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Mrs. Mellinger Henry

Communion was observed in morning worship hour in the Chapel on last Sunday. The Rev. John R. ...

... and were on their way to Richmond for a short stay before coming to Montreat for the summer. They were guests of Mrs. Harper in the Assembly Inn.

Miss Victoria Samburg spent her vacation in Richmond, Va. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl King. Mrs. King was Virginia Wood who graduated from Montreat College in '49. She is a registered nurse and is working in a hospital while her husband is a student in Union Seminary. They are preparing to go as missionaries to the foreign fields.

Miss Mary Wells McNeill spent her vacation in Norfolk, Va., visiting her brother there.

Miss Elizabeth Hoyt has returned from Maryville, Tenn., where she went for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bryan of New Jersey and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jones of Tennessee, were the guests of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, in the Assembly Inn. Mrs. Bryan is a teacher in the Montreat School for Girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Townsend are in New York City for a short vacation.

Dr. Geza Soos is speaking in Davidson for the Spiritual Emphasis week. He began his services on Sunday night and continued through the week. On Monday he was in Charlotte.

Clayton Bell is home for the spring vacation from his studies in Wheaton college. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Alexander of Asheville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Peggy Ann, to B. Clayton Bell, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. Nelson Bell. Plans for the wedding will be completed after Clayton's graduation.

Humphry Armistead, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Armistead, was home for his vacation. Nancy Armistead was home for the holidays from her studies in Queens college in Charlotte.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Roberts of Danville, Va., spent last week in their cottage "Happy Hut" on Virginia road. He, Dr. Roberts, is the minister of the Presbyterian church in Danville.

The Rev. and Mrs. John C. Neville, minister of the Presbyterian church in Andrews, spent a few days last week in their cottage on Louisiana road.

Dr. Billy Graham is spending a few days this week in his home on Assembly drive. He will begin an evangelistic campaign in St. Louis next Sunday.

Miss Maria Spence is recovering from a slight injury, in Memorial Mission hospital. She is expected home in a few days.

The Black Mountain Woman's club met in the home of Mrs. William Styles, "Rangoon Lodge," on Wednesday, April 8. Everything was beautiful in the budding of dogwood and other spring bushes and trees.

The president, Miss Elizabeth Hoyt, presided over the business session and introduced the speakers of the day. Helen Rensch, a German student in Montreat College told of her experience in Berlin under the iron rule of the Nazis and later under the cruel rule of the Communists. She is hoping to become a good American citizen. Mrs. Geza Soos told of present-day Hungary under the Communists' domination. She contrasted the beautiful city of Budapest in

Black Mountain High School
AS WE SEE OURSELVES

By Ann Sawyer

We see ourselves this week as a somewhat tired group of students, especially those who attended the convention of the Beta Club in Asheville this past week-end. Since this was such a big event, most of our news will be of the details of the convention.

Before I begin that however, may I say that our intramurals are drawing to a close, and I'll give you complete details next week. The cheerleaders and Miss Saunders are the teams of competition now, and the results should be close. However Miss Saunders did lose to the Cheerleaders once before.

Our baseball team seems to be doing some fine playing in their over Sand Hill and Oakley. Come on out and watch!!!! The season is getting into full swing.

Other anticipated events are to be the Fashion Show in Asheville of Home Economics girls, and the band concert, April 24th. The Grammar school, Friday, and was well received. Make plans now to attend their concert!!!

Amidst the flowing papers, huge pictures and posters, banners, yells, and songs of the convention candidates, several of the Beta Club members in our school joined in the excitement of the 1953 Beta convention held in Asheville April 10 and 11.

This convention was the largest ever held, and may I say also, one of the best. Some 2,500 delegates of the Beta club attended the two-day affair, enjoying the fellowship and friendliness of other Betas. These state conventions are not held for the entire purpose of business meetings, as the other activities add to the pomp of the occasion, and therefore in taking full part in all of the things offered, one may receive a well-rounded program of worthiness.

Our main projects for this convention were the running of John Corkran for state Beta president, and to present a skit during the talent night. Much time and effort went into planning these projects, and because of the enthusiasm of Mrs. Perley, sponsor, these efforts were put into bloom and produced beautiful blossoms of success.

John ran a very successful race for president and came in second in the election. He certainly possessed the qualities for state president, and displayed them equally well by showing that to be a good leader, one must be the best follower. Our candidate was backed wholeheartedly by the entire club, and responded willingly to the many types of campaigning which were directed to him. Of course we made posters and tags to pin on people and in the buildings and we even had five beautiful almost life sized, pictures made of John, but the yells and songs were the most fun. We composed new words to the tune of the "Black Smith Blues," and sang them in rhythm to the new dance, "Bunny Hop." This was done in front of the auditorium and on the inside. The words were:

"Up in old Black Mountain
We have a boy named CORKRAN.
He's tall and he's handsome
And he's your number one MAN.
To you he's a friend true,
As leader he will please you,
So cast your vote and take this hint:
MAKE CORKRAN YOUR STATE PRESIDENT!!!"

The "Bunny Hop" is a congo line type dance, so you can see what fun we had in doing all this for John. Although Dickie Newsome of Ahsokie was elected president, we still think that John was the best bet, and we all found it great pleasure to work with him in his campaign.

