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AROUND TOWN

By Carolyn D. King

During the Loyalty Day observance at the Eighth Street Baptist Church, Mrs. Christine Dillard, of the Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia, was guest speaker.

The Addison High School's chorus presented a concert in the newly decorated auditorium of Virginia Seminary and College on March 6 at 8:15 p. m.

The Annual Hill City Youth Conference sponsored by the Hunton Branch Y.M.C.A. was held Saturday, March 23, at Dunbar High School. The closing session was held the following Sunday at the Diamond Hill Baptist Church at 3:30 p. m.

The Gray-Y Charter Ceremony was conducted at Robert S. Payne's P. T. A. on March 14, at 8:00 p. m.

The pastor of the Dearington Baptist Church, Rev. E. L. Johnson, has resigned to accept a position at the First Baptist Church in Montgomery, West Virginia. His farewell sermon was delivered Sunday, March 24 at 11 a. m.

The winner in the ninth through the twelfth grade who entered in the "Potato Chip Drive" contest held March 18-29, will get a free trip to the annual Summer conference.

Central High School in Amherst, Virginia was host to the Sixth District Association of the V.T.A. on Saturday, April 6. The main speaker at this meeting was Dr. Stephen Wright, president of West Virginia State College.

On April 8, Dr. Rupert Picott, executive secretary of the Virginia Teachers Association was guest speaker at a dinner meeting held at the Hunton Branch Y.M.C.A. at 6:00 p. m.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Talent show was held on April 12, at 8:00 p. m. in the R. S. Payne auditorium.

On April 15 at 8:00 p. m. an Easter Drama, under the direction of Miss A. T. Irvine, was presented at the Diamond Hill Baptist Church. The cast included students from Dunbar High School.

The 1957 Campaign Workers Kick-Off Luncheon for the Hunton Branch Y.M.C.A. was held Sunday, March 31, at 4:30 p. m. at the "Y."

The Diamond Hill Missionary Circle sponsored a Marriage Rededication Service Sunday, March 31 at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. F. J. Johnson was guest speaker.

Our principal Mr. C. W. Seay has been named a member of

Chorus Members Participate In All-State Choir

Thirteen members from the Chorus traveled to Virginia State College at Petersburg, April 5th to participate in the All-State Choir.

The choir, composed of members from schools from the entire state of Virginia, had as its director, Dr. Warner D. Lawson, director of music at Howard University.

In order to participate in the All-State Chorus, one had to audition. If he failed the audition, he was put into a workshop. All members from Dunbar were successful.

After extensive practicing with only time out for lunch and din-

ner, a concert was given by the All-State Chorus that night. Some of the songs that were sung were "Miserere Mei" by Lotti, "Ane Verum" by Mozart, "O Lord God Unto Whom Vengeance Belongeth" by Baker and Cindy and Wilson.

Students selected by Y. B. Williams, chorus director, because of the all around contribution they made to the chorus during the year were Annie Anderson, Evelyn Freeman, Brenda Thomas, Joyce Elliot, Laura Irvine, Evelyn Hancock, Melvin York, Morris O'Kelly, Leslie Camm, Frank Royal, Harry Royal and Wanda Jones. Vivian Calloway, the assistant pianist, also attended.

Annual Spring Recital Presented

By Jeanne Carter

A delighted audience witnessed the annual performance of the Dunbar High School Band and Chorus on April 1 at 8:15 p.m. On a decorated stage the band pleased the capacity audience with "Symbol of Love," "Melody of Love," "Queen City March," "Mandalay" (Overture), "Military Escort," "Ragtime Wedding," "Charlotte Harbor Stomp," and "Golden Bears."



Dunbar Graduate Instructs Immigrants

William Jones, an alumnus of Dunbar, is doing more than his part to "Americanize" a group of immigrants in Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

Jones is a French teacher at Scott High School there. He is the nephew of Mrs. Sarah Hardy of this city. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. he conducts a class in citizenship and English for forty-nine students who are from France, Greece, Italy, Germany, Poland, and Hungary. This class was inaugurated in October.

Progressive development of the power to speak English, to understand English, to read English, and to write English are the objectives that have been set for this class. It is also Jones' aim to develop in them a knowledge of American government, its history, its organization, and its operation; an understanding of the ideals, standards and traditions of the American people; and a social adaptability through increased personal contacts with natives of other countries preparing to become American citizens.

The job of trying to accomplish all of this has been described by Jones as a "very thrilling and enjoyable experience." He certainly is well qualified to handle the task. He receives inspiration for his wonderful gift to these

29, will get a free trip to the annual Summer conference. The winner under the above grade will win a week-end trip to Washington. This drive was sponsored by the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A.

Mr. George Williams, a former student of Dunbar High School was judge of the Oratorical Contest of the Elementary Schools of Campbell County on March 25 at 8:00 p. m.

Annie Anderson Local James A. Bland Contest Winner

Annie Anderson was the local zone winner in the annual James A. Bland Contest. Her vocal rendition was "For You Alone."

Parents, friends of the contestants, and judges witnessed the contest at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, in Prescott Hall of Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

As in previous contests the local zone winner will appear in an announced district contest and if she is successful there, she will compete for a scholarship in a state contest.

