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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD TONIGHT IN SOCIAL ROOM

Yuletide Festivities Begin
This Evening; Lighting
Candles, A Feature

The annual Christmas party will be held Tuesday night, December 19, at eight-thirty o'clock in the social room.

The procession of girls bearing unlighted candles will form in the lobby. They will march into the social room singing Christmas carols, light their tapers from the large candle, which has been used since the founding of the school, and then group themselves on the floor in front of the Christmas tree. The stately social room in the radiance of the huge taper, the Christmas spirit of S. N. S., makes an ideal setting for this scene.

During the program around the tree, twenty-four Christmas stockings, filled by the students of S. N. S. for poor children of Salisbury, will

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BAGLEANS AND CARNEANS PLAN JOINT DANCE

Affair Will Be First Social
Event In January

The march of social activities in 1934 is to be led by a joint dance to be given by the Carnean and Bagleian Societies on the evening of January 19. Preparations have been placed in the hands of an especially merged dance committee composed of:

Carneans: Raymond Dixon, Virginia Haddaway, Edwin Mitchell.

Bagleians: Sam Sherwell, Elizabeth McMahon, Catherine Lusby.

These six people will work with the presidents of each organization in preparing for this mid-winter formal.

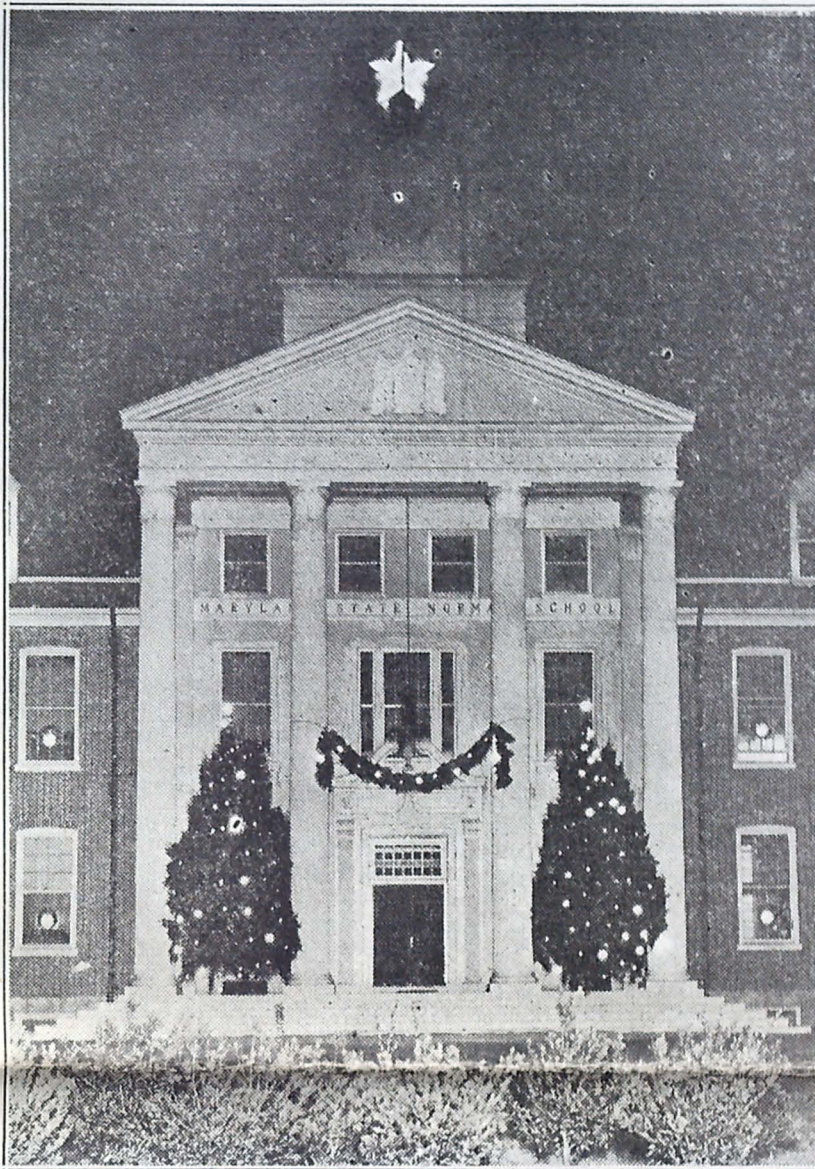
The gymnasium will be decked as befits a function of such proportions, and the best orchestra that can be reasonably secured will be employed to play for the Pep and Mickey enthusiasts.

Last year was the first time that the societies had held a joint dance. It proved such a success, socially and financially, that the same plan is to be carried out again this season. The receiving line will form as usual, and the night's merrymaking will proceed under the guidance of attractive programs.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GIVES CHRISTMAS PLAY

A play entitled "Dicky Falls Asleep" was presented by the Elementary School as the Christmas assembly program on December 19, before an audience of parents, teachers, and normal school students. The cast consisted of all the members of the first four grades.

Santa with all his helpers (he has a number of them) brought many mechanical toys representing Mother Goose characters. Mother Goose, who is a friend of Santa, supervised the reciting of her rhymes. Songs which were appropriate to Christmas were sung by a chorus. The tin soldiers had a drill which rivaled the doll dance. Dickey's dream was ended. Santa and his helpers and Mother Goose, with her children, departed. The curtain fell on a peacefully sleeping Dickey.



