. Hildergarde J. Adams, principal of Aquasco School in Prince George County; intermediate level—Mrs. Jeanette W. Gray, instructor of English at Coppin State Teachers College in Baltimore and Mrs. Celeste Young, teacher, White Marsh School in Charles County; secondary level—Mr. Harry Lewis, director of reading clinic in Washington and Mrs. Georgia Lucas, pupil personnel supervisor in Charles County.

Dr. Wm. E. Henry, Bowie president, Mr. Ulysess Young, dean at Bowie, and Mr. George Crawford, State supervisor of curriculum, were coordinators.

Mrs. Bertha W. Key, president of S.M.R.C. and principal of Mt. Hope Elementary School in Charles County was the presiding officer of the institute while Mr. William W. Hall, assistant supervisor of Prince Georges County was the general chairman.

Lab School Gives Operetta

The Bowie Laboratory School is presenting "The Princess Chooses A Kitty"—an operetta, guided by Miss C. B. Robinson, the Demonstration School faculty and the student teachers, on May 31. Starring is Linnett Everett as the princess. Her attendants are Joan Ross and Barbara Holand. The town crier is Charles Johnson. The kittens are the first and second grade girls.

As the scene opens the town crier is announcing the arrival of a new family of kittens. The princess hastens to secure a kitten for her very own because she has never seen a kitten before. The town crier slips a kitty through the palace gate to her. To show her gratitude the princess invites the village to a party in honor of the kitty. The town crier is presented a new bell and a bag of gold. The party is a merry affair because fortunately—the king and queen are away,

COMMENCEMENT WEEK ACTIVITIES, 1955

- SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2:30 P.M. Baccalaureate Sermon
By The Reverend Edward McGowan
Pastor, Asbury Methodist Church
Frederick, Maryland
- MONDAY, MAY 30, 8:00 P.M. Music Festival
The Men's Ensemble and College Band
- TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2:00 P.M. The Princess Chooses A Kitty
The Demonstration School
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 8:00 P.M. Annual Recital
College Glee Club
- THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. President
And Mrs. Henry's Reception to Faculty, Senior Class and Alumni
8:00 P.M. Senior Class Night
- FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 8:00 P.M. Two One Act Plays
The Bats
- SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2:00 P.M. Commencement Exercises
State Supervisor of Higher Education, Maryland

Connecticut Student Visits

David Gifford, senior at the Teachers College of Connecticut in New Britain, spent the week of April 24, at Bowie. President of the student council at his college, David made arrangements for the visit at the E.S.A.P.S.T. March meeting in New York.



David Gifford

Congenial and affable, our visitor endeared himself to the entire campus family by sharing in all our activities, even lending a hand in our annual clean-up campaign.

Why did he come, and what were his impressions? Let him speak for himself:

"Perhaps you wonder why I came — well, the main reason was to get acquainted with young people of my own race. For my background has been such that I have had little opportunity to really get to know my own race. Another reason was a desire to have the experience of visiting a Negro college, attending its classes, and getting to know its faculty. I feel that this will serve to broaden my background and better prepare me to teach in Connecticut,

where the majority of the school age population has had little contact with the Negro.

"Another question that may be in your mind is, What am I going to say about Bowie when I return? Time will not permit me to tell you all of my impressions, but a few might be of interest to you.

"That which has made the greatest impression on me is the fact that your training is much more progressive and functional here, than in my college. You are prepared here for living and for practical teaching—teaching that meets the needs that you as future teachers here in Maryland will have. Not teaching that will send you out into the field unprepared for your own particular situation. Also in Connecticut we are still in the beginning of the Core Program, while you are already using it. These and other such impressions make me want to remind you, that you as a college have nothing to feel ashamed of, but many things of which to be proud. As long as you always keep in sight the fact that the purpose of education and a degree is not just to get a job, but to develop yourself into a well adjusted, and mature-thinking adult, you as graduates, will be able to hold your head high among the graduates of any other college."

CI Workers Graduate

Ten of this year's graduating class have been workers in the press club, and the *Eye* offers them CHEERS! and best wishes for future success. Four have worked for four full years, helping down to this issue to put out the paper: Donald Thompson, student congress president, has been especially loyal and attentive to his duties as have been Richard Colbert, Helena Gaither and Mildred L. Brown to theirs.



Reverend McGowan Gives Baccalaureate

The Reverend Mr. Edward D. McGowan, pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church in Frederick, Maryland will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class on Sunday, May 29, at 2:30 P.M.

A native Texan, Rev. McGowan is a graduate of Clark College and Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, and has pursued post graduate

work at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

In 1940-41, he served as area secretary of the New Orleans area of the Methodist Church; in 1941-42 he was assistant pastor of St. Marks Methodist Church in New York City; for eleven years he held the pastorate at Epworth Methodist Church, also in New York; and, in 1953 he was appointed to his present assignment.



D. Collins P. Makell D. Thompson F. Rolley R. Colbert L. Harps H. Gaither K. Stewart M. Brown M. Foreman



TOP: Scenes at Ground Breaking Ceremonies on April 29. (1) Gov. McKeldin playfully debates whether to push the shovel with the left or with the right foot. (2) Dr. Henry announces selection by the Glee Club, "The Challenge". Seen at left are Father Cross, Mr. Sutter, contractor, and Mr. Boston. (3) Helen Wood, Miss M.S.T.C., shovels dirt at the new dorm site.