Others on the program were Morris O'Kelly who rendered "The Song of India" on the saxo-

DEPARTMENTS PURCHASE TAPE RECORDER

By Mable Gunn

The English, French, Music, and Physical Education Departments of Dunbar High School combined their funds to purchase a tape recorder for the school.

The Hi-fi R. C. A. recorder has two speeds, one for music and one for voice, and is encased in handsome gray material.

Our principal Mr. C. W. Seay has been named a member of the fund raising campaign for the United College Fund in Virginia. This drive opened officially April 1.

The Rev. A. L. Hill, Pastor of Rivermont Baptist Church was guest speaker at the pre-Easter vesper service at the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A., Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 p. m. Theme for the service was "He Is Risen."

phone, and Langhorne Jefferson, who's piano solo was the "Dream of Olwen." She also won second prize.

Latin Club Has Installation Service

With the girls in gold skirts and white blouses and the boys in dark suits and white shirts the Latin Club had its first installation of members in the auditorium on March 29. Devotions were led by James Giles and Frank Lee in Latin. Donald Johnson sang a solo, Lucille Withers and Joyce Braxton played a song on the piano. Evelyn Hancock, Joyce Johnson, Gwendolyn Webster, Joyce Braxton and James Giles told some of the interesting things about Latin. As our guests we invited the officers of the first Latin Club. They were greeted by the president and presented corsages. Also the new members were presented with corsages and a Latin Club Pin.

Afterwards the members took pictures as a memento of their first Latin Club Installation Service.

ding." "Charlotte Harbor Stomp," and "Golden Bears."

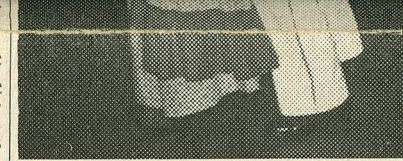
Playing the feature role in the chorus's presentation of George Bizet's famous opera, "Carmen" was Evelyn Freeman. She was supported by Frank Lee as Captain Zuniga, Frank Royal as Captain Morales, Melvin York as Corporal Don Jose, Joyce Elliott as Luisa, a town girl, and Ann Jordon as Micaela, a village girl. The gypsies were Annie Anderson as Frasquita and Alberta Camm as Mercedes. Paul Robinson as Pedro, a townsman and John Hughes as Escamillo, the Toreador. There were additional soldiers, townsfolk, and gypsies.

As a group of soldiers lounged around waiting for the changing of the guard, Micaela appeared, searching for Jose and bringing him a message from his mother. When the relief guards entered, Jose was with them. Among the townsfolk and cigarette factory girls who had gathered in the square was the gypsy girl, Carmen, who repulsed all admirers except Jose.

At first Jose was indifferent to Carmen's charms, later he was fascinated by them, as is Escamillo; consequently, Jose and Escamillo became bitter rivals. Fate finally stepped in and concluded the classic struggle between love, hate, and devotion to duty.

Joyce Haskins and Vivian Calloway were the accompanists. The stage setting was by the Wood Shop and the Art Departments. Costumes were furnished by the Commercial Clothing Department.

LOOK FORWARD TO SENIOR DAY MAY 3!



A SCENE FROM CARMEN Don Jose (Melvin York) dramatically stabs Carmen (Evelyn Freeman) in the climax of the operetta.

Dunbar Intercollegiate Exam Center

By Mildred Penn

Scholarship opportunities to Bennett, Bethune-Cookman, Bishop Clark, Knoxville, Lane, Lemoyne, Livingstone, Morchause, Morris Brown, Paine, Philander Smith, Spelman, Talladega, Tougaloo and Wiley colleges, along with Dillard, Fisk, Johnson C. Smith, and Lincoln Universities and Hampton Institute were offered to senior students throughout this area on March 5, through one examination representing the combined interests of all the colleges. Seventeen Dunbar High School students participated in the examination. All resulting scholarships will be presented at the commencement exercises.

"Customs Around The World" Presented

By Mildred Penn

"Customs Around the World" was presented by students of T. H. Murray on March 29, in the school auditorium at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the program consisting of a series of speeches was to bring about an understanding of people by understanding their customs.

Delores Higginbotham, whose topic was "The Customs and Manners of Africa," stated that

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the task. He receives inspiration for his wonderful gift to these immigrants from their eagerness and willingness to learn and also by their pride in learning about the United States.

Students Receive Polio Vaccine

By Lucille Withers

On Monday, March 25, 410 students of the Dunbar family received their first injection of the Salk vaccine. They are looking forward to the second shot of vaccine which will be given on April 29.

The Salk vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, has been and is still being administered to young people all over the country.

Those who have not obtained the vaccine will find it available at the Health Department or at their private physician.

To those who participated in the March of Dimes Campaign, we are truly grateful because they helped to make it possible for us to receive our polio vaccine.

TEACHER, STUDENTS ON ADVISORY BOARD

O. M. Washington, Math Instructor, Vivian Pinn, Junior, and Evelyn Hancock, Sophomore, have been selected as members of the Advisory Board of the Lynchburg Juvenile and Domestic Relation Court by Judge C. Raymond Cundiff. This group meets the second Thursday of each month along with eleven other members in the Old Court House Building on Court Street.

Two students and an instructor from Glass High School were also appointed to the Advisory Board.

The purpose of this board is to prevent juvenile delinquency.



