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SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST THE TWENTY-FOURTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX
TEN O'CLOCK
KEITH-ALBEE THEATRE

"Alma Mater"

Marshall Gracious Alma Mater,
We thy name revere:
May each noble son and daughter
Cherish thine honor dear.
May thy lamp be ever bright,
Guiding us to truth and light;
As a beacon o'er dark water
This is for thee our prayer.

May the years be kind to Marshall;
May she grow in fame;
May her children fail her never,
True to her beacon flame.
May her spirit brave and strong
Honor right and conquer wrong;
This the burden of our song
Ever her truth proclaim.

Music: Dr. C. E. HAWORTH

Words: JAMES HAWORTH '06

PROGRAM

PRESIDENT STEWART HAROLD SMITH, *Presiding*

Processional, "Festival March" Bergen
Marshall College Orchestra
THOMAS O'CONNELL, *Conductor*

Invocation THE REVEREND THOMAS C. SEITZ, A.B., B.D.
Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Huntington, West Virginia

Solo—

"Morning" Oley Speaks
MARY LOU FARRISS, '56, *Soprano*
R. WAYNE HUGOBOOM, *Accompanist*

"Alma Mater" Haworth
LARRY RUSSELL PHILLIPS, '56, *Conductor*

Commencement Address—"Sincerely Yours"
DR. LEONARD RIGGLEMAN, President,
Morris Harvey College

Conferring of Academic Degrees
The President of the College

Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree
Teachers College, presented by DEAN DANIEL BANKS WILBURN
College of Arts and Sciences, presented by DEAN JOHN FRANK BARTLETT

Candidates for the Master's Degree
Graduate School, presented by DEAN ARVIL ERNEST HARRIS

Benediction

Recessional, "Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar

Marshal: PROFESSOR ROBERT LLOYD BECK

Assistants:

PROFESSOR ROBERT L. BRITTON	PROFESSOR N. BAYARD GREEN
PROFESSOR HERSCHEL HEATH	PROFESSOR RAYMOND E. JANSSEN
PROFESSOR CHARLES S. RUNYAN	PROFESSOR RUSSELL B. SMITH
MR. ROBERT PAUL ALEXANDER, '57	MR. CHARLES OWEN DUNDAS, '57

(The audience will remain seated during the academic processions)

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Magna CUM LAUDE

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The following named cadets will be commissioned Second Lieutenants
in the United States Army Reserve today:

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CHARLES L. MANN (Artillery)
THEARON H. PARSONS (Infantry)
JAMES D. SEDINGER (Medical Service Corps)

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*M*ARSHALL COLLEGE welcomes the families and friends of the graduating class of the summer commencement of its one hundred and nineteenth year. The College, established as Marshall Academy in 1837, was named in honor of Chief Justice John Marshall, long-time friend of John Laidley, who is traditionally accepted as the founder of the Academy.

The humble subscription school; the private academy; the College, elevated to collegiate status by the Virginia Assembly in 1858; the "West Virginia State Normal School . . . to be established at Marshall College in the County of Cabell . . ." in 1867. These are the historic milestones in the development of Marshall College as it is today.

The dual program of teacher education and liberal arts established in the charter of 1837 was expanded in 1921 and 1923 into the four-year baccalaureate degrees offered in the Teachers College and the College of Arts and Sciences. The Graduate Division, established in 1938, became the Graduate School by act of the West Virginia Board of Education in 1948.

Today, the College is continuing its service to young men and women as it prepares them for business, industry and the professions in West Virginia. The College prepares more teachers for the public schools than any other institution in the state. Many doctors, lawyers and engineers in West Virginia have received their pre-professional education and their bachelor's degrees from the College. Business executives look to the College for trained personnel. The Placement Office reports that sixty-five firms interviewed seven hundred and eighty prospective employees during recent months, and this figure does not include prospective teachers.

At the close of the exercises today, the College will have graduated 13,124 persons. Marshall alumni remember with affection the classrooms of Old Main or the modern efficiency of the laboratories of Science and Northcott Halls, the skillful teaching and keen wit of a loved and respected professor, the sheltering branches of the Beech Tree, and the cheerful "Hello" that did not wait for an introduction.

The little four-room Academy building standing on its one and one-half acres has been expanded to seventeen buildings situated on twenty-six acres of land in the heart of Huntington, the city that grew up around the College. Sixty-two housing units are available to veterans approximately two miles from the campus. Three residence halls for women, one for men and fourteen fraternity and sorority homes, provide housing for approximately 500 students. A dormitory for 184 freshmen women, opened last September, helped relieve a critical shortage of housing for non-resident students. West Virginia provides the major financial support for the College, its personnel, equipment and operation. The Marshall Foundation, a non-profit corporation, was organized in 1947 to acquire and administer funds for scholarships, to secure research grants and to improve facilities beyond the power of the state to provide.

