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Schild-Sheffer Report on Symposium

"Man's Loyalties and the American Ideal" was the theme of the Second Annual Symposium of the State University of New York held at Rochester, April 6 and 7. A social gathering at the Sheridan Hotel for all student representatives of each unit of the State University was the opening event of the weekend conclave.

The opening session was held at the Eastman Theatre, Friday evening. The program opened with selections by the Eastman School Senior Symphony Orchestra. Introductory remarks for the evening were made by Samuel B. Dicker, Mayor of Rochester, and Alvin C. Eurich, president of State University of New York, responded to the welcome.

The addresses for the evening were made by Henry Steele Commager, professor of History, Columbia University, and Clark Eichelberger, World Federation United Nations Associations. The audience was disappointed that Ralph Bunche, director United Nations trusteeship and Nobel prize, 1950, scheduled to speak was unable to do so due to illness. The program was also marred by the absence of the late Edmund E. Day, president of Cornell University.

"Political and Economic Issues" was the topic panel for discussion on Saturday morning at the Chamber of Commerce. The highlight of the session was an address by United States Senator from Oregon, Wayne Morse, who discussed the conditions of our country as a whole, and who emphasized that we should not give unlimited powers to either the military or the executive branches of our government. Also of great interest were the remarks of Boris Shishkin, economist—A F of L and former Chief of the Labor office of E. C. A., Paris, France, who made neutralizing remarks of Senator Morse's speech.

Following a luncheon at the Hotel Seneca, a panel discussion was held at the Eastman Theatre. Topic of the panel was, "General Education for a World in Conflict." Many points were brought out, both pro and con, about the "watering" of courses with subjects not related and information concerning a cross section of 123 Colleges to get a general study of education in the U. S.

The final session, Saturday evening at the Eastman Theatre, presided over by Alvin C. Eurich, opened with selections by the Men's Chorus, State Teachers College, Fredonia.

Climax of the evening was an address by Charles Malik, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Lebanon to the U. N.



Coach Smith gives out athletic awards

Dairy Industry Banquet

The plans for the annual Dairy Plant Managers and Technicians Banquet to be held on May 9 at the D. A. have been completed and now the D. I. boys are just waiting for the big day.

This year the Dairy Industry Club is holding the banquet together with the Catskill Mountain Dairy Association. They plan to have over one hundred attend the banquet with dairymen from Buffalo to New York.

The plans for the evening are as follows: The banquet will be served at 7:00 o'clock. Mr. C. W. Weber, Associate Milk Sanitarian from New York City, will give a talk on Dairy Sanitation. Following his address, a panel of experienced dairymen will be formed and they will answer any questions from the audience.

The price of the banquet is \$2, tips included. Everyone is invited to attend, as it will be of interest to everyone in the Agricultural field. We guarantee that everyone will have a good time.

Rural Radio Sec. To Speak

R. B. Child of Ithaca will be the guest speaker at the General Assembly on May 1. Mr. Child is the Field Secretary for the Rural Radio Foundation.

In the absence of Charles Wilson, Director, office of Defense Mobilization, three speakers gave a "Composite Citizen's View of the U. S."

A copy of the proceedings of the symposium will be placed in the library to be at the disposal of the student body.

We the undersigned sincerely wish to thank the Student Council and faculty for the pleasure and honor of representing Delhi Ag. & Tech. at the symposium.

Leonard E. Sheffer,
Fred A. Schild, Jr.

Will Tell of Travels

Miss Josie E. Willis of Hornell, New York, will give an illustrated talk on "Life in the Near East," Tuesday, April 24, at the Home Economics and Secretarial Assembly.

Miss Willis is a member of the Social Studies and Adult Education faculties in the Hornell Public Schools, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Keuka College.

Miss Willis has traveled extensively throughout the world. In 1947, she toured Northern Europe; in 1948, she visited Latin America. During the summer of 1949 the speaker took a tour around the world along the route of Pan American World Airways.

This past summer, Miss Willis toured Syria, Lebanon, and Hoshemite Kingdom of the Jordan. She has brought back with her exhibits of handiwork and kodachrome slides from her trip of the Near East.

Senior Dance

The Senior Class is well underway with the plans for "The Dance of the Year," to be held on May 19.

This is, of course, the Senior Prom. The music is being furnished by Art Wescott and his Orchestra. The dance will be held in our gym.

Everyone is invited to attend and from the way it looks now, it will really be the biggest dance of the year.