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Lost Easter

How many of us stop to try to grasp the true significance of Easter? To the majority it means a holiday from school and perhaps a new spring outfit. Too often the true purpose of the holiday escapes in the enjoyment of a short vacation.

As young people, we should make a special effort to become conscious of the religious significance of Easter. With the knowledge that Christ is our Redeemer and why He made this great sacrifice, we can further prove to our elders that we are not the juvenile delinquents they say we are. In most churches young people constitute at least one-third of the congregation. This within itself denotes that young people are interested in religion and are trying to better themselves in the church.

In our effort we need to stop and consider the effect Christ has on our lives and the redemption we received from His death. Is Easter lost for us? Perhaps not, but it is hidden away so that we must search diligently to find it.

May we realize its true significance during this season and never let it be lost.

—E. Slade Freeman.

Studying Can Be Easy

Studying may never be fun, but it can be made pleasurable if you study correctly. The important thing is to know how to study. Many students go through twelve years of school or more without ever learning how to properly study. Think of their headaches!

Perhaps you are wondering what the correct way to study is. No definite pattern can be set up as a guide because of various individual differences, but there are some general principles

Job Opportunities

Students graduating from high school this year should investigate "near home" opportunities to start careers in the Federal civil service, Stephen P. Ryder, Director of the U. S. Civil Service Commission's Third Regional office, which services this area, said today.

"Many graduates interested in careers in Government believe they must seek jobs in Washington, D. C., when in reality there are many opportunities closer to home," Mr. Ryder said. "In every state, there are Federal establishments employing a large number of people. Because of normal employment turnover, many of these agencies are extremely interested in selecting, from this year's high school graduates, qualified people to fill job vacancies. Among their recruiting needs are office machine operators, clerks, draftsmen, stenographers, typists, technical aids, trade apprentices, and various jobs in the postal field service. Work experience is not necessary for these positions, which pay from \$57 to \$66 a week. Qualified applicants will be hired through regular civil-service procedures which, incidentally, do not always include a written test."

Mr. Ryder also pointed out that, while there are many employment opportunities in the nation's capital, only about 10 percent of all Federal employees work there. Except for a comparatively small number of Federal employees in foreign countries and U. S. Territories and possessions, the remainder are stationed throughout the United States. In the four states (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia) in the Commission's Third Region, for example,

Farewell To March

March is a sort of road-block on the way to spring. With March departing from the calendar today, Monday's man can enter upon April with less impeded progress toward a lilac, a lawn or an Easter lily. It is often regrettable to note man's failure to learn from experience. Yet after several thousand years and too much history, he has developed—in the country, at least—a knowledge that nature is a slow mover. Just because March is going and April arrives, spring will not streak across the landscape as fast as a dandelion-colored convertible on a thru-way. But whatever her achieved speed, April is certain to be more lamb than lion, more blossom than blizzard.

In Manhattan, April's man can walk in Central Park and see how the forsythia is doing. He will lie, layered perhaps by a newspaper, on something which approximates grass. If it is, perchance, his lunch hour and he has escaped from a topless tower of phones and offices, he will be able to munch a "hero sandwich" and contemplate through a haze of crumbs the bursting buds and the approach of a squirrel who wishes to encourage the offering of a crust. To such a recumbent warrior above the battle, plowing a garden would be unknown and unconsidered.

But to a countryman, April means planting time. Released from the hobbles of March, ready and waiting, he is often delayed by nature's slow process of drying out the ground. One cannot plow when it is too wet. One cannot plant even moisture-loving peas in mud. It is a rare and lucky countryman who has a well drained hillside sloping to the

Dear Editor:

I am writing this open letter on a subject which is so often maligned: Homework, one of the words which has many student enemies. Students often think homework is a sort of evil placed on them, and will call it a waste of time, a sneaky way of reminding one of school while at home. They will say that some teachers have no consideration for other classes when giving assignments (a fact which is sometimes true).

Many students will say, "I have work to do at home." Do they think of all the work the teachers have in marking their papers (you like your papers back the day following the test), keeping up with school activities, and doing house work also. Another group of students will say, "I don't have time to do homework because I have to work after school." These students should know that going to school and working are two different problems altogether. It is true one may have to work after school in order to enjoy some of the luxuries of school life, but he must remember also that his education comes first, or he will be making that little ten or fifteen dollars a week the rest of his life.

The purpose of homework is to aid the student to become better acquainted with the material that he has been subjected to the same day, and it prepares him to understand the work for the following day. Homework also encourages self help. If it were not for homework, no one would have a grade on daily recitation to help pull up his mark. Daily

No definite pattern can be set up as a guide because of various individual differences, but there are certain basic principles which prevail in most situations.

One of the most important things to do in preparation for studying is to clear your mind of all problems and worries. This is necessary to insure clear and unconfused thinking.

Secondly, it is important to have all the necessary materials for studying at hand, such as sharpened pencils, paper, dictionaries, etc. If you have to stop and find things, you tend to lose your trend of thought.

Above all, know what you are to study and be familiar with your assignment. Too often students spend hours studying the wrong assignment or doing it incorrectly. When you know what you are to do, you can complete it faster and more accurately.

Distribute your time equally among all subjects. Your mind tires quickly when you concentrate for long periods on one subject. If one assignment is particularly long, do part of it, rest, and then return to it.

