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W. M. C. 52ND ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

Commencements come and commencesments go, but the stream of youth flows on forever. It would be difficult to conceive of a Commencement week more creditable and happy in its every detail than the one just closed at Western Maryland College. We could elaborate on various features of the week, but space forbids an extended comment. We only say there is a rapidly growing appreciation of the importance of this historic and worthy institution in our midst. It is moving on to meet the demands of the present day under the able and enthusiastic leadership of President Albert Norman Ward.

Freshman-Sophomore Contest in Speech.

On Friday night, June 9th, the Freshman-Sophomore Contest, a battle royal in speech in competition for the prizes awarded much enthusiasm in the ranks of the classes concerned and amongst admiring friends. The whole performance was a great credit to the Department of Speech, of which Miss Nannie C. Lease is the able director.

The Freshmen participating were: Ruth Barkley, of Baltimore; James H. Kiser, of Finksburg; Hunter A. Robson, of Cumberland; Amalia C. Bantz, of Skylesville; Florence M. Linton, of Conneltsville, Pa.; and Katherine M. Richards, of Baltimore. The contesting Sophomores were: James C. Eaton, of New Freedom, Pa.; Clifford H. Richmond, of Bridgton, N. J.; Carroll G. Warner, of Baltimore; James H. Atkinson, of Cumberland; Ursula Barnes, of Easton; and Elva T. Pittman, of Baltimore. Mr. Hawkins, and Miss Grottel, and Mrs. Meyer, furnished excellent musical numbers. Following the contest came the reading of certificates and honors in the Preparatory School. Mrs. Hattie Hoyer, the competent Principal, with her able corps of teachers, report a good year at Levine Hall.

The Great Pageant—"The Sheathing of the Sword."

This wonderful pageant, the finest of the kind ever put over in this county, and a memorable achievement, more fully described in another column, was participated in by over a thousand people, and called for an audience representative of the world. It was honored by the presence of His Excellency, Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, and other distinguished guests. The new athletic field could have had no more suitable and impressive dedication. The presence of Carroll County should have been present at these ceremonies.

Freshman Class Cremation.

Saturday evening the Freshmen held a unique celebration under the glare of red lights, winding up with a Faculty weighing of the merits of the Freshmen class as to whether they were eligible to the honors of Sophomore. They were finally considered worthy of these privileges, and the old Freshman rules were banished forever.

Baccalaureate Sermon.

The Baccalaureate service was a memorable one. The Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Protestant, the Reformed, and the Lutheran congregations of this city united with the college in this service of this day, the ministers assisting. The College Choir, a body of well trained voices, under the leadership of Miss Elsie Dorst, Director of Vocal Music, rendered with great skill and impressive two anthems,—"Dudley" Buck's "Festival Te Deum," and Gault's "Great and Marvellous." Certainly such music is worship.

The sermon was preached by President Emeritus Thomas H. Lewis, D. D., of those who know Dr. Lewis' masterful logic, keen critical and analytical powers, and constructive and homiletical abilities, need not be told. It was a powerful sermon. He spoke from James I. 6: "He that doubteth is like the surge of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed." As an Educator of long and varied experience Dr. Lewis could recognize the value and significance of all scientific contributions to the enrichment of modern life and to the increase of knowledge; as a philosopher he could note the necessary limitations of the scientific procedure as it dealt with material phenomena and arrived at truth inductively, and its knowledge confined largely to material things and forces; and as a theologian he could lay down the absolute value of faith as the essential equipment of any man making his wayward in any field and the one all-important thing in life that counts. Doubt was shown to be the destabilizer of man, the mark of mental immaturity or mental insincerity, or of mental inability on the part of anyone who might pose as a professional doubter or agnostic. Even "honest" doubt must merge into honest belief, or he who has learned to question will never have learned to answer. Doubt gets a man nowhere. To arrive at reasoned convictions through intelligent study and right use of one's intellect, makes the man stable and effective. To remain in doubt concerning veritable certitudes of life is to be driven by the winds and tossed, plenty of motion and down, some commotion, but no progress,—just tossed.

