FLASHES FROM CHESTERTOWN HIGH

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Chestertown High certainly placed high in the spelling contest held last Saturday, the 18th, at Goldy College in Wilmington when five of the six pupils who went received honorable mention. Our high school as a whole received an average of 93 per cent as compared with larger high schools of Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

In the written contest of Class A (Senior Group), Alice McKenzie came first wth a score of 96 per cent; Harry Hendrickson, second, with 92 per cent; and Sara Baxter, third, with 91 per cent. In the written contests of Class B (Junior Group), Elizabeth Wheatley was leading her classmates by 97 per cent right, while Frances Kreeger came next with 93 per cent. All those who received a score of above 90 per cent were awarded certificates of proficiency.

As I said last week, the oral part of the contest was broadcast over the station WDEL, and the twenty best oral contestants were the participants. Even though it was won by Duncan MacRae of Bel Air, to whom we extend sincere congratulations, we feel glad that Alice McKenzie had the opportunity to be among the spellers. And from all the twenty, Alice was the eighth to fall out! Good work Alice —Chestertown feels proud of you.

The Dramatic Club is to hold its secret party this coming Tuesday, and from all reports, it will have many surprises in store for those who attend. From the invitations which were sent out to the faculty, I gathered the fact that the affair is to be a Night Club Party with all the atmosphere of the renown Brodway ones. However, the details of the party will be told to you next week and the surprises then also. Those who will serve on the Entertainment Committee will be Thornton, Grine, Hines, Hadaway, Turner, and Mead; on the Refreshment Committee, Sutton, Bringman, Walls, Hendrickson, Mason, Russell, and Brown; on the Decoration Committee, Adams, Foley, Willis, Anderson, Elizabeth Hague, and Hines. Virginia Foley, Anna Hadaway, and Anne Turner will act as hostesses.

The DRAGON pictures of all the graduating class were given to the Seniors on Wednesday of April 22 and received very favorable comment. Each Senior, upon payng 75c extra was sent six small pictures of himself and one enlargement. I have seen a great many of them and they seem worthy of the price. The photos are good likenesses—a fact which is not always accomplished in photography.

The 10A History Club is now concentrating more thoroughly on their booklets describing the counties of Maryland, with a large amount of time spent on them this last week. Each county his two people to prepare its history, industries and places of interest. The groups will throw all their material into one book sometime next week, and a home-edited edition of Maryland will be on hand for the pupils here.

The Freshmen held their third Literary Meeting of the year last Wednesday, the 22nd, in the Assembly Hall of the School here. The meeting took up most of the time of the Activities period with six presentations taking place The first was an instrumental solo by Margaret Anne Dukes, and was followed by a poem said by Naomi Russell. The vocal solo, which was third on the program, and sung by June Maslin, was especially enjoyed. Elizabeth Wheatley gave a short talk on the results of the Goldy Spelling Contest, in which she herself participated. Patty Grine followed with a piano solo. The program was concluded with a song by Mary Wessel, June Maslin, Lucille Sides, and Emily Redding.

The home-talent Minstrel show, presented at the auditorium here last Wednesday night, is to be marked down as another successful affair to raise money for the DRAGON. Over 100 people were present netting the good sum of about $25. A number of solos were well sung by the various members of the show with the following being most noted: Lusby Elliott's interpertation of 'Saddle Your Blues to a Wild Mustang,' 'Lights Out' by Bernard Schauber, Erdman Walls singing 'Goody-Goody,' 'Perfect Day' by Hampton Carmine, the popular 'Moon Over Miami,' by Bernard Schauber, the ridiculous lyrics of 'Wah-Hoo' by Jeff Leonard, the talented tap dancing and singing of Price Rolph to 'Rhythm in My Nursery Rhymes,' the dizzy tune of 'The Music Goes Round and Round,' by Francis Mead, the duet of 'Dinner For One Please, James,' by Erdmond Walls and Bernard Schauber, a quartete on 'Old Black Joe,' by Ross Walls, Robinson and Benjamin. Other pieces that were song as choruses were 'No Other One,' 'Eenny Meeny Miney Moe.' 'Beautiful Lady in Blue,' 'The Oregon Trail,' 'I Feel Like a Feather in the Breeze,' and 'But Where Are You?' The end men's places were filled by some of the best of the school's comedians, such as Vannort Simpers as Cold Cream, Francis Mead as Gloogclum, Lawrence Brice as Ajo, and Price Rolph as Cliffy. I am sure that all those present enjoyed the show to a tee, and as for me, I am looking forward to the date of another one.

With the results shown by the Last Easter Dance, to be given by the joint support of the Juniors and Seniors, the outsome of the Junior-Senior Prom is looked upon with some uncertainty. The Easter affair fell through because of the insufficient interest of some members of both classes who failed to bring their quarter in support of the dance. The Junior-Senior Prom will not want to meet the same end. Only by cooperaton of the whole class will it be 'put over.' So Juniors, hurry and bring your fifty cents and make certain the plans for June Week.

The inter-school baseball games have finally gotten to a start among the boys here, and inter-class games are being arranged now. A series of games will be played to determine the champion class of the school. Results will be given to you from week to week.

TELEPHONE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES REVIEWED

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