MAIN ENTRANCE AT THE HOLIDAY SEASON

SENIORS WIN VARSITY FIELDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Junior Defense Strong
During First Half

Lovers of fieldball turned out on November 24 and 27 to watch the Freshman, Junior and Senior Fieldball teams battle for victory. Excitement, in the form of peppy outbursts, ran high before each game. "Do your best! We must win!" echoed over the field.

The Junior-Freshman game took place on Friday, November 24. The teams were well matched; from the beginning whistle everyone could easily see that the fight was going to be a hard one. In the first half the freshmen outplayed the juniors, but the junior defense was rather tough to break through and the freshmen found goals difficult to make. In the second half both teams added to their scores, but the juniors got in the lead, bringing the game to a close with a score of 8 to 5 in favor of the juniors.

The line-up of players was as follows:

FRESHMEN		JUNIORS	
H. Howard	C.	R. Todd	
A. Lusby	R. I.	E. Horner	
W. Towers	L. I.	L. Langrell	
(Capt.)		(Capt.)	
M. Huff	R. W.	A. Ebling	
A. Cissel	L. W.	J. Travers	
M. Austin	L. H. B.	S. Somers	
C. Fleetwood	C. H. B.	I. Craig	
C. Oland	R. H. B.	M. Horsey	
C. Groton	R. F. B.	V. Haddaway	
B. Bradford	L. F. B.	M. Henderson	
M. Keese	G.	E. Hales	

Juniors Meet Seniors

The game to determine the champions of the school was played by

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ANNUAL SPELLING CONTEST SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY

Contestants Study Recently
Improved Word List

With the issuance of the inter-society spelling sheets on December 7, began preparations for the annual spelling contest held by the literary societies of this institution. In a recent statement given out by the president of the Student Council, the tentative dates set aside for the occasion are:

Oral Spelling.....January 16
Written Spelling....January 30

In the former contests, two teams of ten each are matched against one another. While in the latter, all members of each group participate.

The contest list of words this year is said to be an improvement over other selections, being taken from one of the most modern spelling sources. Miss Anne H. Matthews and Mr. T. J. Caruthers have cooperated with the Bagleians and Carneans in taking the full responsibility of drawing up the lists for competitive use, the Newlon Hannah Speller furnishing the means.

LOCAL MUSICIANS GIVE BENEFIT CONCERT

A very lovely recital was given in the auditorium December 8 by a group of well-known local musicians: Misses Ruth Anne Truitt and Grace Talmage Walls, Violinists; Miss Claudia Ruth Dobson, Soprano, and Miss Eleanor Thorington Hearn, Pianist. It was given under the auspices of the Junior Wicomico Woman's Club for the benefit of the Children's Milk and Medicine Fund, Peninsula General Hospital.

MARYLAND PAGEANT DEPICTS GREAT HISTORICAL EVENTS

DR. JOHN RATHBONE OLIVER WILL LECTURE AT SCHOOL

Noted Author, Famous in Various
Fields, Will Address Audience
In School Auditorium

Dr. John Rathbone Oliver, who originally planned to visit Salisbury on December 8, will give a lecture in the auditorium of Salisbury Normal School, Tuesday, January 16, at 8:30.

Few people can lay the claim to as varied and as cosmopolitan a life as Dr. Oliver. He has gained renown as a physician, psychologist, author, religious leader, and musician. He served as a surgeon in the Austrian army after taking a full course in medicine in the Austrian Tyrol. For two years he studied music in Germany and then, returning to Harvard, became chief editor of Harvard Monthly, and class poet, finally graduating with distinction in the classics and in English. Working with James P. Gorter, he founded the Medical Service in connection with the Superior Court of Baltimore.

"The substance of Dr. Oliver's books," according to *Living Authors*, "is drawn from the fourfold activities of his life; his experience with criminals in courts and prisons; his psychiatric practice; his academic life; and his religious duties."

His most noted works are: "Victor and Victim," "Foursquare," and "Fear." He will treat the subject, Fear, in his lecture.

At present Dr. Oliver, in addition to his position as Assistant Rector of Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church, teaches history of medicine in Johns Hopkins University, is Warden of Alumni Hall at the same University, and holds a position in the Medical Department of Judicial Courts in Baltimore.

"Y" INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS IN CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The annual candlelight installation service of the Y. W. C. A. held in the auditorium November 21 at 6:30 P. M., was impressive and inspirational. The entire membership, dressed in white, marched in the procession to the stage. In single file they came, to the strains of Handel's *Largo*, in the following order: the Cabinet, minor and major officers; the Adviser; old members; and new members.

Following prayer and scripture reading, Misses Marie Markley and Catherine Lusby sang *What Does the Master Expect of Me?*, Miss Virginia Haddaway at the piano. Miss Lillian Parker, the adviser, then spoke on *The Constitution and Service*. Another vocal duet, *I Would Be True*, followed.

After each girl had lighted her candle from the large taper representing the spirit of the Y. W. C. A., the president, Miss Alta Nuce, gave the charge and the members repeated the pledge. The service was concluded by all members singing *Follow the Gleam* and repeating the Lord's prayer. In the recessional the membership filed off in reverse order, the president, carrying the large candle, being last to leave the stage.