Superficial thinking evidently received a jolt or two, and any professional skeptic would be challenged to look to his going; the timid would be encouraged, and the believer confirmed by these strong words of one of the ablest educators in America.

Sermon to the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

Again on Sabbath evening the people were treated to a great discourse by Dr. James H. Straughn, President of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. Dr. Straughn spoke to the young people, and especially to the Christian Associations. Again the College Choir sang two anthems,—"Gloria, Twelfth Mass," by Mozart, and "Cantate Domino," by Dudley Buck. The sermon was an inspiration, a call to the life of service and loyalty to the truth as it is in Jesus. Decision for Christ means relief from doubt and fear, from spiritual death, from selfishness, and it means the life of faith, service, and joy.

Recital of Graduates in Music and Speech.

A very well rendered program, indeed. The readings were by Myrtle L. Langford, of Pocomoke City; Margaret L. Rankin, of High Point, N. C.; Gwendolyn R. McWilliams, of Rhoadesdale; Sarah E. Marker, Westminister; Olive C. Johnson, of Princess Anne; and Helen E. Roop, of Westminister. The musical numbers were by Hilda R. Long, of Pocomoke City, and Louise B. Fisher, of Denton.

Society Reunions.

An interesting feature of college life is the Literary Society. At commencement time is the annual reunion, which usually calls for speeches reminiscent for some jokes, and pleasant, for some counsel and advice from alumni and "Silver Grays" who may be present, and for considerable boosting for the society contestants who enter the oratorical arena a few hours later. Of course refreshments are served and a social good time had. The men's societies are the Irving, and the Webster; and the women's societies are the Browning and the Philomathean. They all had good times.

Annual Society Contest.

The deck was well cleared for action in the evening of Monday the 12th, and there was action aplenty and editing. If the splendid literary numbers—orations and essays,—given that evening are only approximately measured up to the regular sessions through the year, (which, doubtless due to the compulsory but wholesome discipline of Smith Hall, and the strong pull of the drama and the occasional burlesque, is hardly probable,) the Society must be a great source of intellectual stimulus. Browning contested with Philomathean,—both girls' societies,—and the Irving with the Websters. The judges were: Judge Glen H. Worthington, of Frederick; Judge Oscar Lesar, of Baltimore; and Dr. Henry M. Fitzhugh, President of the State Board of Education. The program was as follows: Browning Essays, "The Broadening of Truth," by Elizabeth P. McAlpine, of Lonaconing; and "As He That Served," by Elizabeth N. Gehr, of Westminister. Philomathean Essays, "The Argosy of Gold," by Virginia L. Eyster, of Emmitsburg; and "Ye Are The Lead-ers Casket," by Eleanor E. Grottel, of Oakland. Irving Orations, "Greater Love Hath No Man," by Howard M. Jones, of Washington, D. C., and "The Cry for Justice," by William W. Chase, Emmitsburg. Webster Orations, "The Spirit of Tomorrow," by Paul R. Kelbaugh, of Thurmont; and "The Broken Sword," by Randall O. Stone, of Thomasville, N. C.

Miss Hilda Long gave the piano selection, "Cantique d'Amour," by Liszt.

The Oratorio, "Elijah."

Mendelssohn's great production, "Elijah," was the musical treat not only of the week, but of the year. Not since the "Messiah," given last year by the same chorus, has there been anything like it in this vicinity. It was given on Tuesday evening, and as usual, in Alumni Hall, by the College Choral Club assisted by the choir of Carroll County. Miss Elsie Dorst, the very able Director, again achieved a great success in the presentation of this work. Her skillful leadership was manifest in the wonderful general excellence and technique characterizing the whole performance. Miss Dorst and her Chorus of nearly two hundred voices, were ably supported by Mrs. Harry Kimmey at the piano, and by Mr. John C. Bohl and his well-known orchestra from Baltimore, and by the following noted soloists: Miss Ernestine Langhammer, soprano, prima donna of the Baltimore Opera Club, Mrs. Sherwood Murphy, Contralto, also well known in the Baltimore musical world. Mr. Oscar H. Lehmann, Tenor, Instructor of voice in the Peabody Institute. Dr. Merrill Hopkinson, Bass, well known throughout Eastern cities as a soloist.

