NOW AND THEN

LIFE SYMPHONY
By B. Y. Williams

"O, Master! I would play the violin!
Pray try me! I am really not unskilled."
The Master with a patient gesture stilled
The ardent voice. "The music must begin.
Seest thou for violins I have no need.
Back to the wood-winds. Take thine own bassoon.
And play thy part."
The strings were all in tune,
The brasses ready. Still the voice did plead:
"O Master, I play only three short bars."
"Thou playest the bassoon well. No more entreat.
Thy three short bars are needed to compete
The music that shall lift men to the stars."
O, Soul, play well the few notes given thee.
The Master needs them for Life's Symphony.

DAILY THANKSGIVING

Charles Kingley was a writer of the last century wrote several novels which are still eagerly read, among them, "Western Ho" and "Hypasia", but he is also remembered for his helpful sugestion, among them a daily thanksgiving.

Be thankful every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breathe in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle never know.—Kingsley.

He also wrote in the autograph album of a beautiful girl, this verse:
Be good fair maid, let those who wish, be clever.
Do noble deds not dream them all day long.

This morning, every one I met said, "What a glorious day,'! and it surely was. The children seemed so bright and happy as they played with their companions, and then my thoughts wandered to a land across the ocean where at this very moment was having a black out, for they are five hours ahead of us in time. It is sad to think of them stumbling in the dark, but I had just read an article, "A City without Children," telling how quiet and spiritless the streets are. He was told of one family who would not let its children be sent away. "We think it is dreadful for them to expose their children to such dangers," said an indinent woman. But when the writer, went to see that family the mother called her two children, one a handsome boy of eight years and a little fair haired girl. "I could not send them away so young, they need a mother care" she sighed. And then she showed him a great hole that her husband had made in the yard, digging way beneath the sod. And if the worst happens, we will all die together."

There were other children who were kept at home, but they all looked sad and lonesome in that city without children—London.

BURBANK'S CONTRIBUTION
San Francisco, Calif.

Luther Burbank once said that he considered his greatest contribution to the world to be the advancement and proof of the great principle that a plant born a weed does not have a remain a weed, or that a plant degenerated by the conditions of nature does not have to remain degenerate.

"Does that not apply to human beings as well?" he was asked.

"Yes," replied the great botanist. "Heretofore, in the plant world, when we have found a dwarfed plant or a weed or a fruit that seemed to have degenerated until it was worthless, we have assumed God meant it to remain so, or it would never have reached that deplorable condition. So we allowed it to remain a useless thing—a down-and-outer—a parasite on plant life, an obnoxious, ill-smelling outcast. But I have enunciated and proved the principle that there is no plant so great an outcast that it cannot with skill and care be reclaimed."

HIS ONLY ENEMY

When Charles E. Hughes, as Governor of New York, was beginning his heroic campaign to secure the passage of his anti-racetrack gambling bills, many of his socalled friends warned him of the violent attacks he would surely be subject to were he to adopt such a course. "The opposition will stop at nothing; they will defame your character; they will ruin you politically."

"Gentlemen," said the Governor, "there is only one man in this world who can harm Charles E. Hughes, and that man is Charles E. Hughes."

ODDS AND ENDS FROM C. H. S.

(Anna R. Logan)

Yes, we are back again with more news from C. H. S.

Activities seem to be going along smoothly. The girls are now playing volley ball and the boys are playing soft ball. 3A and 4C are tied for the first place. The winners will be honored by a victory party, sponsored by the rest of the school. Don't forget to keep the good work up!

Tuesday morning the Junior Class had another class meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss about the Junior Party for Christmas. We decided to have the party, December 19. The Juniors are allowed to bring anybody in school. The following committees were by the president, Jack Nelosn.

Invitation Committee—F. Deringer, Chairman.

Refreshment Committee—E. Lusby, Chairman.

Decoration Committee—E. Wright, Chairman, J. Sutton, J. Barnes, J. Deringer, C. Silcox, A. Logan.

The Senior Bake was held last Saturday. They wish to thank all for their grand cooperation.

The All-Star fieldball and soccer game was played here Tuesday. Kent County played against Queen Anne's County. The girls that played from Chestertown High were: B. Jones, E. Newton, M. Thornton, and T. Crew. The score was 12 to 0 in favor of good old Kent County. The boys that played from Chestertown were: Joseph Sutton, and Charles Crowding. The score was 2 to 0 in favor of Kent County.

The P. T. A. met at the High School Monday night. Dr. Dole reviewed her book, "Maryland's Part in Revolution", which was very interesting. After her speech there was a business meeting.

Goodbye! We will be with you again soon.

Direct Telephone Service Opened Between U. S. And Italy And The Netherlands

New Radiotelephone Circuits Link Bell System With Rome And Amsterdam

New direct overseas radiotelephone circuits have been opened between the United States and Italy and The Netherlands, according to a statement made by The American Telephone and Telegraph Company. While it has been possible for sometime to telephone to Italy and The Netherlands from this country, the calls were routed through nations now at war.