All of you are familiar with the need for good lighting, comfortable seating, and a quiet atmosphere.

Remember studying can be easy if you know how.
—E. Slade Freeman.

The Third Ingredient

Along with the beautiful costumes and entertaining music presented at the Chronicle Fiesta there was a third ingredient which added much to the successfulness of the dance. That was the presence of parents.

Several parents came and served as judges for the awarding of prizes for the best costumes. Others were just visiting and enjoying the dance. It is nice to have parents share our social activities with us. This serves to strengthen the bond between the home and school.

Many conflicts arise between the home and the school because parents do not fully understand the importance of many school extra-curricular activities.

We hope that more parents will find time to attend our assembly programs and our social affairs. They are more than welcome and we urge you to encourage their attendance.
—E. Slade Freeman.

Are You Reading?

When do you go to the library? If you are like most of us, it is only when you have an assignment which requires research in the library. Many of us never get the full benefits of the library in this way.

Sometime go down and take out a book to read purely for the enjoyment of reading and not because it was assigned. There you will find a whole new world of entertainment. Our library has a supply of excellent fictional and non-fictional books which may be taken out for two-week periods.

Take advantage of your library and build good reading habits early.
E. Slade Freeman.

and Virginia) in the Commission's Third Region, for example, there is a total of approximately 400 Federal establishments with 255,830 Federal employees, providing a broad field of employment opportunities. He emphasized that within this four state area Federal agencies are located in communities of all sizes, so that in addition to good possibilities of finding suitable employment the qualified individual also has a good chance to choose the kind of community in which he would like to live, such as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Wilmington, Baltimore, and Norfolk.

Mr. Ryder emphasized that persons who take Federal employment receive many job benefits, including paid vacation time and generous sick leave. The employee is offered low-cost group life insurance protection and he receives liberal retirement benefits. Promotional opportunities are good and, in addition, the nature of the work is vital and challenging.

Mr. Ryder said that many job opportunities also exist for qualified college graduates. He pointed out that in the Third Civil Service Region, college level people are hired in the following types of positions: Technical Librarian, Chemist, Physicist, Metallurgist, Electronic Scientist, Mathematician, Nurse, Engineer, Accountant (including Internal Revenue Agent), Illustrator, Aeronautical Sciences Editor, Technologist, Statistician, Psychologist, General Investigator, Recreation, Claims Examining, Organization and Methods Examining, Position Classifier, Contract Specialist, Commodity Industry Analyst, Property and Stock Control, Employee Relations, Procurement, Salary and Wage Administration, Training Administration and Instruction, Education and Training, Information,

drained hillside sloping to the south. He can plow his garden early. He can get four rows of peas in the ground before he has paid an income tax to nature's director of external revenue.

Once planted, peas don't mind cool weather. They won't care if April seems to slip back into one of March's schizophrenic moods. In a March of agreeable mentality men have sometimes planted peas on St. Patrick's Day. But the bravest and most forehanded of gardeners can't plant peas in the mud. Mud may please a robin interested in worm extraction. Mud is never good for a man lying on the urban earth of a park and saying farewell to March. It is fortunate that hero sandwiches grow in delicatessen shops.

Submitted by Alice Franklin
Taken from:
New York Herald Tribune,
March 31, 1957.

Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y State Conference Meets In Norfolk

By Mildred Penn

Nine members of the local Hunton Branch Hi-Y and Tri-Y left for the State Conference in Norfolk, April 12. "The World is Our Community" was the theme of this meeting which was attended by Phyllis Smith, Mary Davis, Roberta Jefferson, Nannie
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General Finance, Production Specialist, Preservation and Packing, Fiscal Assistant, and General Supply.

Additional information about Federal job opportunities in the Third Region, Mr. Ryder said, can be obtained by addressing an inquiry to the Third U. S. Civil Service Region, Customhouse, Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania.

a grade on daily recitation to help pullup his mark. Daily recitations especially help the student who cannot express himself on paper, for the only thing he would have to do in class would be reading. Let's take government, for example; suppose one had to read government every day, without any type of discussion, he would very soon become bored and sleepy.

So please friends let's develop a better attitude toward homework. Let's do our homework and not complain about it to ourselves or to others. When an assignment is given; take it pairlessly. At the risk of becoming Public Enemy Number 1 in the Dunbar Family, I shall state emphatically, I am all for homework! How about you?

—Roslyn Cheagle.

Le Cercle Francais

Le Cercle Francais held its April meeting at the school on the evening of April 11, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Usually the club meets from 7:00-9:00 but because of the business to be transacted another hour was used. The new members who were inducted in a ceremony in the auditorium on March 19, experienced their first meeting of the French Club. Plans were made for the annual picnic which will be held at Jefferson Park in May. The date was not decided at the time.

Consuming most of the time was the cutting and counting of Blue Horse Covers which must be sent in by May 15. The club appreciates deeply the co-operation which the school has given in contributing the covers. We should like for every member of Dunbar to rush more covers to your homeroom representatives. Every "one" counts.

YOUR BIRTHDAY AND PLANETARY INFLUENCE

By Margaret Fuqua

April 1-10—Your planets are Mars and the Sun, and Tuesday is your best day. Tan and orange are your prime colors; the topaz and diamond, your lucky stones. Your lucky number is 8.