Varied Procedures, Elaborate Stage Settings Promise Inspiring Portrayal

Those who saw the Washington Bi-Centennial Pageant produced by the Maryland State Normal School in 1932, will certainly not want to miss *Maryland—An Experiment in Tolerance* which will be given March 26, 1934, in honor of the Tercentenary.

There will be a pageant composed of several episodes. Each episode will be devoted to some outstanding event in Maryland history from the beginning to the present time. The beginning will be brought out by scenes showing the start of a few adventurers and laborers on the Ark and Dove and their successful landing at Saint Mary's several months later. The scenes of the Colonial Period will be built around the tolerance that the white settlers had toward the Indians and different religious sects. Mistress Margaret Brent, the outstanding colonial woman, and several religious leaders of that time will be presented. The pageant will be brought to dramatic heights by the *Peggy Stewart Episode*, taken from the Revolutionary War Period. No less effective will be the late developments; notably, the scene during the War of 1812 in which Baltimore was besieged and Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the National Anthem. The Finale will be devoted to present day Maryland, a state that has for three hundred years lived up to the principle of toleration on which it was founded.

The faculty and students are planning to make this performance the greatest and most inspiring that the school has ever produced. This will be accomplished by a variety of procedures, such as pictures with brief readings, dances, songs and dramatic pantomime. The pictures will be used to illustrate the ideas of religious tolerance. Dances will depict the social element. The patriotic atmosphere will be made evident by song. The exciting and thrilling episodes will be characterized by dramatic pantomime which will involve elaborate stage settings. The scenes will shift from England to Saint Mary's, the Eastern Shore, Baltimore, and Annapolis as did the outstanding events in the history of our state.

MISSIONARY GUILD PRESENTS PLAY

The Little Theatre was the scene of a playlet, "New Melodies," presented by the World Fellowship Guild of The Wicomico Presbyterian Church on the evening of December 11, under the direction of Mrs. Reese Harvey. Guests of the Guild on this occasion were the members of the Guild of the Princess Anne Church and also the members of the other two missionary societies of the Wicomico Presbyterian Church. The Misses Anne Matthews and Virginia Harwood, of our Normal School faculty, together with Miss Mary Butcher and Mrs. Burroughs Price, were hostesses at this meeting of the Guild.

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ANOTHER BOOK

ON AND OFF THE CAMPUS



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INTELLECTUAL UNCOUTHNESS

Do you admire awkwardness in a person? Don't you prefer ease, grace, dexterity, skill—evidences of culture, refinement, and good breeding? Would you not be shocked at a display of uncouth manners, uncouth ways, uncouth guise and gesture—uncouthness, boorishness, clumsiness, in whatever form it may be manifested?

No less should you be annoyed by intellectual uncouthness. And, what is most important, your annoyance should result in effective action. This undesirable trait shows itself mainly in speech. Here in the normal school our ears are occasionally assailed by solecisms which ought never to be employed. "Between you and I," "She don't talk that way," "Jane saw Victoria and I at church," "It ain't so" are illustrations.

Thoughtlessness? Indifference? Ignorance? Be the cause what it may, the effect is the same. The person using such language reveals a manner of thinking and a "way of behaving" which constitutes a decided handicap to professional advancement.

The pity of it is, that the offender generally knows better. If not, then eleven or more years of instruction in correct English have been like good seed sown among thorns, or upon stony places. To admit that a high school graduate cannot speak and write the mother tongue correctly is to write a severe indictment against the public school system. We do not believe it is just to do so.

A teacher cannot afford to be slovenly in speech. Let all Salisbury Normal School students labor to avoid such a reproach. Let every member of the faculty be a teacher of English, assisted and encouraged by every student. Let us consider ourselves a S. P. C. W., Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Words. Let pure diction be our constant aim and endeavor.

—W. J. H.

MARYLAND'S TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION

Birthdays are always happy affairs and when the occasion commemorates centuries instead of years, it is even more of an occasion. On March 25, 1934, our state celebrates her three hundredth birthday, and all loyal Marylanders are invited to take part in that celebration.

In the Maryland State Normal School at Salisbury plans are being made for a Tercentenary Pageant and every person in the school is to have some part in making this pageant one to be long remembered. Faculty hopes and student desires are centered toward a common goal, that of producing an historical pageant which will be second to none in the state. But when all is said and done what are the values of such a production? Why is it considered a worth while enterprise to spend so much thought, time, and energy on a birthday celebration? Opinions differ as to the answer but practical unanimity is found in regard to certain points; whether the occasion celebrated be the Thanksgiving festival or the birth of our nation, the character of Washington or the birthday of our State, one thing stands out, admiration and respect for pioneers.

Character development is based upon ideals, and a proper pride in the development of one's State and Nation does a great deal toward the creation of citizenship ideals. Now this proper pride should not be fostered at the expense of truth. Every historical celebration worth the name is founded upon a deal of research into old records, or careful studying of old prints, of loving examination of family heirlooms in order to get the spirit of the times so that the character portrayal may be sympathetic as well as historically accurate. The child who takes part in such a study, the young person who helps in such a school and community project, will long remember the characters portrayed, for such history is dynamic, not mere lines in a book.