Helen Elphee, Wave, Delhi Graduate

Miss Helen Elphee of Albany, daughter of Mrs. Howard Pedrick of 102 East State Street, left Monday for New York City, where she will be sworn in as a WAVE recruit in the USN station. She will receive her basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station, Illinois.

Miss Elphee is a graduate of the Mayfield Central School, class of

Director Smith has been notified by Dr. Laurence L. Jarvie, executive dean of technical institutes and community colleges, that the Institute at Delhi has been certified to grant the degree of Associate in Applied Science at graduation, June 9.

Seniors being graduated from junior college level units of the State University in curriculums which have been accredited will receive the A. in A. S. degree from the State University.

To be accredited, detailed courses of study for every subject in every curriculum were submitted to Albany for study and evaluation. Then the Institutes were surveyed by committees on accreditation to judge how effectively objectives were being met.

Awarding of this degree, authorized by the New York State Board of Regents, marks a progressive step forward and achieves a goal of long standing for the Institutes.

These will be the first degrees ever granted to graduates of these Institutes; up to now graduates have received certificates of proficiency.

The degree, Associate in Applied Science, may be awarded to students who have completed satisfactorily registered courses of study that are at least two years in length and less than four years in length.

People receiving these degrees will be able to get more hours of credit in a four-year college than was possible before. This will help those who wish to graduate from Delhi and go on for advanced training.

Folklore Contest

The New York Folklore Society announces an award this year of \$50 to the college or graduate student who, in the judgment of the committee on awards, submits the best manuscript dealing with any phase of New York State Folklore.

The prize will be presented at the annual meeting of the Society on September 8, 1951, at Cooperstown.

The chosen manuscript will be read at the same meeting of the Society and it may subsequently be published in the New York Folklore Quarterly.

The award will be based on the author's ability to discover new material, the interest and significance of the subject and skilled presentation.

Manuscripts should be sent to Louis C. Jones, New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, New York, before July 1, 1951.

How about it? You might be the lucky winner!

'47, and the New York State College in Delhi, class of '50, where she majored in secretarial science.

She has been employed as a typist in the Montgomery Ward store at Menands.

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EDITORIAL

Again Spring is rolling around and many of us are now planning on what we will do when we graduate from Delhi this June. Some of us have jobs lined up and others have been lined up for jobs with good old Uncle Sam.

Even though the future may look sort of dim to us at the present it is best that we do a little planning and hope for the best. Many of us plan to continue our education in some other college or university. At the present Uncle Sam has a plan that will enable a large share of college students to continue their education if they can manage to pass the test they are planning to give this summer. They figure that the only ones that will fail to pass them will be the students that would normally flunk out because of their marks.

If this is true, it will pay us all to stay in school and keep our marks up. Even though they will draft us when we do graduate we will have a better chance of advancement than if we did not have any technical training or any college degree.

Many of us dread going into the armed forces but there is not much we can do about it. We will have to make the best of it and hope that everything cleans up soon.

Dear Madam Suggestion Chorus

I have a problem. I don't have much time to eat, but I can swallow liquids very quickly. Therefore, I have taken to drinking my meals. I enjoy soup, etc. . . . Now my trouble is—every night when I'm studying, I am suddenly disturbed by a parade of elephants who are dressed in pink gowns and wear crowns of colored stars. I really enjoy the parade, but I find it hard to concentrate on my homework. The result is that I join the parade, ride on the second elephant, and have a good time. The next morning, when my room stops revolving, I get up and slowly find my way to school. Because I haven't prepared my work—I get into trouble. Please tell me how I can get these nice elephants to stop disturbing me without hurting their feelings.

The "Gobbler."

Dear "Gobbler":

Your problem is typical among the Construction and Ag students of your school. First, I wish to suggest that you forget your liquid diet and return to solid foods. If this is done, I'm sure your pink elephants will return to their normal status and your homework will be easier to complete.

Why not sample some of the delicious food offered in your school's cafeteria?

On Tuesday, April 8, the Chorus of Delhi Ag. & Tech. Inst. held an assembly in the gym.

The following selections were sung:

When Day is Done—entire chorus.
Desert Song—solo by Eunice South.

By the Light of the Silvery Moon—A quartet took part in this song, consisting of: Jack Banfield, Dick Avery, Don Wight, and Jim Schirel. These boys were accompanied by Mr. Clark, who played the guitar.
Come to the Fair—entire chorus.
Homing—entire chorus.

After the chorus finished their selections, there was group singing for the remainder of the assembly period.

I am sure that everyone appreciated the fine assembly that was put on by these people. Special recognition goes to Mrs. Denny Stam, the director; Mrs. Don Wight, the accompanist; the soloists, and to Mr. Clark and his fine guitar playing.