April 11-20—Mars, Venus and Jupiter influence your life. Your best day is Monday; yellows, blues, and greens, your lucky colors. 1 is your best number.

April 21-29—Ruling planets in your life are Venus, Mercury and Mars. Friday is your best day; yellow and orange, your lucky colors. Diamonds and moonstones are your favorable stones; 5, your lucky number.

Raye's Notes

Hi Gang:

There are not many sounds around town but there are a few, namely, "Little Darling" by the Gladiolas, "He's Mine" by Zala Taylor, who sings with the Platters, "No. 3" by the one and only Bill Dogget, "When I Saw You" by Shirley and Lee, "Come Go With Me" by the Dell-Vikings, and "Lucille" by Little Richard. On the other side of "Lucille" is "Send Me Some Lovingly." Both are real groovie, don't you think? Also new are "Over the Mountain" by Johnny and Joe and "Red Sails in the Sunset," by Joe Turner.

Well that's all for now, kids. If you hear some new sounds let me know, O. K.?

Curtain Call

By Gladys V. Brew

On March 23 a number of

Morris O'Kelly Named Student Of The Month

By Dorothy Pryor

This month we honor Morris O'Kelly, president of the Senior Class, as student of the month. Besides being the Senior Class president, Morris is active in some other organizations. They are:

**National Honor Society
Future Business Leaders of America**

**Band
Chorus**

**Hi-Y
Annual Staff**

Why not let Morris speak for himself? Here is an excerpt from his autobiography written in his Senior English Class:

Upon entering Dunbar High School, I chose the General Course, though I later regretted it. As soon as I realized my mistake, I began to take as many academic subjects as possible. In high school, as in elementary school, I made better-than-average marks. This enabled me to expand my extracurricular interest while still in my freshman year. Besides the band, I became a member of the chorus which was under the direction of Mrs. Zaida Edley.

In September 1955 I began my second most exciting year in high school, my junior year. Besides being elected Vice-President of my class, I qualified to become a member of the National Honor Society. I was

also one of the fortunate few who went to the State Convention of the F. B. L. A. Becoming a member of the Annual Staff was something to brag about, too. Later on in the year I had the misfortune of being hit by a car. This little adventure caused me to spend New Year's Day in the hospital, but I lived through it and was able to dance at the spring prom. It was in this year that some friends and I organized the Apollos, a dance band. This turned out to be an excellent source of extra income.

In September I returned to school as a "dignified senior," and already my senior year has been the most exciting. As the term started I was elected to the Class Presidency and later on to the F. B. L. A. Vice-Presidency.

The past three and a half years at Dunbar, so far, have been the most enjoyable in my life, but I hope to enjoy the future just as much. I should like to go to college and major in music. Virginia State would be my first choice because of its wonderful music department and because of my financial condition.

To be a band leader has always fascinated me; consequently, my ambition is to become one.

No matter what I do in the future, I shall always try to do it well.

Ernest: "Dad, there's someone at the door to see you."

Dad: "I suppose he has a bill."

JUST FOR LAUGHS

By Raye Cleo Wills

Abel: "Was Noah the first man off the Ark?"

Mabel: "No. He came forth from the Ark."

Track Star: "Coach, did you take my time on that last lap?"

Coach: "I didn't, but you did."

The policeman chased the bandit into the drugstore, but the bandit stepped on the scales and got a weigh.

Rose: "Why did they bury the one legged Indian chief's favorite horse facing west on a rocky hillside in Colorado?"

John: "I don't know. Why?"

Rose: "Because he was dead."

It Just Crossed My Mind . . .

By Dorothy Lee

. . . That many congregation members on Easter Sunday will not continue to come regularly.

. . . That with the advent of warm weather came restlessness and a yearning to be out of school.

. . . That we fail to take advantage of the many cultural programs that would broaden us intellectually on television by watching in preference programs of a lower standard.

. . . That boys need not show their manliness by smoking and drinking.

The Poets Speak

SPRING CLEANING

By Frank Turberville

*Hey you Poets! Listen to the Turk,
Pick up your tools and get to work.*

*Don't have your yard looking like a bum's,
Because that's the thing we find in the slums.*

*Don't make things comfortable for a mouse
Get in there and clean up the house.*

*Let's work this thing as a Dunbar Team,
We might get the whole city on the beam.*

*In doing this there's money you can make,
And all you have to do is pull a rake,
The city collects everything from a tree to a pan,
All you have to do is fill up the can.*

*Let's make our homes as clean as new,
Chase all the grime and grit before you're through.
All of us need to and can take the test,
So let's make our cleaning nothing but the best.*

EASTER MORNING

Submitted by Carolyn Price
*Most glorious Land of life, that on this day
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away.
Captivity thence captive, us to*

FASHION FLASHES

By Lelia E. Harris

By Gladys V. Brew

On March 23, a number of members representing the Dunbar Theater Guild, went to Petersburg, Virginia to participate in the Drama Festival for High Schools of Virginia.

The participating schools on Friday were Maggie Walker, Sussex County Training School, Robert R. Moton, Thomas Hunter, Ruthville, Peabody, Booker T. Washington, West End and Huntington. Those participating on Saturday were Rosenwald, Carter G. Woodson, Lyburn Downing, Central, Crestwood, Princess Anne, T. C. Norcum, John M. Langston and Dunbar.