The second, and perhaps the greater value in such a celebration comes from the "joy of the doing." Anyone who helps in producing a beautiful pageant has the actual satisfaction of the actor as well as the vicarious joy of the creator. The pleasure gained from working together, the knowledge obtained from adequate preparation, the satisfactions which ensue from active endeavor in creating a beautiful production, all these values are very worthwhile.

IDA BELLE WILSON THOMAS.

WHY GO?

"Get up at four o'clock in the morning and parade around singing songs? Not on your life!"

Well, that's one way of looking at it. I'd be willing to bet, however, that the one who shouted the above hasn't tried it. Try looking at it from a different angle.

Put yourself in the listeners' place. Think of being awakened by beautiful Christmas carols. Of course, there may be some old grouch who might send his blessings along with a shoe. Who cares? We've played dodge ball before. If we keep on singing, maybe he'll throw the other shoe and then we'll have a donation for the Welfare Association. See! Everybody's crazy! It's Christmas!

All joking aside, to see the sun rise and the earth become brighter, is in itself worth the effort. One feels that nature depicts a new-born Lord shedding His light and truth over the world. To sing of His coming is even better.

Even if you cannot see carolling in this light, you Normal School students are always yelling for something new. Surely this is unusual—at least the getting up part. Give it a trial! It's fun.

POINTS OF VIEW

THE PRACTICE TEACHER'S DIARY

Dear Diary:

Do people always have that let-down feeling after the first lesson? Honest, people with the palsey don't shake any worse than I did at the thought of teaching.

Diary:

Whata day, whata day! That jump from the seventh grade to the first is a wow. I'll survive because others have, but "I'll Never Be the Same".

Tell me this, Diary:

Who's afraid of the big bad dog? Father Rabbit's not, neither is Mother or Baby Rabbit. Let me tell you a secret. They didn't go into the woods that night, though.

Oh dear, Diary!

They're at it again. The past has come up and slapped me in the face. Which do you make first, word or phrase cards? Well, I am using both now.

Diary,

What can I ask myself that will help me improve my lesson? Please tell me for my brain is sorely tried today. I am running a high fever of anxiety. Some wise mortal cautioned, "Don't let it get you down, Old Gal."

Diary,

Who mixed those cards? I am out for blood, so don't tell me. All I heard today was: "Teacher, the answer shows"; "The cards are upside down." From that you can imagine what a speedy drift I had.

Oh, Diary,

It's the end. I can't believe it, but it's the end of teaching in the Elementary School. I just hate the thought of leaving those children down there.

Listen to me, Diary,

Where are those tanks? Why have you hidden them? I am so mad. Yes, mad! I've counted all along on going out in the country first. Don't say it. Yes, I know that someone has to be last, so all I can do is wish the fortunate ones success. We do, Diary. Don't we?

THE GREATEST GIFT

"Books are possessions to be prized" appeared as part of a statement in an editorial last month. To a true book lover these words convey a wealth of ideas. To one searching vainly for the ideal Christmas gift they are veritable rays of light, for a good book will carry the true Christmas spirit as few other gifts can. The love and good will shown by the giver will carry over in a tangible form through the long months that follow Christmas when other gifts are often admired for awhile only and then cast aside for new interests.

Perhaps this is the season when your funds are lowest. Then put your pride in your pocket and give one of your own dearly prized books. It will be all the more treasured because of its well-thumbed pages and because of the spirit of real self-sacrifice that prompted it.

Do you think your friends care about the cost of your gift? There is not one that would not proudly display on Christmas morn that badly battered but dearly loved book, not only in real appreciation of the love of the giver but because of the warm friendliness that peeps out from its pages. Truly, a book may be a "prized possession."

"Hey, did you know that . . ."
"Yes, I know all the answers. They're all the same! 'Annie doesn't live here any more.'"

Certainly. And if you should be accosted in a manner so insulting to your powers that be, speak the truth out bravely and boldly as the hero in the above reply has done. After all, what's the use in mincing words? None, whatever. Everybody knows it. Wild about it! Shout it to the Heavens! (maybe they'll send the van along with her things) ANNIE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE! Na, but she's sure cutting up capers for a Spirit. (My dear columnist, you're killing me!)

The music stopped. Like a flash (in fact, it was a lot of 'em together.) the lights in the balcony went on. And did a prominent member of the "Y" flee to those right jolly welcome doors! But even then, all went well until, the next dawning, a three cornered piece of flowered pajamas print was found, strangely isolated on the rough corner of an assembly chair. Dear, dear, clues will out! And so will any ascertaining young lady who leans over balcony ledges in the dark to count heads below just when the music stops and the lights go on. My, My.

It takes an alert elementary school pupil to awake our senses to the fact that we are living in an age which is trivial and artificial. During a recent preparation for the staging of a council of classic deities, it seems that most of the backstage heat was due to the mad rush of carefully draping sheets on the immortal participants. With memories of such intricate robing fresh on his mind, one of the most youthful of the personnel, relieved himself quite artlessly at home that evening.

"Mother, they made such a fuss over costumes. And, you know, the truth is we oughtn't to have worn anything."

POETRY

TO DISTANCE

A moon in a cloud-draped sky
Pale moon and you, and I,
A moon whose ghostly light
Scarce penetrates the night.
And you
And I
Look up to a shrouded sky.