Miss Langhammer's singing and interpretations were unusually fine. Her voice was peculiarly clear and sweet, and her quality excellent in all its ranges. Mrs. Murphy also added to her laurels and prestige in the splendid work done here. Mr. Lehmann has a rich tenor voice, of good range, artistic quality and rare strength. Dr. Hopkinson's interpretations of Elijah were wonderful. Powerful and dramatic, natural and sincere, his enunciation was perfect and technique faultless. The orchestra did splendid work and was greatly appreciated. The college friends were especially pleased to hear Miss Florence Johnson's rich, deep contralto, in beautiful trio with Miss Langhammer and Mrs. Murphy. The audience was unusually large, and the proceeds will go towards the Organ Fund for Alumni Hall.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees held its annual meeting on Tuesday and was busy with the big affairs, looking towards Western Maryland's greater day. President Ward could point with pride to the new Athletic Field, one of the finest Bowls to be found anywhere, and to the new Daniel Hall, already far along in construction, with promise of completion so as to be ready for occupancy in September, as evidences that things are moving. The Board is a progressive one, and has caught the step and will be responsible for new advances.

Commencement Day Exercises.

The day was ideally cool, the attendance flattering, the graduates beaming, the President jubilant, the music inspiring, the Speaker of the Day both felicitous and profound, and everything as it ought to be. All in all, probably not a more impressive commencement program and setting could have been presented in the whole United States than was given in W. M. C. Alumni Hall,—and this statement is not made inadvisedly.

After the imposing procession of students, faculty trustees and invited guests, Dr. H. L. Elderdice led in prayer. The commencement address by Bishop William F. McDowell was characterized by rare, good humor, profound thinking, depth and breadth of vision, and intense earnestness that reached every heart. The Modern Scholar, said the Bishop, must be first of all capable of clear, unprejudiced, useful thinking. There is so much confused thinking in Europe, Asia and Africa, in America. Men's prejudices and personal interests so often color their thinking. Right thinking lies at the basis of right living. The Modern Scholar, again, must have a genuine, undisguised affection for humanity—a deep and abiding interest in his fellow-men. The Philosopher and the Philanthropist must see to gether in dealing with world problems. Clear, philosophical thinking must be vitalized by deep concern for humanity.

Once more, the Modern Scholar must be sustained in his thinking and moved and controlled in his affections by the right kind of a motive. Not so much what a man is doing, as what it is that is making him do it,—his motive. The motive must be pure, transparent, and also so big and worthy a motive as to carry one through. It takes a pretty large motive to float a life. Some men with all the advantages of college training have no motive big enough to carry them beyond five or ten years post college days.

Finally, the Modern Scholar must strengthen himself and redeem his own life from destruction by an unshakable faith in the Living God. He must get settled convictions as to the moral order of the universe, and the Everlasting God who rules it. Then a man can work on through discouraging circumstances and world oppositions. Amid the confusion of conflicts, he lives on, works on, sings on, as, "The bird alighting an instant on the twig that swings." Sings on unafraid, knowing that he has wings. The ever living God, he knows, and in God he is sufficient for all things.

Following the address of the Bishop was the announcement by Prof. Schaeffer, of the under-graduate honors, after which came the awarding of commissions in the United States Reserve to R. O. T. C. graduates and administering the oaths of office by Capt. Everett G. Smith, to J. W. Allender, D. G. Bennett, B. B. Leitch, D. C. MacLean, G. A. Meyles, H. B. Speir, E. D. Stone, H. W. Ward, R. F. Cromwell, E. K. Helwig, David Hottenstein, J. D. Kopp. The commissions for 2nd Lieutenant were issued by the President of the United States. "The men all knelt and kissed the flag that each had sworn to defend, pledging eternally to the nation whose ideals it symbolized. The Captain expressed the sincere hope that they would never meet again on any battle field."