The critic judge for this festival was Dr. Fred C. Blanchard, professor of Dramatic Arts and Chairman of the Dramatic Art Department, New York University.

Outstanding performance cited by the Critic judge included "For all Eternity," by Maggie Walker, "Gray Bread" by Sussex County, "The Pink Dress," by Peabody, "Jacob Comes Home," by Booker T. Washington, "The Valiant" by West End, and "The Last Curtain," by Dunbar.

Dr. Blanchard was most enthusiastic over Vivian Pinn's portrayal of Jeannie Hart in this one-act play describing the assassination of Lincoln by the half-crazed actor, John Wilkes Booth, incidently admirably performed by Paul Robinson. The complete cast won the admiration and approval of the audience with their distinct speaking, well timed execution of stage business, and ease in moving about in the costumes of the Civil War period.

Again the Theater Guild turned in a distinguished performance.

Da: I suppose he has a bill." Ernest: "No, he doesn't. He has a nose."

Popcorn Roundup

By Roslyn Cheagle

Hello you Zea Mays (botanical name for corn) eaters, hope you didn't miss the movie "The Girl Can't Help It," it was great! Seems that our movie "Edge of the City" is having a salted time in the south, being pushed around.

I know you are still rejoicing over the Academy Awards of last week in which Yul Brynner and Ingrid Bergman won as best actor and actress of the year, and do you remember that great number sung by Dorothy Dandridge, it was worth popping over! Thomas Thornhill, a member of our Dunbar family, won third prize in guessing the brain work of the judges in the awards; his prize won at the Harrison Theatre, was a three month pass to the movies.

The popcorn industries have released many kernels this month, just waiting long enough to get hot, such as; Lena Horne in "Jamaica," "The Eye of the Octopus" and "The Virtuous Island" starring William Marshall. But the Kernel that has already popped is "Something of Value," which counts among its finest Negro actors and actresses ever seen in Hollywood! Some of the actors and actresses are Sidney Poiter, Rock Hudson, Dana Wynter, Wendy Hiller, Juano Hernandez, the great judge of "Trial," William Marshall, remembered for "Green Pastures," Paul Thompson, in "Untamed," Frederick O'Neal, and also starring the great

By Lelia E. Harris

This year's Easter parade will feature the gray flannel suit with the feminine blue suits running a close second. Fitted and straight dusters will be among the many beautiful costumes featured at Easter on the Main Streets of America as well as on Fifth Avenue. Hats come in every style and shape. Beautiful wide brim hats with clusters of colorful assorted flowers, and small pill boxes, little rollers, sailors with ribbons and flowers are all popular this season.

"Life Style" presents Mediterranean plaid . . . loomed in Italy, one of the most exciting new things that could happen to your Easter outfit. Black and white plaid shoes with patent accents (of coffee and beige), slim unbreakable heels on your choice of closed pump or bareback Spring-olator will give a fetching finish to an eye filling outfit.

For the evening after the Easter parade and every evening thereafter try a beautiful white organdie or white chiffon blouse with a stunning black crepe skirt. Even more beautiful would be a white chiffon shirttail blouse belted over a brown chiffon skirt.

Well, I know you will be the most beautiful and have the prettiest outfits in this year's Easter parade.

THE CHATTERBOX

Greetings my fellow friends. My! **How news travels.**

Did you know that A. C. and L. H. have broken up?

E. F. has found quite a new interest, mainly T. H.

True love never dies, does it C. K.?

G. F. is returning a lunch tray your only idea when you visit daily the cafeteria at 411?

Say! What's between M. G. and W. B.?

A. R. and G. A. are a steady

couple, huh?

L. L. is having quite a time with "Red."

Who is your main Beau now L. I.?

Are A. J. and R. B. really a steady couple? I've heard so.

L. C. and V. M. are still as close as ever.

B. T. says that R. A. is her only interest.

Wasn't "Carmen" magnificent?

So long, chums, I'll see you in the last issue.

actress, Madame Sulte Wan, the first Negro actress to enter motion pictures, Madame Wan is now at the age of eighty-three, and she said she will act until she reaches the age of ninety-three.

On the local roundup we also have some great talent, which may someday win many national honors in acting. We the members of the Dunbar

family should be proud of the great work and achievement done by members of our Theater Guild, for they were rated **Distinquished**, the highest award given in state drama circles, for their outstanding work in "The Last Curtain." Better watch closely or we will soon have another Ivan Dixon, who just recently won fame on Broadway.

Captivity thence captive, us to win;

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,

And grant that we, for whom thou didst die,

Bring with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin,

May live forever in felicity.

And that Thy love we weighing worthily.

May likewise love Thee for the same again

And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,

With love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;

Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

LOVELIEST OF TREES

Loveliest of Trees, the cherry now

Is hung with bloom along the bough,

And stands about the woodland ride

Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,

Twenty will not come again.

And to be from seventy springs a score,

It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom

Fifty springs are little room,

About the woodlands I will go

To see the cherry hung with snow.

THE MIRACLE

Yesterday the twig was brown and bare;

Today the glint of green is there;

Tomorrow will be leaflets spare;

I know no thing so wondrous fair,

No miracle so strangely rare

I wonder who will next be there!