Radiotelephone service with Italy will be handled by The A. T. and T. Company through its short wave radiotelephone stations in New Jersey. The Bell System stations will work with radiotelephone stations of the Italo Radio Company near Rome, connecting there with the telephone network of the Italian Telephone Administration. The rate for a three minute call from telephones in the northeastern United States to those in Italy will be $24.00 on week days and $18.00 after 5 p. m. U. S. time and all day on Sundays.

Conversations with Holland will pass between the Bell System radiotelephone stations in New Jersey and those of the Netherlands Telephone Administration. The rate for a three minute call from telephones in the northeastern United States to Holland telephones will be $22.50 on week days and $16.50 after 5 p. m. U. S. time and all day on Sundays.

New York . . . Nowhere else in the world are public telephones or pay stations as widely used as in the United States. New York state itself has about 115,000 public telephones, more than a sixth of the nearly 600,000 in the nation-wide Bell System. In the C. and P. area there are about 11,900, 5,000 of which are in Washington, 3,500 in Maryland, 2,450 in Virginia and 950 in West Virginia. The number of public telephones in this country is greater than the number of all kinds of telephones in the whole of Italy, or in the entire continent of Australia.

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Stockholm . . . A rapid advance in the number of telephone subscribers during the last three years has been reported in Sweden. During this period approximately 160,000 new telephones have been installed, representing an increase of 25 per cent since the end of 1935. There are now in operation about 780,000 telephones, or roughly 125 per 1,000 inhabitants, against 118 per 1,000 inhabitants at the end of 1937. The major portion of the increase is represented by subscriptions from private individuals, such as farmers, workmen, small business men, etc., rather than by large enterprises.

Distinguished Cross

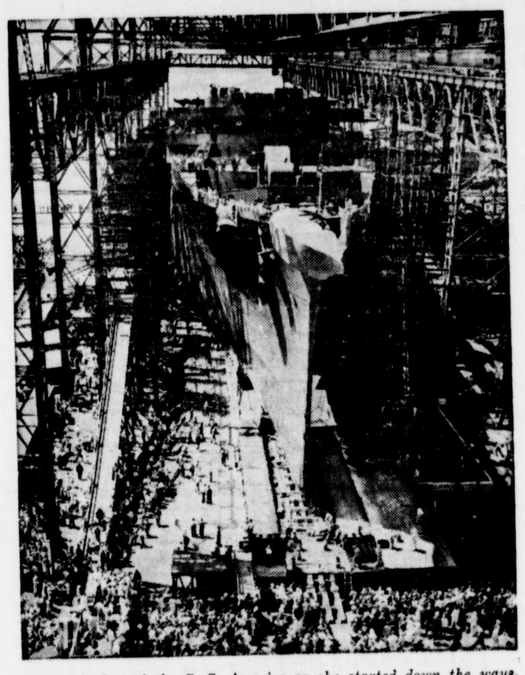
The Distinguished Service Cross is bestowed upon personnel in the military service who distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy. There have been 6,350 awards of this decoration made, including 119 Oak Leaf Clusters. Of this decoration 16 awards were made, including one Oak Leaf Cluster, for heroism performed in the World war.

New Game Refuge

The recent improvement of the enlarged Big Lake migratory bird refuge in Arkansas will considerably aid the migratory bird conservation program along the Mississippi river, says the United States biological survey. Big Lake refuge was originally set aside by executive order of August 2, 1915. Later orders enlarged the refuge until the area reached its present size of 9,379 acres.

PHONE PLAYS IMPORTANT PART IN LAUNCHING OF S. S. AMERICA AT NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

Details of Launching and Broadcast of Ceremonies Handled Via Telephone Circuits



General view of the S. S. America as she started down the ways. The ship was constructed by The Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. When she goes into service next spring flying the house flag of the United States Lines she will be the safest vessel afloat. Among other modern features she is completely equipped for intercommunicating and ship-to-shore telephone service.

When the *S. S. America*, largest merchant vessel ever built in the United States, was launched at Newport News, Va., recently, telephone circuits brought the words of the sponsor, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, to the world by radio, and also were used to control and coordinate the launching activities.

In the "trigger pit" under the huge ship where launching operations were centered, a telephone connected with the private branch exchange of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, the builder of the vessel, kept officials in touch with every step necessary to start the huge ship down the ways to the water.

The new vessel is 730 feet long, weighs 30,000 tons, cost approximately $17,000,000 and will be placed into service next spring by her operators, the United States Lines. She will be equipped, of course, with intercommunicating and ship-to-shore telephone service.

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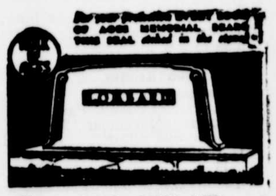
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