President Ward then conferred degrees as follows: Bachelor of Arts Degree—James Peyton Adams, Vienna; Joseph William Allender, Westminister; Dill Gordon Bennett, Sharptown; Jesse Dyggs Evans, Crisfield; Benjamin Bryan Leitch, Friendship; Daniel Carlisle MacLean, Baltimore; George Adam Meyles, Baltimore; Hugh Barnette Speir, Lonaconing; Edward Daniel Stone, Baltimore; Hugh Walter Ward, Owings; Amy Christelle Bennett, Salisbury; Julia Elizabeth Carey, Berlin; Margaret Elizabeth Coonan, Westminister; Madeline Weaver Geiman, Westminister; Rita Christine Hoff, Westminister; Alma Maude Holliday, Hebron; Olive Catherine Johnson, Princess Anne; Mary Emily Lankford, Pocomoke City; Myrtle Louise Lankford, Pocomoke City; Hilda Rae Long, Pocomoke City; Sarah Ethel Marker, Westminister; Cora May Mason, New-ark; Marian Elizabeth Mitten, Westminister; Helen Elizabeth Roop, Westminister; Sarah Seney, Chestertown; Maude Fountain Smith, Hurlock; Lois Biddle Stephens, Westminister; Mildred Estelle Taylor, Hallwood, Va.; Hazel Delevett Walbeck, Forest Hill.

The Alumni Dinner

The Alumni dinner was held immediately after the Commencement Exercises, and was attended by the largest crowd for years. There was much

Rose Doyle Walsh, Westminister; Dorothy Elizabeth Ward, Lynchburg, Va.; Mabel Sunderland Ward, Lower Marlboro.

Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude—Benjamin Salsbury Carroll, Easton; Robert Floyd Cromwell, Walkersville; Edwin Royer Helwig, Westminister; David Hottenstein, Snow Hill; Mary Olivia Green, Boyds; Margaret Louise Rankin, High Point, N. C.

Bachelor of Arts Summa Cum Laude—John Desmond Popp, Solomons; Louise Bates Fisher, Denton; Gwendolyn Rosalie McWilliams, Rhoadesdale; Pauline Elizabeth Hett, Boyds. Senior Class—Valedictory: John Desmond Kopp, and Louise Bates Fisher. Salutatory: R. F. Cromwell and Gwendolyn Rosalie McWilliams.

Commencement Parts: First, John Desmond Kopp; Second, David Hottenstein; Third, Robert Floyd Cromwell; First, Louise Bates Fisher; Second, Gwendolyn Rosalie McWilliams; Third, Mary Olivia Green. Honorable Mention: Robert Floyd Cromwell, Edwin Royer Helwig, Benjamin Salsbury Carroll, Mary Olivia Green, Margaret Louise Rankin, Margaret Elizabeth Coonan, Pauline Elizabeth Hett. Junior Class—Gold Medal: Earle Taylor Hawkins, Naomi Louise Royer. Honorable Mention: Stockton Elderdice Dav, Russell Wells Sapp, Randall Otho Stone, Carlotta Annabel Kinnaman, Golda Elizabeth Owings, Effie Mae Rowe, Reba Elizabeth VanSant, Marguerite McCann, Frances Anna Wilson.

Sophomore Class—Gold Medal: Veiter Rinehart Clayton, Elva Viola Dittman; Honorable Mention: Francis Massey Castle, Elizabeth Noel Gehr, Elizabeth Helen Hinckley. Freshman Class—Gold Medal: Olive Cora Knauff; Honorable Mention—Freshman Class: Florence Ethel Horney, Mary Gertrude Jones, Miriam Strange, Mary Elizabeth Warfield. Normet Elocution Prizes—Sophomore Class: Clifford Homer Richmond, Agnes Harper Atkinson; Freshman Class: Allen Boyd Hunter Robinette, Amalia Carey Coonan Knauff.

Gold Medal in Elocution: Gwendolyn Rosalie McWilliams. Gold Medal in Voice: Louise Bates Fisher. Best Prize for Best All round College Man—David Hottenstein. Mary Ward Lewis Prize for Best All round College Woman—Mary Olivia Green.