Our skit, "Come On Down South," was first on the program for talent night, and we were all very happy and proud that we could boast the \$30 third prize. Again may I praise Mrs. Perley for her grand work with the club. By her showing interest in the success of the skit, and the high hopes that she had in its winning, she enabled each one of the participants to put forth the best which he had and to work to please her. Then the members were to be congratulated for the fine display of old colonial days which they showed in dancing and singing the early days before the war to the sad and dejected city of today under the Communists. Before was joy and happiness, now only sadness and sorrow. No one ever smiles anymore, and there are many suicides each day.

The hostesses with Mrs. William Styles, chairman, served delightful refreshments.

added something to the program. I will go back now to give you the details of the convention as they happened, in order. Friday we registered and attended a get acquainted party given by Robertsonville. The first general session began at 7:00 p. m. in the auditorium with president Dan Clark, presiding.

Following the invocation given by Bessemer City, the welcomes were given to the Betas by: Dan Clark, state president; Mr. R. A. Tomberlin, assistant superintendent of Buncombe County; Mr. J. W. Byers, superintendent of Asheville City schools; Honorable Earl W. Eller, mayor of Asheville; and Miss Hannah Lietner, convention hostess. The response was given by Miss Marjorie Fisher of Rockwell.

Following announcements the talent show and campaign speeches were given, then the session was adjourned.

Saturday morning at 8:00, the complimentary breakfast for officials and sponsors was given in the Battery Park hotel. The second session began at 9:30 with vice-president, Randy Johnston, presiding. Woodfin presented an exceptionally nice forum discussion. It consisted of talks centered around "Beta Builds for the Future," and songs, pertaining to the various points in the talks, were sung by the group. Reports of the National Office were given and prizes were awarded for the talent contest.

Following announcements, we adjourned to various groups according to positions in the club. In the activities group, John Corkran gave a report of the functions of our Beta club. He brought out our meetings and covered dishes; the candle-light invitation service; the hand-book for all students in school; the Christmas activities, dime board; needy families; school party, and P. T. A. play; money-raising projects of bake sales, dances, and card sales, which have helped us to defray the expense of our \$5 registration fee by \$2.50 for each member attending the convention; this column in our town paper; and we have had the president of the County Beta club of 1953 and the secretary and treasurer for 1954 to come from our club. They were David Corkran, Judy Capps, and Joyce Justus, respectively. Then of course this year we had the skit and ran John Corkran for president. Our club does many other activities in the school and for the community, and these were the most outstanding.

At the third session Ann McIntosh, state secretary presided over the business meeting of reports; presentation of merits; contributions to the Educational Fund, of which we gave \$20; and the election of officers. The new officers were Dickie Newsome of Ahsokie, president; and Juanita Wood of Startown, secretary. Messages of condolence were also sent concerning the tragic death of two Betas and a mother, who were killed in a traffic accident while coming to the convention. The accident on the Laurinburg highway was a head-on crash of a drunken driver and it involved four deaths, and several other students, who were in three cars, injured.

Many of us had to rush in order to get dressed and back in time for the banquet at 6:00 in the auditorium, but we arrived sooner or later. The meal was delicious: tomato juice, crisp green salad, 1/2 chicken, potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter, milk and apple pie.

Following the invocation by Geraldine James of Highlands, the meal was eaten, then the toasts to the girls, boys, and sponsors were given. David Corkran, of our club, gave the latter, and his words were sincere and very well spoken. Mrs. R. P. Martin of Ahsokie gave the response in a clever verse style, and was followed by the recognition of the alumni by Bill McElrath of Woodfin and W. T. C., and also last year's state president.

The installation of new officers by the old officers came next with Dr. Marshall W. Brown, president of Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., as guest speaker. Dr. Brown spoke of the unlimited opportunities which the youth may find in the South, and that you don't have to leave the South to answer another door of opportunity. "In the past the South's chief exports were its brains and its talent," declared the educator.

The annual Beta ball closed the 1953 Beta State convention held in Asheville, and it was rather sad to see so many of our new friends leave. But many of them will be back to the 1954 convention which, fortunately, is to be held in Asheville.

Each of us who went received much more than a few headaches and hurting feet, however, and I'm sure that we benefited more than we ever anticipated.

Those who attended this year's convention were: Betty Austin, Peggy Williams, Patty Tyson, Scotty Gragg, Joyce Justus, Sara Martin, Thelma Payne, Celeste McCall, Ann Sawyer, Madge Wilhide, Anne Marie Molloy, Shirley Mull, Dot Taylor, Eva Smith, Yvonne Nanney, Dale Wrenn, Eleanor Justus, Barbara Nesbitt, Judy Capps, Nancy Dougherty, Steve Kaplan, John Corkran, David Corkran, William Perry, John Williams, and Jimmy Penland, who substituted for William Price.

—Many farmers change their acreage plans after studying the March prospective planting report.

S.A.M. To Hear A. H. Keally On Soviet Russia

Allen H. Keally, head of the department of industrial and administrative management at the University of Tennessee, will discuss "Industrial Management in Soviet Russia" before the Asheville Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management, Thursday night, April 16, at the George Vanderbilt hotel. He will follow a dinner for members and their guests at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Keally will base his discussion on a contrast between the structure of Russian industry and the American economy, where production decisions are made as a result of free consumer decisions in the market as compared with the Russian system, based on rigid state control of planning, prices, labor and output.

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