A moon in a wind-wracked sky
Hard rain and you, and I
The rain have not yet seen
For here no rain has been.
And you
Not I
Look up to a shattered sky.

—B. R.

CURE FOR FICKLENESS

I have just begun to love you;
You do not see where I am.
Do not go away from me
And stay for an hundred years . .
I shall have built dreams about you,
Painstakingly untrue.
You would come back to me
Like dimly recollected thunder.
I would hate myself.

Stay near me.

I can sense that, in a short time,
The warm moisture in my soul for you
Will recede drippingly and in clusters.

I'll see you be what you always were.
Stay near and relieve me of loving you.

I shall hate you soon.

I'll be all right again.

—IY SEE.

"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS . . ."

And perhaps we are wondering what to do with our spare time. Those long hours, after we have made up all our presents, and are waiting patiently for the coming of St. Nicholas, why not spend them profitably, and receive in return an additional charge of Christmas spirit? You may say, that is all very nice, but how? Well, here are some books.

Two books especially apropos of the Yuletide season and appealing to those souls who hunt up information about holidays come in the form of **Christmas in Legend and Story**, and simply enough, **Christmas**. The former contains stores of a legendary type, representing the works of many writers, while the latter illustrates the development of Christmas through the ages by means of appropriate lyrics, essays, plays, and stories of Noel.

A strangely beautiful tale is told by Eric P. Kelly in **The Christmas Nightingale**. Samuel McChord Crothers with Miss Muffet's **Christmas Party** tops the list of our unusual collection of books useful to Santa's book lovers.

The Story of the Other Wise Man by Henry Van Dyke, is a truly beautiful piece of Christmas literature. It exemplifies the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion, which we should all feel, especially during these holidays. The story itself has an interesting plot, and is so well written, that it holds your attention throughout its length. It is short, and makes wonderful reading to a group seated in a convivial circle.

If you care for some small easily acted plays or dinner stories try **Ada M. Skinner's Christmas Stories and Plays**. Full of small, clever plays, new and old, it will satisfy the needs of any group, young or old.

". . . AND THE SONGS IN STILLNESS ROSE."

In the same memorable way, in which our Alma Mater has dispensed its annual store of Christmas cheer, will the members of the Salisbury Normal School conduct their Christmas carols.

Three groups will leave the campus at five o'clock Wednesday morning, and cheerily turn their audible way toward Salisbury. One of these groups will go into that part of town commonly known as the Camden section. After choraling for the benefit of all residents in that section, the girls will end their matin melodies at the Salisbury Sanatorium.

The second chorus will capture the North Division side of town with a musical barrage, and after acquainting all the good citizens with its presence, will then turn their cheerful faces toward the Parsons Home for the Aged, and there warm the very cockles of the patriarchs' hearts with old fashioned songs of cheer.

The third bevy of merry makers will steer its cargoes of joyous greetings into the port of North Salisbury, and after discharging most of the load with liberal hand to the lucky inhabitants, will make its last port o' call at the Baptist Home.

We are all glad that Mrs. Margaret Ross has seen fit once more to lead and direct us in this venerable and enjoyable custom. For not only do we get the fun and spirit of the occasion, but by our doing so, we bring into the lives of many, who otherwise might not see Christmas in its true light, some of the warmth and joyfulness which we feel on that greatest of Christian holidays.

Students Attend Kreisler Concert

On December 1, Fritz Kreisler made his one appearance in Baltimore this season. Due to the Thanksgiving holidays many who would have gone were unable to go. The Normal School, however, was well represented (Balcony "T" row.)

Visits in Baltimore

After attending the Kreisler recital, Miss Imogene Caruthers visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Taylor, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Spends Holidays in Cordova

Due to sickness in her family, Miss Welford Abell spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Miss Catherine Gannon, at Cordova.

Rural Teaching Begins

Rural Teaching has begun, so prepare for anything. We'll see more wet eyes and more wrung hands than we've been used to, but won't the seniors be happy when they see a big broad "A" on their report cards sometime next July.

"Wanna Buy a Duck"

The majority of the junior class turned back the clock just after the holidays and visited Jack Horner. Instead of the proverbial Christmas pie, they dined upon sugar and spice and everything nice left over from Thanksgiving, and literally had a substantial time. We even heard there was cider, but it was sweet.

Spends Thanksgiving in Baltimore

Miss Ann Elizabeth Green visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weber, of Baltimore, during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Dances Are Successful

Both the Hospital Dance and the P. T. A. Dance held in our Gym in November were very successful. We hear the A. A. informal of December resulted equally well.

Miss Stauffer Given Shower

On her recent visit to Salisbury, Miss Marie Stauffer was given a shower by a group of her friends and classmates. Miss Stauffer is to be a January bride.

CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

In every nook and cranny, from social room to third floor dorms, the holiday spirit is evidenced in the Salisbury Normal School. From the tower an illuminated star sends beams of light over the entire campus and entices strangers one and all to enter and share in the merriment. Lighted wreaths join in the invitation while the two traditional trees on the front portico indicate open doors.