John A. Alexander Athletic Medal—Hugh Barnette Speir. Society Oratorical Contest: Morill Trophy—Webster Society Orators: Paul Recker Kelbaugh, Thurmont, and Randall Otho Stone, Thomasville, N. C.

Philomathean Society: Virginia Lavina Eyster, Finksburg, Md., and Eleanor Elizabeth Grottel, Oakland, Md.

Graduates in Piano—Hilda Rae Long. Graduates in Voice—Louise Bates Fisher, Hilda Rae Long, Margaret Louise Rankin.

Graduates in Speech—Oliva Catherine Johnson, Myrtle Louise Lankford, Gwendolyn Rosalie McWilliams, Sarah Ethel Marker, Helen Elizabeth Roop. Graduates in Education—James Peyton Adams, Joseph William Allender, Dill Gordon Bennett, Benjamin Salsbury, Carroll, R. F. Cromwell, Jesse Dyggs Evans, Edwin Royer Helwig, David Hottenstein, Benjamin Bryan Leitch, Hugh Barnette Speir, Amy Christelle Bennett, Julia Elizabeth Carey, Margaret Elizabeth Coonan, Louise Bates Fisher, Madeline Weaver Geiman, Mary Olivia Green, Pauline Elizabeth Hett, Rita Christine Hoff, Alma Maude Holliday, Olive Catherine Johnson, Mary Emily Lankford, Myrtle Louise Lankford, Hilda Rae Long, Gwendolyn McWilliams, Sarah Ethel Marker, Cora May Mason, Marian Elizabeth Mitten, Helen Elizabeth Roop, Sarah Seney, Lois Biddle Stephens, Mildred Estelle Taylor, Hazel Delevett Walbeck, Rose Gault, Dorothy Elizabeth Ward, Mabel Sunderland Ward.

The following honorary degrees were conferred: Doctor of Divinity on Rev. James S. Williams, of Ashville, North Carolina; Rev. James H. Straughn, of Baltimore, Maryland; Rev. Edward D. Stone, of Baltimore; Rev. Gideon Humphreys, of Washington, D. C.; and Doctor of Laws on Harland L. Feeman, President of Adrian College.

Dr. Ward, in his review of the year's activities, spoke with enthusiasm of what had been accomplished and pointed to the future with hope, being backed in his progressive plans for a greater Western Maryland College by the men of vision and determination that constitute his Board of Trustees. He announced that the Preparatory School will extend its course for four years hereafter, and that Mr. R. Floyd Cromwell will be its new Principal with Mr. H. B. Speir as his assistant, and there will be also several new teachers.

There will be five new teachers in the College next year, as follows: Miss Pearl A. Eader, Assistant in History; Miss Ina Slaghenaupt, Assistant in English; Miss Rowena Holdren, Assistant in Home Economics. Mr. Geo. E. Willis will be the new head of the English Department, Mr. Willis is an alumnus of W. M. C.

The decision of the judges in the Inter-Society Contest, so creditable to every participant, awarded the prizes to the Philomathean and the Webster Literary Societies.

OSCAR ON A VACATION.

Arthur Mitten, who was sentenced to the House of Correction for two years at the November term of the Circuit Court for Carroll County on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of minors, escaped from the House of Correction some time early Tuesday morning with four other inmates who are still at large. The men made their escape while the guards were asleep.

MEMORIAL SERVICES BY KNIGHTS

The Knights of Pythias will hold a public memorial service in the Opera House Sunday, June 18, at 3 p. m. There will be special music and singing, also several addresses. After the services they will march to the cemetery and decorate the graves of their deceased brothers. Any special flowers that friends may send will be taken care of and placed on the proper graves.

CARROLL REFORMED CHARGE.