The Chorus is now practicing for graduation which is quite near!

A writer claims that "cold cash" is so-called because few of us can keep it long enough to warm it up.

"Study or Fight" And How!

According to the **U. S. News and World Report**, boys that are interested in going to, or staying in college, have the opportunity to do so if they do either of two things:

The first chance for deferment is that he must be rated by his teachers in the upper half of his class if he is a freshman; the upper two-thirds, if a sophomore; and the upper three-fourths, if a junior.

The second chance for deferment is to score at least 70 per cent on a special examination. Unfortunately, the test is not a snap. The experts say that more than half of the nation's high school seniors would flunk it. They say, among the general public, 84 per cent would score under 70. In order to score a 70 or better on the examination, an I. Q. of about 120 will be needed. The chances of a student in the lower half of his class to pass it are mighty slim.

A college freshman is advised to take the aptitude test this spring. A score of 70 or better will qualify him for deferment even if he ranks low in his class. A score of 69 or lower will not disqualify him for deferment if he remains in the upper half of his class.

The college sophomore is also advised to take the test. A high score will make him eligible for deferment regardless of his class standing; a low score will not disqualify him if he stays in the upper two-thirds of his class. He can take the test and wait for its results even though he already has a notice of induction.

The winners of deferment, saved to begin another school year, will get a new classification: 2-A(s). At present, students are 2-A if deferred, or 1-A-P if they have been ordered up for induction with only a postponement to the end of the current school year.

Students in 1-A-P presumably were to be grabbed the day that school ends. Under the new rules, a special memorandum will go to the local boards telling them not to take 1-A-P students until their test scores and class standings have been reported.

General Hershey said that at the moment, the Army does need men. It is drafting 40,000 in April; there are more than 800,000 able-bodied 1-A's in the stockpile, not counting any of the 570,000 college youths now deferred till June.

All in all, the chances look pretty good to the students that stay in school, especially for those who are in the upper part of their class, or who get a 70 or better in their aptitude test.

Our Hero

Wayne Reuther, a freshman Ag. student, has been awarded the Gold Honor Medal for Life Saving, which is the highest award given by the Boy Scouts of America. The National Court of Honor presented the award to Reuther in recognition of his gallant conduct in rescuing a drowning victim June 3, 1950.

"What is a Boy?"

Between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood we find a delightful creature called a boy. Boys come in assorted sizes, weights, and colors, but all boys have the same creed: To enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day and to protest with noise (their only weapon) when their last minute is finished and the adult males pack them off to bed at night.

Boys are found everywhere—on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Beauty with a cut on its finger, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair, and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

When you are busy, a boy is an inconsiderate, bothersome, intruding jangle of noise. When you want him to make a good impression, his brain turns to jelly or else he becomes a savage, sadistic jungle creature bent on destroying the world and himself with it.

A boy is a composite—he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket-size atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a fire cracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, woods, water (in its natural habitat), large animals, Dad, trains, Saturday mornings, and fire engines. He is not much for Sunday School, company, schools, books without pictures, music lessons, neckties, barbers, girls, overcoats, adults, or bedtime.

Nobody else is so early to rise, or so late to supper. Nobody else gets so much fun out of trees, dogs and breezes. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a rusty knife, a half-eaten apple, three feet of string, an empty Bull Durham sack, two gum drops, six cents, a slingshot, a chunk of unknown substance, and a genuine supersonic code ring with a secret compartment.

A boy is a magical creature—you can lock him out of your workshop, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up—he is your captor, your jailer, your boss, and your master—a freckled-face, pint-sized, cat-chasing bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with the two magic words—"Hi Dad!"—Reprinted by special permission of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Recently while fishing F. G. managed after quite a fight to land one "rabbit."

Where is your hunting license, Frank?

She's Got Rhythm

Miss Green came to Delhi this last fall and has worked in the cafeteria as assistant cafeteria supervisor.

Harriet was born and raised in Adam Center, New York, which is located up toward the Thousand Islands. She completed her high school education there; and furthered her education by going to Morrisville A. & T. for two years, majoring in dietetics.

Sometime in our lives, we all believe that the Service offers excitement and a change of scenery. Harriet followed her interest and joined the WACS for ten months. She was stationed in Georgia, Texas, and in Massachusetts. She said, "It's a wonderful life!"

When she returned to civilian life, she went back to her Alma Mater at Morrisville where she worked as a house mother at a large girls' dorm. We can imagine the fun the girls had because Miss Green likes lots of it!

