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Saint Mary's Fore and Aft

By JONNY NORMAN

RALEIGH, N. C.—How different it would have been to enter Saint Mary's one hundred years ago today. Instead of starting school in September, Saint Mary's students of a century ago started school in May. Along with garden seed notices and reports of the twenty-seventh Congress, second session, the *Richmond Enquirer* of March 17, 1842, carried the following notice:

"The Rev. Albert Smedes of the city of New York designs to open a School for Young Ladies in the city of Raleigh, N. C., on the 12th day of May next."

Unlike our Advent and Easter terms, the session of this young Saint Mary's ran from the fifteenth of May to the fifteenth of October, and from the twentieth of October to the twentieth of April. The institution was advertised as furnishing "a thorough and elegant education, equal to the best that can be obtained in the city of New York, or in any northern school."

In comparison with the fourteen buildings on the campus of Saint Mary's, 1942, there were originally only three: Smedes Hall, East and West Rock. These buildings had been constructed for a boys' school, but when that venture failed, they were utilized by Dr. Smedes for his girls' school.

The dormitories were separated into alcoves, each housing two young ladies, and these rooms were advertised as "of a construction to secure privacy, and at the same time a free circulation of air." All the furniture except bedding and towels was furnished the girls by the school.

The terms of the school, including tuition, board, laundry and incidental expenses, amounted to \$100 per session. However, extra charges were made for French, Italian, Music, Drawing, Painting, and Ornamental needlework. Other than the exceptions listed above, there was no extra charge.

Saint Mary's, 1942, admits only those students who have completed junior high school and are ready for tenth grade work. Saint Mary's, 1842, admitted pupils of any age.

In appearance and in trends of thought Saint Mary's has changed considerably in the century that has rolled over her head, but fundamentally the school can never change. The traditions, the principles, and the spirit that belonged to her one hundred years ago are still hers today.

And that is what really counts.



We will long remember . . . nor soon forget . . .

President of Student Body Welcomes Girls To 1941-42 Session

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

Hello there!

In just a little over a month we will be together at Saint Mary's. Those of you who are entering this year have much to look forward to, and those of us who have been separated since last May are anxious to be together again. Really, I can hardly wait to see and meet you all in September.

You New Girls who are leaving home for the first time to go off to school no doubt feel a little uncertain about your new surroundings and the acquaintances you will make. But please don't; because we are all grand friends at Saint Mary's and it won't be any time at all until you know everyone and are completely at ease. Your life at Saint Mary's will be an altogether new world. You will meet and live with girls you have never seen before. School life will be an experience you will never forget.

From Saint Mary's you will gain a sense of fairness and honesty which will grow as you become prouder and prouder of her traditions and high standards. I wish I could tell you how much you have in store for you, but you will have to wait until September rolls around to understand fully what we who have been together at Saint Mary's feel and know to be true.

Those tears we Old Girls shed in May will be changed to smiles when we meet again in September. It won't be long; so I won't say good-by but just—I'll be seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,

CHARLOTTE MAHAN, Pres.,
Student Government Asso.

Mrs. Cruikshank's Letter Opens Centennial Year at Saint Mary's

SAINT MARY'S, July 14, 1941.

DEAR GIRLS OF 1941:

Just a word of greeting to all of you, both new girls and old. I hope you are enjoying every moment of your summer vacation and will not mind too much Saint Mary's very early opening. You know the reason for it—to make a place for our centennial celebration that will not conflict with other commencements.

You are going to hear "Centennial" over and over again, but don't get tired of it, for you are going to be asked to do everything you can to make this a memorable year—not just memorable by the calendar, but a really notable year of achievement.

We are going to try to celebrate the year fittingly—not in any spectacular way; in fact, how far we go depends in some measure, I think, on the turn of world events. But I do hope all of you will put your hearts into whatever we do. If we can count on that sort of help from you, then whatever is undertaken will be a success.

Good-by until September the SECOND!

Sincerely yours,
MARGARET CRUIKSHANK, Pres.,
Saint Mary's School.

NOTICE

Though orders for the centennial history, **LIFE AT SAINT MARY'S**, have been coming in daily they are still far short of the necessary number. So that this history may go to press in September, five hundred copies at \$2.50 each must be on order. All those who are interested in securing copies of this book are requested to place their orders immediately.

Saint Mary's Hits The Century Mark On March 17, 1942

Centennial Plans Include History, Cantata, Pageant, and Special Issue of BULLETIN

By MARY-GENE KELLY

OTTAWA, KANSAS—Plans for the Centennial celebration are under way. A centennial history, *Life At Saint Mary's*, goes to press in September. The book is to be ready for distribution in May, 1942.

The centennial committee, composed of Mrs. Cruikshank, Misses Martha Dabney Jones, Nell Battle Lewis, Sarah Vann, Elizabeth G. Tucker, and Mrs. Lynn Wilder, had a meeting on November 28 to discuss plans for the Centennial celebration and to make out a tentative program as follows:

Saturday, May 16:

8:30 a.m. Sophomore Class Day.
10:00 a.m. Rehearsal for Procession.
8:00 p.m. School Party and Class Day.

Part I: School Party.
Honors and Awards.
Award of High School Diploma.

Part II: Class Day.
Salutatory.
Class Day Exercises.
Award of Monograms.
Valedictory.
School Song.

Sunday, May 17:

11:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Service (Sermon, Bishop Penick)
5:00 p.m. Alumnae Service (Cantata composed by Mr. Broughton)

Monday, May 18:

10:00 a.m. Alumnae Breakfast and meeting.
12:30 p.m. Field Day and outdoor luncheon.
4:30 p.m. Tea for guests.
8:30 p.m. Historical Pageant (outdoors).
Exhibits.

Tuesday, May 19:

10:30 a.m. Auditorium.
Historical Résumé (Mrs. Cruikshank).
Address.
Gifts.
Procession to Chapel.

A special edition of the school magazine, the *Bulletin*, is to appear in October. This is to be the centennial issue.

Invitations to graduation and the centennial will be sent out in March.