On entering the door one immediately senses suppressed excitement in the air, and would undoubtedly utter only a gay "Good Evening!" should Santa himself step from the fireplace into the social room where stands a proud little cedar in all its Christmas regalia. In the library, too, the holiday season is in evidence. A large pine tree holds the center of attention—not dressed with the typical Christmas wear, however, but as a true literary tree, it is adorned solely with the colorful jackets of intriguing books recently added to the library's collection. Posters advise—"Make this a book Christmas."

To all this the dormitories react characteristically and gay Christmas wishes hang from many doors. Evergreens and boughs of holly hang everywhere, while a privileged few display mistletoe. But excitement reaches its height in the morning of the 20th when cheery voices echo alike through all the corridors: "Merry Christmas!"



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FIRST AND SECOND GRADE NOTES

The Rabbits and the Weasel

Once there were two little rabbits. Winter was coming soon. They went out and found a burrow. They said, "Let us live here." They had never seen such a big house. They went to bed.

Soon a weasel came home. He said, "What are you doing here?" The rabbits ran as fast as they could. They did not know it was the home of their enemy. They never tried to find a home again. They dug one.

Ellen North Early, Grade 2.

Little Squirrel

A squirrel was in a tree. A man came into the woods. He saw the squirrel. The man hid behind a tree. The squirrel came down from the tree. The man shot the squirrel. The man took the squirrel home. He had a good dinner.

Jacky Carrico, Grade 2.

Frightened Rabbit

One day a rabbit came out to eat. He heard a noise. It came nearer. He ran down his dug-out. The snake was too late. The rabbit was scared but happy.

Nancy Gill, Grade 2

Frightened Ducks

Once I was going to get some food. I saw a wooden duck. I called many other ducks. They came to me. A man shot at us but he did not hit us. He hit the decoy. We flew away and were safe.

Edward Holloway, Grade 2.

The Wise Ducks

Once a man went in a boat to hunt ducks. He put his decoy out into the water. Then he went to his blind. He waited until some ducks flew by. The man shot at the ducks. The ducks flew away.

Daniel Ward, Grade 2.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE NOTES

Needs for Water

People need water for many things. We use it for washing cars, windows, our bodies, clothes, and many other things. Animals use water for drinking, bathing and their homes. These animals are the beavers, muskrats, and many other ones. The animals use it, too, for keeping their skins moist. Plants also have to have water. They use it to make a stem grow and to carry food to all parts of it. I think water is useful on this earth.

Carolyn Wilson, Grade 3.

JUST YOU AT CHRISTMAS

The lights came on in Glassford Street. It was snowing after many days of rain, and the flakes came down gently, driven by no wind. The snow made all trim and jolly, intensified the glow of the candles shining through the holly wreaths in the windows, making it somehow an event to walk up the steps into any of these houses which seemed to ring forth their Christmas greetings.

Down the street came a wistful young girl in a cheap coat. Her golden curls were partly tucked under a close fitting green turban. She seemed brimming over with Christmas happiness as she went up the steps of the double house, the only one of its kind on the street.

"Is it you, Sal?"

"Yes, father, here I am," she called back. She went to him and kissed him. He sat in a wheel chair; a book was open on helpless knees.

"Been lonesome?" she asked.

From Where Does Water Come?

Water comes from many sources. It evaporates from bodies of water, the earth, plants, and people, in the form of vapor. This cloud of water vapor rises into the cool air and condenses into water. Then it falls to the earth as rain. If it freezes before it reaches the earth the rain turns into snow or hail. This is a great change to take place.

Mary Jane Clark, Grade 3.

A Great Surprise

On Saturday morning Mary got up very excited. Just think, Christmas was only two more days off. When the postman came that day he left her a package. O, my, how large it was! But it said on it, "Please do not open 'till December 25." And it was only December 23. Mary slept two long nights in anxiety. But at last that time came. Mary opened this package first of all. She had to lift out twelve boxes before she came to the last one. There in it lay a beautiful ring with a pretty red set in it. Mary said this was the best surprise she had that Christmas.

Anne Holt, Grade 4.

Teddy Bear's Experience

When the little brownies finished putting in my eyes, I looked around in Santa's toy shop and oh, I saw so many toys! Just then Santa came in with a great sack on his shoulders. He collected all of us to put in his sack. He took us out, and before I knew it I was riding swiftly away in the sleigh. I was very tired from my experiences so I fell asleep. When I awoke guess where I was? A little boy was holding me in his arms. I never wanted to go back to Santa's toy shop with the other toys any more.

Allen Sklar, Grade 4.

The First Snowball Battle

'Twas our first snowball battle, And in the thickest of the fight, The other side was winning Though we fought with all our might.

'Twas the nicest kind of snow, That ever you did see, I guess I ought to know The way it flew at me.

Polly Lee Insley, Grade 6.

The Baby Jesus

In a little town called Bethlehem our Savior was born. It was a beautiful night and a very bright star shone in the heavens. The star was over a stable. In the stable was a Babe, Mother, and Father. They were Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Jesus, our Savior was born.

Ruth Allen, Grade 5.

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FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE NOTES

Greek Gods Hold Council on Mt. Olympus

During a recent study of Greek history under Miss Caruthers' instruction, the sixth grade pupils were transformed into gods and goddesses. On December 6 they held a council to determine the fate of the Greeks in the Persian War.