Miss Green likes young people and enjoys working with them. Her other likes are cooking and traveling.

We all enjoy Miss Green's piano playing, which she does for a hobby. We will miss her music when she leaves. That will not be far from now because she plans to leave this June.

This summer she is going to work as a cook for the Madison County Scout Camp. We know the boys will enjoy her music and good humor.

This coming fall she has wedding plans. Who's the lucky fellow? George Fitzgibbon. Harriet plans to continue working after she marries.

That is her life, full, adventurous and exciting. We hope it will continue to be as full and we, her Delhi friends and students, wish her luck and happiness.

Bread Crumbs

Girls in the Home Ec. Department are busy looking for positions. Some of the seniors have been very successful. Rosemary Davison plans to be a dietitian at Hudson River State Hospital; Ruth Gustafson has secured a position in the diet kitchen of St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh; Miriam Hellerud is to work in a Girl Scout Camp in Wingdale, and Carol Field is returning to Ye Old Mill, Rockwell Mills, where she worked last summer. The junior girls are writing letters and gathering information on their prospective jobs.

Now that house practice is over, the juniors are starting their individual meals in Foods Lab. Beware boys—you may be asked!

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Student Profile

When considering a student to interview this month, we tried to choose a student who we think has given much of his time in helping the school and students. It wasn't hard to find such a person. Dick Allison was unanimously chosen.

Dick was born in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Bermuda where he lived for ten years and received most of his education. He moved back to the States before finishing high school and was graduated from Glen Cove High School on Long Island.

In 1942, Dick joined the Marines and was stationed in such places as: Samoa, China, Australia, and New Zealand. He saw combat duty on Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. He was discharged in 1946.

After being discharged, he decided to continue with his education. He took a Hotel Administration course at Cornell University during the summer.

Dick is an Ag senior and majoring in Agricultural Business. He is very active in a number of school clubs. Dick is a member of Theta Gamma, vice-president of the Outdoor Club, president of the Photography Club, and a member of the Fidelitas staff. On the yearbook staff he was in charge of all the photography which was a big job, and we're all sure he did a very good job.

Dick's future plans are in Agricultural Business and Merchandising. With his patience, ability to get ahead, and his friendly attitude, we know he will be successful in his work. GOOD LUCK!! from everyone here at Delhi A. & T.

Faculty Honors Miss Davis

The faculty and staff entertained in honor of Miss Effie B. Davis on Friday night at the Home Ec. house. Miss Davis, who has been at the Institute since November 1, 1923, retired on April 1. She was presented with a purse of money. Members of the Home Economics and Secretarial faculty were hostesses.

1952 has lost another candidate. The former Glenna Mason is now Mrs. Lloyd James. Good luck!

The final senior demonstration was given Thursday April 19, at 1:55 by Ruth Gustafson and Catherine Voshardt.

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The Road to Success

Not too far off in the future we will find ourselves working in various fields, places, and environments. We all seek success and we must realize that in order to obtain it, certain efforts must be put forth by us.

We should attempt to make a habit of every correct practice. Sooner or later they will all come under the caption—"efficiency." We should strive to conquer the habits of: being punctual, cooperating, checking our work in order to avoid mistakes, being consistent, being quiet (to a certain extent), and of being neat, clean, and well-groomed.

Avoid errors wherever possible by expecting them. Be ready for them. Remember to "think—then—act!" Think over the working out of all instructions before executing them. Don't just automatically follow instructions—know first what you are doing.

Monotony can be easily avoided if interest is a partner to your work. Attach importance to every task to be done.

Accuracy and interest averages should be kept high. Correct everything and be willing to admit, correct, and "own-up" to a mistake.

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Remember that "carelessness" is the chief cause of the words—"YOU'RE FIRED!!"

Naturally, we all hope to "hold" our jobs, but if, for some reason, we are dismissed from our work—we should not "give up." Remember always that some of the best people have been fired. Instead of being a horrible, shameful, terrible feature in our life—it might be a start toward more satisfactory employment and thus, **success!**

Always remember that it is good to be sure, but not too sure about anything. It is not hard to be wrong and we must work hard to be right.

