

# CAMPUS CLUBS AND CAPERS

By Nancy Andrews

The Classical Club met on Monday, December 1st at the home of Miss Harriet Morrison. Dobbie Abernathy, President of the Club, presided over the meeting, and Phyllis Legget presented the program which centered around "Christmas and the Roman Saturnalia." After the program, the group gathered around Allene Powers at the piano for a song session. Miss Harriet and Miss Hazel served delicious refreshments and made the girls feel entirely at home.

Mrs. Neighbor's classroom was the scene of the Home Ec Club on the third of this month. Frances Heyer turned the meeting over to Miss Parker, who showed the group a movie on how to set a table. Patsy Teer's name was sent in as a candidate for a national office in the AHEA. Patsy is now Secretary of the State Home Economics Organization. Congrats, Patsy!

Wednesday evening, December 10, the IRC met in the right front parlor. The group discussed preparing a basket of food and toys for a needy family in or around Red Springs, and they also decided to ask the entire student body to work with them in another project. This is carrying on a correspondence with young people of other lands. In this way we would be doing a great service for our country as well as receiving much enjoyment ourselves. Fay Jenkins then informed the club in a short talk, that Communism in the United Nations is steadily growing. Yvonne Brice gave them some new slants on Eisenhower's recent appointments to Cabinet positions; and Cleo Cudas gave a report on Current events. One of the largest projects of the IRC so far this year was the Mock Election which was held on November 4th. The result of the election was Stevenson 163 and Eisenhower 113.

The Writer's Club held its regular meeting on the 10th of November in the left back parlor. Harriet Allen, President, introduced Dr. Scott who told the girls something about the technique of writing a one-act play. After Dr. Scott had cleared up a few questions for the girls, they held a very informal discussion.

Miss German talked to the members of the St. Cecelia Music Club at their regular meeting on December 5th. She emphasized the importance of correctly training a child's voice from pre-school age until graduation from high school. Discussion by the members of the club immediately followed the program. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the discussions.

The Math Club met in the Math Classroom for their last meeting at which Christine Maloney talked about the use of Mathematics in Business and Sara Sanders gave the group startling figures on the draft quota. Elizabeth McIntosh then emphasized the value of a knowledge of mathematics in attempting to make a success in the business and professional world.

The French Club had a special treat at their last meeting when Betty Jo Gore, Audrey Milligan, Kitty Oliver, and Marie Sellars presented "La Petite Chaperon Rouge," or "Little Red Riding Hood." Talent can be found in every crack and corner.

At the last regular meeting of the Highland Players, last minute plans were made for the play

which was presented on November 15 and more plans were also made the big production, "Ladies in Retirement." Jean Steppe presented the program, and demonstrated the process of making up characters.

The Spanish Club had a very interesting meeting on November 19 when Shirley Fitzgerald began the program with an explanation of some phases of the Moorish language and customs. Ruby Bierman read the story, "Wonderous Tales of Ancient Spain." The Club decided to elect a Board of Directors for the organization, and so the five girls who were elected are Rub Bierman, Mickey Jernigan, Gladys McCain, Martha White, and Carolyn Robinson.

## Flora Macdonald - Davidson Day

Ninety-two bubbling enthusiastic lassies may be an invasion on any male campus, but the November 8th invasion was second only to D-Day, and by the way, it was—Davidson Day!

The buses filled with chattering I wonder who or what left for points southwest at 8:00 Saturday morning, arriving in Davidson about 1:00, hearts a bit faint, dull expectancy of the worst on every face. The girls were ushered to the Gymnasium Slave Market, and were weighed in! Seriously, it was quite an experience being matched off with a perfect stranger—well, not exactly perfect, either—but pledges, at that! It seems most Freshmen had an extra duty to perform Saturday, November 4.

The game is one which will go down in history. Davidson beat Richmond College 38-19 amid tumultuous cheers of all of us, some of whom hadn't seen Davidson win in five years on that campus.

After the game, the fraternity houses were made warm by fellowship together. All the houses are furnished beautifully.

Supper was served in each fraternity boarding house and we left there early for the gym where square dancing began at 6:30. The Chippie Creek Boys proficiently made with the mountain music and provided rhythm for the large group participating. There were intermissions in which round dancing could be enjoyed.

Bob Henry, who arranged the entire day's schedule with Doris Calloway's help, had arranged for some fine entertainment. The Cripple Creek Boys played some mountain ballads in their enimitable fashion. The 'Flora Dora' girls contributed the Highland Fling and Barbara Hill represented the 'Angel Farm' with "The Song Angels' Sing" and "With A Song In My Heart."

During the square dancing, judges were unobtrusively choosing the three prettiest Flora Macdonald girls from the group. A surprised and grateful Ann McLeod, Carolyn Musselwhite and Barbara Hill were presented huge white chrysanthemum corsages tied with Davidson's black and red streamers.

After everyone was completely exhausted from the dancing, a group-sing was organized, with the words of the songs flashed on the wall with a projector.

Reluctant to leave, yet tired and ready for our own campus, the girls climbed on the buses, sang farewell, and broke the axle of one of the buses! Arrangements were soon made and all the girls made it back to Flossie Mac.

Yes—F. M. C. invaded Davidson and we retreated—no casualties.

# That Immortal Christmas Essay... Yes, Virginia

"Yes, indeed! Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus!

It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus!

"Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

It was only September, and 1897's Christmas was three months in the future. But Virginia O'Hanlon's concern was with an important problem that, to her, knew no season. That was why she wrote her letter to the New York Sun asking "Is there a Santa Claus?" The answer to Virginia's question, composed in a moment of deep spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament of faith.

Faith

Devotion

Truth

Love

Generosity

## Schedule

- Monday, December 15:
  - 3:45 Executive Committee Meeting
  - 4:40 French Club
  - 8:15 Dean Sandresky's Recital (Reception Formal)
- 10:30 Council Party
- Tuesday, December 16:
  - 4:00 Dr. Vardell's Music Majors at his house
  - 7:30 Laundry Girls' party
  - 8:30 Cabinet Party at Mrs. McPhaul's
  - 10:30 Phone girls' party
- Wednesday, December 17:
  - 10:20 Faculty Coffee
  - 4:40 Spanish Club
  - 6:00 Christmas Dinner (Formal)
  - 9:00 Dome Service
  - 10:30 Hall Parties
- Thursday, December 18:
  - 3:30 Servants' Party
  - 10:00 Dining Room girls' party
  - 10:20 Library girls' party
- Friday, December 19:
  - (GO HOME AFTER CLASSES)
- Monday, January 5:
  - 8:20 Classes begin
- Tuesday, January 6:
  - 4:40 Student Teachers
- Wednesday, January 7:
  - 10:30 Faculty Coffee
  - 7:00 Faculty Meeting
- Thursday, January 8:
  - 3:00 Faculty Executive Committee.

- Friday, January 9:
    - 4:40 Math Club
  - Saturday, January 10:
    - Movie - "Mr. 880"
  - Monday, January 12:
    - 4:40 Writers' Club
    - 8:15 Mr. Sinclair's Recital
  - Tuesday, January 13:
    - 4:40 Highland Players
  - Wednesday, January 14:
    - 10:20 Faculty Coffee
    - 4:40 I.R.C. Meeting
  - Thursday, January 15:
    - 3:00 Faculty Executive Committee
- Conscience is the still small voice which tells us we shouldn't have done it.

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