St. Matthew's, Pleasant Valley—Sunday school 9 a. m. Divine service 10 a. m. St. Benjamin's—Sunday school 1 p. m. Divine service 2 p. m. Children's day service postponed to Sunday evening, June 25th. J. W. Reinecke, pastor.

enthusiasm, good fellowship. A number of interesting speeches were made by the retiring President, Mr. Carson, and by Dr. Crouse and others. New officers were elected for the ensuing year. Dr. Ward in his remarks, spoke of the Million Dollar Fund that he hopes will be raised within ten years, and the group of new buildings to be completed within seven years, and urged a more enthusiastic support from the Alumni for the College during the coming years.

Albert Norman Ward, D.D., LL.D.

Not on the program at Commencement was the announcement made by Dr. H. L. Elderdice, after President Ward had conferred the various degrees on others, that the Kansas City University now also having its Commencement, had just conferred on our worthy leader the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws. The audience expressed its appreciation of this well deserved honor by hearty and long continued applause.

ST. JOHN'S COMMENCEMENT.

During a very entertaining commencement program Wednesday evening, 32 pupils received diplomas and certificates from St. John's School. Edward Scholtes was awarded the Christian Doctrine medal and Eugene Garesnes won the medal in scholarship. An attractive trophy cup bearing the names of the boys on the basketball team was presented to them by the Baltimore Catholic Review. St. John's won the championship in the Archdiocesan League. Mr. Vincent De P. Fitzgerald of the Review staff, addressed the graduates. The Rev. Michael A. Purcell presented the various awards.

In celebration of Flag Day the children gave a salute and an enthusiastic pledge.

The graduates of the Commercial Department were Ethel Lynn Brown, Hilda Catherine Byers, Lillian Louise Chest, Allan Theodore Eckenrode, Charles Grumbine, Gladys LaRue Lambert, Ida Catherine Lowe, Benjamin Gregory Myers, Katherine Elizabeth Scholtes, Gwendolyn Steele and Lawrence Awaft Weller.

The graduates of the Grammar Department were Helen Pauline Bowers, Edith Maria Case, Jane Wells Coonan, Albert Gordon Coates, Catherine Lillian Daley, Katherine Gertrude Doyle, Donald Eckenrode, Eugene Loretta Garesnes, Albert George Massicot, Joseph Francis Mathias, Vesta Louise Melown, Anna Grace Rickell, Howell Billingsley Royer, John Edward Ruppert, Edward Andrew Scholtes, Margaret May Smith, Robert Keene Tubman, Carl Edward Velnoskey, Mary Helen Weller and Lane Ignatius Yingling.

TOOK A PEEP AT HENRY'S PLANT

Messrs. Gilbert, Kelley, Shilling and Gamber, of the Fisher Motor Company, accompanied by Mr. Fisher, motored to Philadelphia on Monday last to make a trip of inspection through the Ford Motor Company assembly plant in that city.

The route to Philadelphia was via Lincoln Highway from York and the return trip by way of Baltimore. The roads were found to be in excellent condition with only two short detours. The Philadelphia Branch is working on a schedule of 308 completed cars per day and the assembling operations proved very interesting and instructive to the visitors.

IMPORTANT PLATFORM MEETING.

A platform meeting of very great importance will be held in the Lutheran church of Westminister, Monday evening, June 19th, at 7:30 o'clock under the auspices of the Lord's Day Alliance. Dr. A. N. Ward, President of Western Maryland College, will preside. The speakers will be Rev. Louis Randall, Elder A. L. B. Martin, Dr. W. W. Davis and Rev. J. L. Nichols. Every person is invited and the church should be filled to overflowing for this meeting.

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"THE SHEATHING OF THE SWORD."

The initial performance on the New Western Maryland College Athletic Field, dedicating it to the friendly and inspiring rivalries and competitions of an Age of Peace, given Saturday afternoon, June 10th, was impressively splendid and spectacular. In details and comprehensive sweep, and in inspiring suggestiveness, it was far beyond all expectations.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie was our Guest of Honor, and His Excellency set the Athletic ball rolling with an interesting and appreciative as well as appreciated Address.

President Ward, surrounded by other distinguished guests, was very happy as he surveyed the splendid Athletic Bowl, one of the very finest fields in all the country, and saw this part of his dream for a greater Western Maryland coming true. The whole community ought to be proud of it. The Great Drama, the entire creation of Miss Dorothy Elderdice, of Westminister, and the Alumna of W. M. C., from prologue to Epilogue was a masterpiece, and is worthy of presentation in other parts of the country.