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Calendar of Coming Events

- April 23—Theta Gamma Banquet.
April 24—Fidelitas Meeting, 6:30.
April 25—Oracle Meeting.
April 28—Home Economics, Secretarial Assembly.
April 28—Builders' Ball.
April 30—Baseball, Oneonta Teachers, Home, at 4:00.
May 1—General Assembly.
May 3—Baseball, Cobleskill Aggies, Away, at 4:00.
May 5—Little Dairy Show.
May 5—Alumni Dance and Banquet.
May 8—Home Economics Assembly.
May 9—Oracle Meeting.
May 9—Dairy Industry Banquet.
May 10—Baseball, Albany Business College, Home, 3:00.
May 12—Baseball, Morrisville State Tech, Home, 3:00.
May 15—Building Construction Assembly.
May 15—Baseball, Morrisville State Tech, Away, 3:30.
May 16—Oracle Meeting, 4:30.
May 18—Baseball, Cobleskill Aggies, Home, 4:00.
May 19—Senior Dance, Semi-formal.
May 22—Agricultural Assembly.
May 22—Baseball, Binghamton State Tech, Away, 4:00.
May 23—Oracle Meeting.
May 26—Baseball, Oneonta Teachers, Away, 1:00.
May 29—Baseball, Binghamton State Tech, Home, 4:00.
June 1—Baseball, Albany Business College, Away, 3:00.

Paper Exchange

Stephen Life Report's — **Radio Classes Hear Hollywood Guest Speaker.** Miss Dorothy Falls of the Guest Relations department of the American Broadcasting Company of Hollywood was a guest of the radio classes. Miss Falls discussed problems of TV and disclosed methods of entering the profession.

The reason for her interest is that between the TV lots of Hollywood and New York there is no grand-scale to be found, and she believes that some such arrangements will be made in time.

She explained that no one understands the completeness of TV although it is practically as old as the automobile or the radio. It had a relatively slow growth, but has been able to leap ahead in recent years. Some of the industrial difficulties she mentioned were those of money, when and from where it was coming; time, when rehearsals could be held; lack of story material, there must not be too much change of scenery but still plenty of action and casting, the actor must physically resemble the character, be able to make quick studies be able to act with little direction and must have presence of mind.

The future of television is unlimited, Miss Falls said, but it is essentially a man's industry. There are jobs open in television, such as a secretary. Requirements for a position, are a college education and a neat personal appearance.

Secretarial News

Hi everybody!!!

In spring a young secretarial student's fancy fondly turns to thoughts of 4:20 in the afternoon. What difference if it's spring or not—they've been doing it all year.

We helped Barb Stuttle celebrate her birthday on April 17. Happy Birthday, Barb.

Did you happen to see a bunch of good-looking gals in Oneonta on the night of April 3? Gerry, Barb, Rosie, Joan, and Peg were painting the town red. Did you finally get that car parked, Gerry?

Gus went to Albany on April 17, 18, and 19 to take a bookkeeping course for the Willys company—training for a future job.

What's Rosie all starry-eyed about lately? Could it be that a certain someone is home on furlough???

Alice looks happy, too—she's expecting "male" over the week-end.

Ev and Carrie were in New York over the extra-long week-end. They had a good time, too—so I heard. Yes, the big city is still all in one piece—but what about the gals???

Well, I've just about run out of news so, as the wash-woman brings her line to a close, I'll bring my line to a close.

So-long!!!

Questions and Answers

Question:—What are your plans for the summer?

Connie Vermey.—Cook at a small camp in New Jersey.

Ceola Miller.—Work in Middletown and do home cooking.

Dick Avery.—Building Construction.

Marion Bloom.—To find work in the Agricultural field in the vicinity of Delhi or Ithaca. I also plan to be married soon.

Tony LaPorte.—Swimming Pool Operator (watching the bathing beauties!)

Pat Murphy.—Model for Campbell's Soups, Inc. (the short, fat cans!)

Gladys Mangs.—Assistant cook at a girls' camp.

Betty Jean Howes.—Assistant Cook at Sidney in a State Troopers' Barracks.

Henry Siers.—Do farm work in Orange County.

Jeanne Masker.—To set the style for all D. C. girls from here on in. A Bleach Expert!

Jim Skelly.—Drafted, what else?

Issy Johnston.—Join the service.

Bruce Atkins.—Work on a farm in Johnsonville.

Marcia James.—To work in the Delaware Social Welfare Department located in Delhi.

Gloria Strong.—I think I am old enough to retire and might as well start this summer.

Frank Roefaro.—Fly a helicopter from Utica to Tuxedo.

Miriam Hellerud.—Work in a girls' camp near Poughkeepsie as an assistant dietitian.

Ruth Launder.—Work in the office of the Sandy Hill Iron & Brass Works in Hudson Falls.

Gerry Knak.—I hope to find work in the office of the G. E. plant located in Syracuse.