Zeus conducted the meeting while his wife, Hera, served the group with ambrosia, the food which keeps the gods young. Hera, herself, did not think the gods should concern themselves with affairs of the mortals. Zeus thought differently. Under his leadership, Hestia, Ares, Demeter, Poseidon, Artemis, Apollo, Hermes, Hephaestus, and Athena agreed to help the Greeks in the conflict. In their flowing white costumes the gods and goddesses departed from their king. You can see by the results of the Persian War that they kept their promises.

Mary Ann Bloxom, Grade 6.

Wouldn't it be funny in Miss Dixon's room if—

Dorothy Lee were brunette?
Betty Lee stopped eating candy?
Polly Lee had straight hair?
Anne were really Long?
William were really Greene?
Reese didn't dance in the aisle?
June's watch started to run?
Heidi had brown eyes?
Nancy Holloway sold a duck?
Irwin kept his desk clean?
Roydon ran out of jokes?

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Silly Sayings from N. E. S.
Donald Ball was asked to read a sentence from his book in reading class. It was, "Go, and take your Myrmidons with you." Donald read, "Go, and take a big word with you."

The seventh grade were practicing their contest play when Mrs. Holland came in. Robert Livingston saw her and said with a sigh of relief, "Oh, I thought it was someone."

One of the boys lost a dime and another boy asked him where he lost it.

Arthur Ward,
Clay Groton, Grade 6.

SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADE NOTES

In Bed

Wishing Hard
Dear Santa,
I've bin working reel hard on my spellin'. Don't you think I'm improving rathr rapdly? Hear's what I want you to bring our family. Please bring Dady, a job; Mother, some dishes too wash; Sister, a new beau (she lost the last won); Brother (Bill, a new principle at school (Hes' only bin going a weak). We want you to bring us some would to carve, some stationary to write on, a dollie, and some suckers. That's all but don't forget to come up and see us sometime.

Two Hopeful Little Seventh Grade Girls.

Just Imagine in Mrs. Holland's Room

Audrey short.
Huston winning a prize for keeping his desk clean.
Billy never calling out.
Mary Louise never blushing.
Elizabeth not able to draw.
Ora going out every recess.
Leola called down for talking too loud.

Peggy thin and dainty.
Bowen tall and fat.
Bob a poor athlete.
Arthur not knowing any jokes.
Lucille tall and blond.
Clay spelling every word in a sentence correctly.

Billy G. with a small vocabulary.
Virginia Rose a poor writer.
Rebecca never wanting to erase a blackboard.

Inventions

Click Tells Motorist When Tire Needs Air
Did you ever get out on a lonely road and suddenly discover you have a flat tire? To warn the driver when his tires need inflating a metal ticker has been introduced. This piece is inserted under the rim and extends down over the outside of the casing. When the tire becomes deflated and sags, the bulge causes a signal to give a loud, ticking sound.

Virginia Rose Vincent, Grade 7.

New Inventions

The latest thing on the market for police and night watchmen is an apparatus which is hooked on his belt. This apparatus contains one hundred and twenty machine gun bullets. These are shot when the policeman raises his hand (at the request of a gangster) by means of a string which is extended down his arm.

Billy Booth, Grade 7.

SENIORS WIN VARSITY FIELDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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tween the juniors and seniors Monday, November 27, against big odds—very cold weather and a high wind.

The seniors got off to a good start although they had difficulty in breaking through the junior defense. The first half was over and

MRS. H. W. DAVIS ADDRESSES NORMAL ELEMENTARY P. T. A.

Principal Shows Visual
Educational Facilities

Mrs. Henry W. Davis, in her talk on "The Movie and Its Effect on Children" at the Normal Elementary P. T. A., December 6, awakened her audience to the fact that this much discussed problem is not only helpful but can be very harmful. The audience was further presented with statistical reports to prove the point. Mrs. Davis pointed out forcibly the parents' responsibility in permitting children to attend only the right kind of picture.

The business of the meeting consisted of discussion of a Game Party on January 12, since the former dance had been such a success. Miss Parker's room received the book for the highest percentage of parents present. Mrs. T. J. Caruthers and Mrs. Feldman gave reports of the proceedings of the recent meetings of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers.

For the remainder of the evening, Dr. Holloway presented pictures of Santa's Work Shop, Animals in Yellowstone National Park, How Salmon and Tuna Fish are Caught, and a study of the various types of flowers. This was illustrative of the type of visual education facilities the school affords.

ATHLETIC NOTES

The Athletic Association Entertains

After a stirring game of fieldball on the Normal School field, December 4, between two champion high school teams of the Eastern Shore, Berlin and Hurlock, the Normal School Athletic Association entertained the players. Eight girls of the Athletic Association, acting as hostesses, invited both teams to come to the dining room where sandwiches, cake and cocoa were served.

A. A. Sponsors Dance

The Athletic Association sponsored an informal dance in the Normal School gymnasium on Friday, December 15. The Peninsulars from Seaford, Delaware, furnished the good music. The proceeds were turned over to the treasury of the A. A. and everyone connected with this organization of the Normal School and aware of the fine work it has been doing was pleased to see the dance such a success. The A. A. wishes to thank all those who helped to make this event a success.

Teams Extend Thanks

All the teams wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to Miss Helen Jamart for coaching and refereeing the games and to Miss Ruth Powell for furnishing an abundance of refreshing oranges.

