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FLORAL FEASTS ORIGIN OF MAY DAY

A crisp green carpet of grass, multitudes of fragrant violets, jonquils, and hyacinths, trees proudly clothed in their new cape of leaves, a sky as blue as that famed Dutch boy's breeches, a serenade of warbling birds, and all the signs of active new life call for a celebration over the outburst of beauty — a May Day celebration. All May Day festivities are direct descendants of the ancient Roman Floralia and the Druidic Feasts honoring the god Baal. Roman paganism left the deepest traces on May Day celebrations in the Anglo-Saxon world. To them, the celebration is not one of sacrifice, but a feast of flowers.

In England several centuries ago, it was still customary for the humble classes to gather, early in the morning, flowers and hawthorne bushes with which they decorated all the doors and windows of the village houses. The hawthorne was named May, and the ceremony of bringing home these flowers was called "bringing home the may". The fairest maid of the village was crowned May Queen. This custom originated from the heathen practice of selecting a living representative of the goddess Flora, whom the Romans worshiped on this day.

In both the past and the present, May Day is a simple, appealing expression of awareness of the beauty in nature.

VIVE LA CONVENTION!

What is a convention? That is a very good question, and a very splendid example might be found in the Phi Theta Kappa convention which convened on the Brevard College campus during the past weekend.

The popular conception of a convention is that it is a highly animated and unnecessary meeting of a lot of noisy, riotous people, who get together for the sole purpose of laughing, talking, eating, and listening to a lot of corny speeches. Fortunately, those of us who have, at some time or another, attended a convention know that it is more than that. An honest-to-goodness convention is a meeting of people with a common bond who work for a common goal. Their primary purpose for coming together is not to have a noisy picnic, but to enjoy fellowship with their fellow workers, to exchange worthwhile ideas, and to learn from those who are qualified to teach them. Perhaps what is most important is that they convene to seek inspiration—to seek motivation to forge ahead in their work, to strengthen their beliefs, and to work harder in achieving their common goal.

It is a comforting and pleasing thought to believe that united student groups, working toward beneficial goals, can save our world; and they can, too. As long as people who believe alike care enough about their principles to meet with each other in an attempt to forward worthwhile purposes for God and mankind, there can be no end for our nation, our world, or our civilization. That's why college students everywhere are shouting "Vive La Convention!"

CHOOSE LEADERS WITH CARE

Next Wednesday we have the student body elections and we will be hearing a great deal about leadership and the importance of being and choosing a leader. How are you the students of Brevard College going to react to this situation? One aspect of leadership that is equally important is that of being a good follower.

The real backbone of any organization is not its leaders altogether, but the individual members. An organization with all leaders would soon fall to pieces and get nowhere. There would be too many chiefs and not enough Indians, so to speak.

With all the excitement of the election, take time out and think that you are one of the many individuals who are going to be followers. Choose your leader wisely.

Chapel Talk On Southern Prejudices

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy spoke in Chapel, Wednesday morning on the topic "The Valley of Decision", an interesting sociological discussion of the South prejudices and problems. Dr. Lovejoy is the National Program Consultant of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, an organization dedicated to understanding and cooperation between various branches of Protestantism, Catholicism, and Judaism.

Following graduation with honors from the University of Florida, Dr. Lovejoy received his Ph. D. in Sociology from the University of North Carolina, where his study for his dissertation involved a research among 40,000 North Carolina youth regarding "Paths to Maturity."

In addition to his work with the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Dr. Lovejoy has taught at Guilford College since 1951, and has served as Visiting Professor of Sociology in the summer sessions at the University of Kentucky and at East Carolina College.

College Cooperation Splendid During National Convention

Brevard College students, faculty and administration are to be commended for their cooperation during the national Phi Theta Kappa Convention held here April 17-19. The faculty and administration provided transportation for delegates from the Asheville and Greenville airports. Professor Nelson Adams gave much time preparing a program of music for the opening night, the banquet, and the dance. Special recognition should also go to Dean Berry, who helped with the decorations for the dance and teas. It is impossible to cite everything that the faculty and administration did to make the convention a success.

The cooperation of the students on campus in welcoming the delegates was extraordinarily good as a whole. Many visitors commented on the friendly atmosphere and the hospitality of the students.

The students, faculty, and administration are to be thanked for their part in making the Phi Theta Kappa Convention a success.

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cluding a sofa bed, a compact kitchen, bath, play pen for the baby wardrobe. The back vehicle is a custom trailer carrying two specially matched grand pianos, valued at \$15,000. These instruments were presented to Nelson and Neal by the Baldwin Piano Company in recognition of their outstanding professional achievements and are used in all their concerts. "Wave As You Pass!" is splashed across the back of their trailer. This cheery slogan achieved national prominence when the Ladies Home Journal used it as the title for their life story on Nelson and Neal in its January 1956 issue.

Dean's List

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Mullis, Katie Passmore, Clara Pruet, Frank Reed, Mary Allyn Reynolds, Norma Rogers, John Van Horn, Carl Walker, Elizabeth Whisenant, Harold Wilson, and Carolyn Wright.

Campus Chatter

BY EDDIE WEST

I'm glad everybody seems full of joy after the recent spring holidays. Spring sure is "busting out all over" as witnessed by the birds, flowers, more homework, preparing for final exams, the approaching graduation, and the appearance of more crinolines around the campus. Everyone should be gay with the thought that there are only four more weeks of school plus exam week. The time has come to "pour on the steam" and get those grades up.

RICHARD STARNES

ROBERT PARROT

AUDREY HONEYCUTT

May Day festivities are upon us and everyone is preparing for a great time. Her Highness, Judy Elkin, along with her court will reign over the occasion. Dancing will highlight the program and good weather is forecast. Truly this will be a gay time because it will be the last time that all the "ole gang" can get together for a final reunion. Friends that have been made here will go their ways — some never to be seen again. Let's all work together to make this the best May Day ever.

May Day Festivities

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they are definitely inclined toward "the slower, smooth type with an occasional jump beat."

"The Cavaliers" have played for dances at colleges, private parties, and a New Year's Eve dance at the Camp Lejeune Marine base. They are considering taking a small group on a boat to the Caribbean this summer, and are booked ahead for numerous dances.

The dance will be sponsored by the Veteran's Club, and the theme will be "Things to Remember".

Speakers Named For Commencement

Dr. Henry A. Sprinkle, Jr., from New York City, New York will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon for graduation. This able minister has close ties with Brevard College, for he is a member of the board of trustees. Dr. Sprinkle obtained his A. B. and A. M. at Duke University and his B. D. and Ph. D. at Yale. As well as a clergyman, Dr. Sprinkle is associate editor of "World Outlook" and the assistant secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension on the Methodist Church.

The speaker for the graduation exercises is Mr. Leslie S. Grogan, Manager of the DuPont Silicon Plant. Mr. Grogan is a native of New Jersey. He attended Washington College, Chestertown, Md., and was graduated with a B. S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland. Among the responsible and interesting posts Mr. Grogan has held with Dupont De Nemours & Co., have been those in the Construction Division of the Engineering Department, with Government Ordinance at the Hanford Engineering works — involving developments in atomic energy — during World War II, the Sabine River Works, Orange Texas, and the Edge Moor Plant, Wilmington, Delaware.

Mr. Grogan moved with his family to Brevard from Wilmington, Delaware. The Grogans have two young daughters who attend school in Brevard.