TENNIS SEASON OPENS

By B. L. Glass

The tennis season began for Dunbar High School Tennis Team on April 12 in Portsmouth, Virginia. Friday Dunbar will take on Phenix High of Hampton at 10:00 a.m. for the first match in a series of matches during the day and Saturday.

After a few hours of relaxation the team will return to the courts to compete against Norcum High of Portsmouth.

On Saturday, the final day of the meet, Dunbar will play Booker T. Washington of Norfolk. This match will be held in the morning and the evening match will be with Crestwood High School on the outside of Norfolk.

Lynchburg tennis fans will be able to see their home team in action on April 23 and 24 on the school's courts. The two opposing teams will be Phenix High and Norcum High.

For Dunbar Tennis Team, Horace Cunningham, Frank Johnson, Howard Johnson, Jeff Davis, Reuben McCoy, John Richardson, Clayton Taliaferro, Melvina Johnson, Cora Organ, Pauline Lee and Ethel Reid will be playing their best to increase their collection of trophies.

Coach C. J. Pinn thinks Melvina Johnson will be as successful in the girls' division as Cora Organ has been in the past year. Miss Organ, a senior, was the Girls' State Champion in the V. I. A. for girls' singles last season.

Western District Meet

Dunbar made an unsuccessful attempt to regain the Western District Championship in

Major League Team Comes To Town

By Thomas Hudson and
Melvin York

With the aid of some erroneous Cardinal pitching, the Chicago White Sox racked a six to five win over the St. Louis Cards on April 9, at the City Stadium. The Cards seemed to have been plagued with an inability to move their runners consistently around the bases.

Both line-ups were studded with newcomers and established stars alike. Rookies hustled to make the team, and old vets tried to keep their positions.

I was most impressed with the caliber of play exhibited by such stars as Stan "The Man" Musial, Minnie Mino, Alvin Dark, "Jumping Jim" Riveva, and Larry Doby.

In the fourth inning, with a man on first, the "Magnificent" Musial drilled a line drive through the middle that looked as if it might thicken for extra bases. However, Doby had other ideas. Moving in at an angle, he speared the drive, one hand, on the hop and in the same smooth motion rifled the ball back into the infield to hold Musial to a single.

The "Pale Hose" jumped to an early lead when they tallied in the first inning off of the Cards starting and losing pitcher, "Toothpick" Jones. "Sad Sam," alternating in spasms of wild and controlled pitching, fanned five, hit two batters, issued seven free



These teachers and students won prizes at the Chronicle Fiesta. They are l. to r. Paul Robinson, Melvina Johnson, Paul Williams, Miss Elaine Chafin and T. D. Moultrie.

STATE CONFERENCE

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Wright, Harold Banks, Ernest Dean, John Hughes, III, Gerald Johnson and Archie Callahan.

The adults accompanying them were Mrs. Theresa Moseby and Mr. Ernest Mosby. The clubs advisers are Miss Jacqueline Hamler and Mr. Harry Ferguson.

Registration began at 7 p.m. at the Hunton Branch Y.M.C.A. in Norfolk. The last meeting of the day adjourned at 10:30 p.m., after a social.

On April 13, the day began with devotions at 9:00 a.m. and ended with worship at 3:45 p.m. The day's meetings were held at the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College.

Officers for the 1957 State Conference are president, Mary Frances Pope of Portsmouth; vice-president, Wallace Berry of Lynchburg; secretary, Mary Frances Hachett of Warrenton;

The New Addition

By Paul Robinson

Are you curious? You are? I know, because all year I have seen you watching the new building rise.

Recently, I had the pleasure of interviewing our principal, Mr. C. W. Seay, on the subject of our new addition here at Dunbar. I learned quite a few interesting facts which I feel will be of interest to you, the Dunbar family.

In the new building there will be physical education facilities and art classrooms. The cafeteria, gymnasium, band room, chorus room, health clinic, store rooms and office suite will also be in it.

Already building activities are in progress behind the present auditorium. As a result the Physical Education Department whose classes are held in the gym under the auditorium will be the

Classroom Program Presented

By Arneatha E. Chambers

Le Francais Un A concluded its cultural unit on "La France et Le Francais" with a classroom program.

The chairman of this program on March 8, in room 206 was Harry Holmes. Musical selections from the French musicians and novelty songs were presented. Among these were "Au Clair de Lune," "Sur Le Pont d' Avignon" and "Savez-Vous Plantez Les Choux?" "La Feuille," a poem concerning the wonderings of a leaf detached from a twig in the fall was recited by Frankie Jackson. Lucy Langhorne read scriptures from La Sainte Bible.

Dorothy Thomas and Katie Pettigrew talked on "What I Liked Best About Making My Scrapbook," and "Some Advantages for Learning That I Found in Making My Scrapbook." Prizes were presented by the teacher. Vivian Pinn received first prize, Clayton Taliferro received second, and Katie Pettigrew, third. Miss B. E. Williams judged the books on the amount of research done, neatness and organization of the material.

Intramural Softball

By Harold Banks

Intramural softball will be organized and played according to the seven hills of Lynchburg. All the games will be played at Jefferson Park at night. The teams this year will try to defeat Diamond Hill, last year's champions. This year Diamond Hill will be under the management of co-captains Martin and Danny McCain.

ful attempt to regain the Western District Championship in track on Saturday, April 20 at E. C. Glass Field. Addison High School of Roanoke retained their championship of last year by scoring 50 points to Dunbar's 45 points. Coming in third and fourth places were Langston High of Danville, 31 points and West End High of Clarkesville, 6 points.