VARSITY TEAMS DEFEAT POCOMOKE IN FIRST GAMES

In exciting and fast moving contests, the Girls and Boys Varsity Teams defeated the two Pocomoke Town Teams in the first game of the season, Wednesday evening, December 13, at the Normal School.

Excitement ran high from the beginning, for the rivals were evenly matched and the victory for each was hard fought. The girls' game finished with the score 17-13, the boys' with the score 38-31.

The line-up for the Girls Varsity Team was: Medford, right forward; D. Jones and T. Bradford, left forward; Devine, center; Dickey, side center; Givans, right guard; and Longfellow, left guard.

Players on the Boys Varsity Team were: H. White, center; E. Mitchell, left guard; H. Mumford, right guard; G. Spence, forward; M. Mezick, forward; S. Carey, M. Phillips; S. Sh. well, substitutes.

OUR HISTORIC MARYLAND

Cecilius Calver t's Man Friday

George Calvert, the Yorkshire grazier, may have had an eye for business when he heard of the heathen American aborigines; and if he did, Leonard Calvert, his grandson, possessed that same eye. For, it is said, that never had the Indians of the American continent worn as many varieties of clothing as did their contemporaries of Southern Maryland. But time was to bridge the gap between Leonard and his grandfather with innumerable attempts to reap profits from that same business judgment. While the opponents of Cecilius Calvert, the main of which was William Claiborne, dogged the footsteps of the harassed man, Cecilius was determined to settle his grant of land between Virginia and Massachusetts. When, at length, he realized the utter futility of personally overseeing the job, he appointed his younger brother, Leonard, as the Lieutenant-Governor of the Maryland Palatinate. Thus, Leonard became his brother's man Friday, for he was destined to represent the Baltimore authority in the new colony of Maryland.

But business judgment alone was not to carry Leonard Calvert through thirteen years of erecting a new government upon new principles of freedom. He also possessed that quality of leadership which is rarely found in man. He was able to obey commands. Cecilius had planned well this venture of his. He had intelligently observed the effects that the situation of Jamestown had upon the health of the Virginia colonists. So he decided that the governor should avoid swampy places for settlement. He also desired his

brother to deal kindly with the natives. Bearing these bits of wisdom in mind, Leonard went about the business of securing a permanent site for settlement. As his brother had directed, he negotiated the treaty peaceably and with much tact. Captain Henry Fleet, his competent adviser, chose the site of the town of Saint Mary's. The treaty was unprecedented, for never before had there been such amicable relationship between white man and red. For a year the Yaocomicos and the Anglo-Saxons were to dwell in the same community in perfect harmony.

Impartial and unbiased was Governor Calvert's justice. When he discovered that three Jesuit missionaries were confiscating the lands of the Indians for their own usage, he appealed to the authorities at Rome; he was himself of an old Roman Catholic family. At this move Protestant Virginia started in amazement and frowning Puritan New England was aghast. Never had such tolerance before been shown. It was justly stated that the Catholics were in the minority for when the Ark and the Dove landed the free men were Protestant, but the powerful aristocrats of the company were Catholic.

With kindness and tact Governor Calvert attained his settlement. With human sympathy he built its city. With justice and open-mindedness he welded its relationships with the other peoples. When enemies deprived him of his power, patience and courage won it back again. But more gloriously done than all these things, he gave to Maryland an ideal of peace and tolerance.

CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD TONIGHT IN SOCIAL ROOM

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be presented to a member of the Welfare Association.

Mr. Myron Mezick, accompanied on the piano by Miss Betty Ruark, will play several violin solos. A group of girls under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Black Ross will sing a group of Christmas carols. Stories appropriate to the approaching holidays will be told. As has been the custom the finale of the program will be the reciting in unison of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by the entire group, and the enjoyment of candy canes.

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MR. FREEMAN EXPLAINS MONETARY SITUATION

"We are off the gold standard when our government can no longer redeem every paper dollar with gold," stated Mr. C. M. Freeman, cashier of The Eastern Shore Trust Company, who addressed the Normal School assembly on December 5.

Mr. Freeman, an interesting scholar, as well as an able financier, went into the intricacies of the monetary system and explained the effect of the value of gold on the value of the dollar. There is an inverse relation between the value of gold and the value of the dollar.

"Stabilization," said Mr. Freeman, "means a managed currency up to the point where gold can be paid for every paper dollar issued." He stressed the fact that stabilization must be accomplished or else we shall face the dangers of undue inflation. Mr. Freeman explained other points of difficulty and answered questions by members of the assembly. His talk was very interesting and thought-provoking, it clarified prevalent conditions and also lent an eye to the future of our money policy.

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JUNIOR CLASS MAKES HISTORICAL TOUR

The juniors, with their adviser, Miss Virginia Harwood, and "Pop" Richardson, boarded the bus on Saturday morning, November 25, for an unusual jaunt. The trip was taken for the purpose of learning more about this section of the Eastern Shore as well as for genuine pleasure.

One of the most interesting places which the group visited was the old Washington Hotel in Princess Anne. Places of historical interest were pointed out along the entire route from Princess Anne to Chincoteague, Virginia, and on the return trip through the beautiful old town of Snow Hill.

Perhaps more real enjoyment was had on Chincoteague Island, for it was there that countless sandwiches, "doggies" and roasted oysters were consumed by the ravenous crowd.

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