With the Prologue came the Heralds, the Four Ages, (Ancient, Mediaeval, Modern, and Future, still veiled.) and Peace with her attendants, Prosperity and Progress. These ascended and occupied the Throne and Court of Peace.

The First Episode or Victory of Peace illustrated carried us back to Greece when in 884 B. C., a Sacred Truce for the time banished War, and the event was celebrated by the institution of the Olympic Games. Here appeared Greek Ambassadors, Prince Iphitus of Elis, Apollo, Aurora, the Seven Hours, the Master of Games, the Immortal Greek Processional of Men and Maidens, and a host of Athletes,—Runners, Discus throwers, and Wrestlers. The successful contestants were crowned with laurel wreaths by Apollo, amid the acclamations of the Greek populace, and the songs and cheers of the spectators.

The Second Episode celebrating Peace was the dedication of an altar to the Peace of Augustus, by the people of Rome, in the order of the Senate and the Emperor, 13 B. C. Here again Heralds, Roman Cohorts, Augustus as Pontifex Maximus, Consuls, Senators, Priests of the Four Colleges, Vestal Virgins, Roman Children and Etruscan Dancing Maidens, appeared and enacted scenes remarkable for their picturesqueness and beauty.

The Third Episode, a Victory big with promise for the ultimate triumph of World Peace, was the Nativity of Christ in the time of the world's great need and confusion. This was announced by Heralds, and a great white-robed choir advantageously placed on the high elevation on the western slope of the field, sang in clear sweet voices the Gloria in Excelsis. The scene was inspiring, and those catching the full significance of this presentation were deeply moved.

The Fourth Episode, or Victory, was the representation of the Field of the Cloth of Gold, when in the Field of Andren, in France, Henry the VIIIth of England and Francis I, of France, with their attendants, courtiers, archers, sword dancers and dancers, all assembled in international fellowship to celebrate the Peace pact with sports and games. A thrilling tournament of mounted, mail-clad Knights proved their valor and skill before the two Monarchs seated in a great double Throne panoplied with fabric Cloth of Gold.

The Fifth Episode. Here friendly international relations were inaugurated by the United States. The words of President Harding at the opening of the Washington Conference on Limitation of Armaments here again gave expression to universal longings for World Fellowship. "We only wish to do with you that finer, nobler thing which no nation can do alone." There were four events in this episode. First, England and the United States, —Columbia and Britannia,—led on the peaceful years, quaint costumed Maidens, who danced an old English rustic dance in a circle around the Court of Peace, and sang the International Hymn. Second, Japan and the United States celebrated in happy symbolism of the Japanese Children's Overture of Peace, sent to the school children of the United States by the school children of Japan with the consent of their fathers and brothers and teachers. In this they "pledged themselves never to raise their swords against, but to emulate the children of the United States as perfect examples of Brotherhood and Sisterhood." Here the Japanese—costumed children, carrying parasols and led by Miss Takemura, a Japanese student of W. M. C., performed a Japanese ceremonial dance. Gay colors, revolving parasols, graceful movements were beautiful indeed. The third event here, presented by the Red Men from Baltimore, and Carroll County, set forth the meeting of North American tribal Chieftains, who in the Valley of Little Horn, Montana, in 1909, celebrated their last Grand Council. This Assembly of Twenty Chieftains, and many others, about the council fire, eating their communion of meat and bread, and passing along the pipe of Peace around the circle, the coming of the White Brother, and the pledge to no more intertribal war, the slow gathering of the Scout Indians from different points of the compass, about the field to participate on the ceremony,—all these were especially in-

teresting. The fourth event of this episode, representing Pan America and the union of the two Americas by the Bridge of Water, the Panama Canal, was beautiful beyond expression. The Meeting of the Waters,—the Atlantic and the Pacific,—was depicted by a host of young ladies in sea-colored blue and green gowns with long white scarfs flowing in Dance Drama representing the rhythmic motion of the Ocean waves, and finally forming into a completed canal thru which passed representatives of the twenty-one American Republics, carrying their respective flags.