CENTER: LEFT—Boys of the Demonstration School proudly don their new baseball suits. The Little Leaguers were recently organized by Dr. Henry. D. Thompson, W.

Hall and W. Hull are working with the group. **RIGHT**—Pupils board bus en route to St. Mary's School, Upper Marlboro, Maryland for the Salk Vaccine. Standing behind them are Mesdames Burrell and Craig, teachers.

BOTTOM: LEFT—Inspector Dick Mansfield, safety patrol representative from the Washington Star, poses with Demonstration School pupils after making award for no accidents in the school year; **RIGHT**—Inspector Mansfield is shown with group of Juniors who are doing their initial practice teaching in the Demonstration School.



TOP: LEFT—Chef Noah Taylor displays his certificate received from the Governor of Maryland at special ceremonies, for his 32 years service at this institution; **RIGHT** —Betty Makel sophomore, wearing the smile of winner in an essay contest sponsored by the Juniors on the subject, "It Is Not Where You Live, But How."

CENTER: (1)—Elizabeth Rayfield Hall, soprano of Baltimore, who charmed us in a delightful concert appearance, February 10. (2)—Hansonia Caldwell, also of Balti-

more, the 10-year-old Piano Prodigy who played her way into our hearts on May 11. (3)—Hansonia with her teacher, Mrs. Adah K. Jenkins, prominent Baltimore music teacher and civic worker.

BOTTOM: Kenneth Stewart and Lessie Bates completely under the hypnotic spell of Dr. Franz Polgar, psychologist, who demonstrated his "Miracles of the Mind" here on April 19.



Vinnette Carroll, dramatic reader, who completely captivated her audience with her skillful interpretations on March 29.

Cultural Program Series: 1954-55

Voluntary comments from large numbers of students indicate that this year's Culture Program Series has been warmly received and rewarding. Offerings follow:

- OCTOBER**—Barter Theatre of Virginia in "Macbeth"
- DECEMBER**—Baltimore Singers
- JANUARY**—Lecture on Portugal —A Tyler Hull
- FEBRUARY**—Elizabeth Hall—Soprano
Lecture—Dowell Brooks
Art Exhibit — College Art Service
Palmer-Martin Marionettes
- MARCH** — Lecture—Dr. Michael Dorizas, University of Pennsylvania
Lecture—Mr. Humbles, Pittsburgh Courier
Art Exhibit — College Art Service
Vinnette Carroll—Dramatist
Margaret Tynes — Dramatic Soprano
- APRIL**—Edgar Kennedy—Lecture on Near East
Dr. Franz Polgar—Psychologist
Helena Zurstadt—Lecture on Music
- MAY**—Hansonia Caldwell — 10-Year-Old Piano Prodigy



Margaret Tynes, dramatic soprano of the famed New York City Center Opera Company, who appeared in a brilliant recital on April 6.

Something New For Class Night

Shakespeare once said: "The play's the thing wherein I'll catch the conscience of the King." And on our class night, the Seniors feel confident that you will be aware of some of our innermost desires, hope, dreams, ambitions — in a four act drama, which we call, "The Rehearsal."

Scenes from three of the world's most popular Broadway plays will be used in an effort to help the class of '55 choose a play suitable for this all important night.

Dramatis Personae:

Macbeth — Lady Macbeth, Joan Addison; Gentlewoman, Fay Richardson; Doctor, Richard Colbert. *Lady Windermere's Fan*—Lady Windermere, Frances Martin; Mrs. Erylenore, Dorothy Collins. *The Silver Cord* — Christina, Sally Jackson; Robert, Kenneth Stewart; David, David Mason; Mrs. Phelps, Olivia Parker.

The lawyer, Williams, will read the class will. Individual gifts will be presented by L. Sharps and S. Turner.

The night will be climaxed by the reading of the class poem written by Ruth Nutter and the class song written by Cora Howell.

Intra-Mural Awards Made

Mr. Reginald Pearman and Mrs. Pauline Hobbs of the Physical Education Department made the intra-mural awards at the assembly of May 19.

The following captains accepted the trophies for their teams: Women—Tilda Barnes and Doris Somerville, co-captains for the Freshmen-Sophomore team, first place honors; Barbara Conway, for the Junior-Senior team. Men—Winfred Hull, Jr., co-captain of the Junior-Senior team; John Fountain, captain of the Sophomore team and Robert Cromwell, co-captain of the Freshman team.

The trophies were then presented to Dr. Henry to be placed in the show case of the new gymnasium.

Awards were also made to members of the men's and women's varsity basketball teams.



Winners of Intra-mural Awards—FRONT: E. Adams, D. Somerville, V. Conway. BACK: Mrs. Hobbs, S. Pumphrey, J. Fountain, H. Barnes and Mr. Pearman.

Jr. High Tours

The Junior High Department under the guidance of Mr. H. Brown took several trips this year to get first hand experience related to teaching. They included: Boys Village, Crownsville Mental Hospital, Bates High School and the Republic Theater in Washington.

The most talked about trip was the one to Washington where the group saw the picture, "Blackboard Jungle" which dealt with many kinds of problems that will face all of us in the teaching field. At Bates High School we were able to see the core program in action and at Crownsville we were privileged to observe the art of teaching mental students.

We thank Dr. Henry and Mr. Brown for making these trips possible. They have helped all of us to see the many problems we will face in the teaching field in order that we may do a successful job.

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