Addison dethroned Dunbar last year for the first time in the four year history of the meet. Langston and West End showed signs of fielding much stronger teams than in the past.

Many long-standing records were broken at the meet, which unfortunately had a small attendance.

Penn Relays

On Thursday morning, April 25, the track team left for Pennsylvania to participate in the Penn relays. Mr. Waters is taking a mile relay team and a medley relay team. The medley relay team has the 1956 Championship Relay of America.

Last year Dunbar took first place in High School class mile. Only three schools in the state of Virginia own a Penn Relay Plaque. They are Dunbar, Norcum, Portsmouth, Va., and Manassas County School. Team members were Jack Boyles, Fred Scott, William Spencer and Hayes Banks.

This year's members will be selected from the following: Frank Lee, Lester Green, Jeff Davis, Jack Boyles, Leonard Hams, William McDaniel, Dawson Smith and Roy Ford.

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TRACK TEAMS!**

hit two batters, issued seven free passes, and gave up five safeties in the five innings he worked. He looked like anyone but the "No Hit" Jones, who won a gold toothpick last year and a substantial pay increase for pitching a no-hitter and leading the league in strike outs.

Going into the seventh stanza, both managers began to substitute freely in an effort to see some of their rookies from the minors in action. The Redbirds jumped on reliefer Staley in the top of the ninth for four tallies to knot the score at five to five. The tying scores were reached by Joe Cunningham who homered for the Redbirds, with a mate aboard. Davis, the White Sox hurdler, got the first man on a high fly to center. After walking the next two batters, Davis got Ennis to pop up. Then Davis went to pieces and walked in the winning run for the White Sox.

After the game, I was fortunate to meet a number of the players of both teams. Among them were Muroso, Doby, Jones, Harmon, and Tom Alston.

"Towering Tom," the initial sacker for the Redbirds and an alumnus of A. and T. College, is a giant of a man. With reference to his college training, I asked Tom for advice that might help young men who choose an athletic career to succeed. Tom replied, after a moment of contemplating, "In any field you chose, education is the prime factor for success." I inquired further as to why an education would be so important to a major leaguer with an estimated annual income of twenty thousand dollars. Tom smiled and simply said, "Look at Joe Louis."

Remember: "If you can't play a sport, be one."

By Jennings, secretary; Mary Frances Hachett of Warrenton; chaplain, Lewis Jones of Dillwyn; and corresponding secretary, Marion Poindexter of Halifax.

TEACHERS MEET

By Joyce Braxton

The second teachers meeting of the spring semester was held Wednesday, April 3, at 7 o'clock in the Amelia Pride Cottage. The topic was "Evaluating Out-of-Class Activities." The chairman was Mr. T. H. Murray. The speakers were Mr. J. J. Cardwell, Mr. Y. B. Williams and Mrs. M. W. Harris.

In the introduction given by Mrs. Harris the four evaluating points for any activity were presented. They were: How well does the pupil activity program complement and enrich the classroom activities? To what extent is the pupil activity program based upon study and analysis

whose classes are held in the gym under the auditorium will be the first to hold classes in the new gym. Incidentally, the new auditorium will be the last area to be occupied.

The building will be completed in April, but will not be used at all until sometime in May. The entire building will be open for use in the fall.

of pupil interests and needs? To what extent does the pupil activity program make provision to meet new interests of pupils? How wholeheartedly do pupils participate in the pupil activity program?

The three out-of-class activities discussed were the Chorus by Mr. Y. B. Williams; the Student Council by Mr. J. J. Cardwell and the CHRONICLE by Mrs. M. W. Harris.

The faculty was given check lists by each speaker on which they gave their opinions of each evaluation.



Four members of the science department have been granted fellowships to continue their work in science this summer. They are from left to right: J. J. Cardwell, F. C. Conard, H. D. Hamlett and W. E. Clark, III. Mr. Cardwell will attend Iowa University; Mr. Clarke will attend Morgan State College, while Messrs. Conard and Hamlett will study at North Carolina College.

McCain. Last year Diamond Hill had a 9-1 record losing only to Yoder School.

CUSTOMS AROUND WORLD

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the majority of the people of Africa are animists. World traditions in art, architecture, sculpture, and literature owe much to the civilization of North Africa. More than 700 languages are spoken in Africa.

Asia is considered the cradle of the human race. All the world's great religions began on this continent. Twenty-two of the fifty largest cities in the world are located in Asia. This was told by Melvin Fleshman in "The Customs and Manners of Asia."

In discussing "The Customs and Manners of Europe," Catherine Gilbert reported that the people of northern and western Europe are generally well educated in public, private, and church schools. The American boy or girl is not as serious minded as the average European boy or girl. As one travels from the Mediterranean region to the Scandinavian he finds the color of skin, hair and eyes of the people lighter.

Annette Lee in "The Customs and Manners of the People in the Americas" constantly reminded us that the European way of life is the cradle of our way of life and that in South America, many Indian tribes still practice customs similar to those practiced by their ancestors.

After each speech a musical selection of the respective country was played.

The devotions were led by Raymond Chambers and the mistress of the ceremonies was Rosa Shepard.