The Final Episode, or Victory, depicted Universal Peace, or "Above all Nations," said Plato, "is Humanity." Wonderful was the great circle of white-clad people carrying olive wreaths and green garlands marching and finally coming in masses about the Court of Peace singing the World's Doxology of Peace, while many white doves, let loose from four corners of the Court, rose and circled in the air above, symbols of the everlasting Peace that shall usher in a New Era of Blessedness and Joy.

Miss Dorothy Elderdice as Author of this Pageant of Peace is due unlimited praise. It was a prodigious undertaking, requiring infinite patience and attention to detail, and carried thru to triumphant success. It was pronounced by experts to have been the finest performance ever given in this part of the country. The Author has made the community her debtor.

Miss Elderdice was loyally assisted by Miss N. C. Lease as Speech Director, Miss Elsie Dorst and Mrs. Harry Kimmey as Choral Directors, Miss Faith Millard, Miss Anna Shriver, Miss Lottie Moore, and Miss Helen Fowle as Dance Directors; Mrs. A. M. Isanogle and Miss Mary Cunningham as Art Directors; Miss Corinne Troy and Mrs. Howard Reinhardt as Costume Directors; Miss Reine Musgrave, Miss Dorothy McDaniel, Miss Marjorie Lewis, and many others, men and women, to whom also is due the highest commendation for service so ably rendered. Captain Everett G. Smith was Marshal of the Day.

The Organizations participating in the Pageant were: Faculty and Students of Western Maryland College; the Schools of Carroll County; the Junior Order of Mechanics; the Independent Order of Mechanics; the Knights of Pythias; the Red Men of Carroll County and of Baltimore; the Westminister Band,—whose music was so ably conducted an dso well appreciated,—and the Young Women's Clubs.

TAX RATE \$1.40

SAME AS LAST YEAR—EIGHT PORTABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS ASKED FOR BY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The County Commissioners of Carroll County this afternoon announced the county levy for the current year. Though most of the counties of the State have found it necessary to increase their levy, Carroll County's levy will remain the same as last year, \$1.40 on the \$100.00, notwithstanding the fact that about \$0.7 more will be levied for school purposes than was levied in 1921. The principal items of the budget are: for county roads, \$10; for hard roads and large bridges, \$15; for schools, \$8; for election, for new assessment, \$3; for county home, care of insane, and jail, \$7; for certificates of indebtedness and interest on notes and bonds, 27%.

The Commissioners announce that this levy will provide for and pay off all matured indebtedness of the county, leaving unpaid only the \$48,828.00 of lateral road bonds issued last year, which will begin to mature in 1923 in blocks of \$5,000 annually until 1933. The greatest problem to be met was in the appropriation for public schools. In view of the expressed sentiment of the taxpayers, who, at the special election held May 15th, by a vote of 5 to 1, defeated the proposed bond issue, it was decided by the Board of Education and the County Commissioners in conference, that the former would ask for no appropriation for new buildings. In the budget granted by the commissioners is the sum of \$11,360 for eight portable buildings, three for Freedom District, four for Westminister, and one for Taneytown. The increase in the school tax rate over last year is made mandatory by the increase in salaries of teachers in white high schools from \$26,108.33 to \$45,615.00, and in other costs of control. The total amount asked by the Board of Education in its budget is \$255,563.08, and the total amount granted by the County Commissioners is \$221,283.08, the raising of which requires a levy of .68 on a taxable property basis of \$32,500,000.00.

ANYBODY AROUND HERE LOST A PIG?

Full-fledged believers in and advocates of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act might, to their advantage, make a note of this item: John Hays, of Barrington, Ill, had a pig stray away from his farm, and advertised that he would give any person a drink from a bonded bottle for the return of the porker. The paper had scarcely been off the press an hour until he had 10 heads of hogs to take the place of the missing one, and he probably has a carload by this time.—From the Indianapolis Star.