

## Miss Brown, Many Duties

Miss Bessie Burkehead Brown has served as office secretary at Saint Mary's for three years. She comes to Saint Mary's two weeks before school starts to begin her work in the book room. Books must be opened and put on shelves, and names must be put on mail boxes.

"The opening of school just has to be lived through the best possible way," stated Miss Brown when she began telling of the many duties which face her at that particular time. Every trunk must be checked and sent to the correct room. Everybody crowds into her office buying chapel caps, paper, pencils, stamps.

After the first rush is over, she tries to teach a little spelling on the side. Daily she finds these words on slips: chapel caps, pencils, disiple, papper, thumb taxs, pactos of paper, graft paper, *Devine Comidy*, *Hamilet*, giometry, and others.

Keeping the book store is only one of Miss Brown's jobs at Saint Mary's.

"I enjoy my work because people always like to get mail, packages, telegrams," says Miss Brown. "When I fail to put mail in boxes I have many requests for letters the next day. The girls often stop me on the campus and thank me for THE letter from HIM."

In giving out mail, Miss Brown finds letters most interesting. Stationery and ink come in all colors, even black envelopes with white ink. Many letters have various pictures drawn on them and some are covered with last minute messages. Often post cards cut in the shape of a tombstone come with one word on the back "forgotten."

"Speaking of handling all kinds of mail," began Miss Brown, "imagine my surprise one Sunday morning when I started to put up the mail and each letter had a name, then a prison number—the State Prison mail bag had been sent to Saint Mary's by mistake."

Thursdays and Fridays bring the largest mail, since weekly newspapers, week-end permissions, specials, and telegrams usually arrive then. This year Miss Brown has had the pleasure of "giving" several diamond rings and many fraternity pins.

Last Easter there were over 150 boxes of flowers, but for patriotic reasons there were not as many this year. "We have even had several boxes of live chicks in the 'stylish' pastel shades sent on Easter," says Miss Brown. "And once or twice a year a turtle usually arrives from Florida or California."

As an accommodation to the students the school runs a "side line" in sending out dry cleaning. This is another of Miss Brown's duties. The first two weeks of April she sent out 125 garments. "Believe it or not, some girls leave it on the racks for two and sometimes three weeks after their names have been posted—one of my pet hates," she says.

An average day keeps Miss Brown busy with 341 letters, 45 newspapers, 11 magazines, 35 packages, 8 telegrams, 7 specials, 2 registered letters or packages, 4 express packages, and 48 sales at the window.

## Estes To Present Piano Recital May 21

Mary Drewry Estes, pianist, will present the last certificate recital of the year on Friday night, May 21, in the auditorium at 8:00 o'clock. Mary Drewry has been a pupil of Miss Mary Ruth Haig for her past two years at Saint Mary's.

### PROGRAM

*Sonata Pathetique*, 1st Movement ..... Beethoven  
*Nocturne* in B Major ..... Chopin  
*Prelude* in C Sharp Minor ..... Chopin  
*Prelude* in F Major ..... Chopin  
*Prelude* in B Flat Major ..... Chopin  
*Rhapsodie* in G Minor ..... Brahms  
*Minstrels* ..... Debussy  
*At the Convent* ..... Borodin  
*Polichinelle* ..... S. Rachmaninoff

### INQUIRING REPORTER

Why do you think so few girls have been signing up lately to work at the Red Cross workroom on Tuesday afternoons?

Although everyone was enthusiastic at first about rolling bandages, fewer people have been signing up to go lately. Last Tuesday less than forty girls out of two hundred-odd volunteered.

Here are some answers to the question above:

**Mary Louise Thomson:** At the last minute girls realize they aren't willing to sacrifice pleasure for duty.

**Virginia Hart:** I think there's been too much to do lately.

**Pauline McNeny:** A lot of girls haven't been going because they don't realize how important the work is. This is one little thing we can do!

**Betsy Blount:** They were interested at first, but now the novelty has worn off.

**Peggy Cates:** They don't go often enough to know how nice it is.

**Liz Petesch:** The girls aren't going because they're too lazy.

### S. M. S. GLEE CLUB

(From P. 1)

these two selections will conclude the program.

Another composition of special note is the *Hymn for the Air Corps*. Johan Franco, a young Dutch composer who has visited Saint Mary's campus, wrote the music, and Mary C. D. Hamilton wrote the words.

Johan Franco has made a special concert arrangement of this hymn for the Saint Mary's Glee Club, and he plans to be present at the performance.

### PROGRAM

*Hymn for the Air Corps* ..... Franco  
"Lord, Guard and Guide the Men Who Fly . . ."  
*Whither Runneth My Sweetheart?* ..... Bartlett  
*Come Again, Sweet Love* ..... Dowland  
*Bourée* ..... Bach  
*God's Blacksmith* ..... Kodály  
*There Is a Garden in Her Face* ..... Kramer  
*Moon Marketing* ..... Weaver  
*Summertime* ..... Gershwin  
(*Porgy and Bess*)  
*Prayer for Saint Mary's* ..... Broughton  
*Dedication Hymn* ..... Broughton

## LORD, GUARD AND GUIDE THE MEN WHO FLY

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly

Thro' the great spaces of the sky;  
Be with them traversing the air  
In darkening storms or sunshine fair.

Thou who doth keep with tender might

The balanced birds in all their flight,  
Thou of the tempered winds, be near,  
That, having Thee, they know no fear.

Control their minds with instinct fit  
What time, adventuring they quit  
The firm security of land;  
Grant steadfast eye and skillful hand.

Aloft in solitudes of space  
Uphold them with Thy saving Grace,  
O God, protect the men who fly  
Thro' lonely ways beneath the sky.  
Amen.

MARY C. D. HAMILTON.

## Coon's Recital Shows Excellent Technique

Mary Coons, pianist, presented her certificate recital last Tuesday night in the school auditorium with her characteristic charm and grace. Her good selection of Chopin numbers and excellent technique of their performance were particularly noted.

Mary opened her program with Beethoven's *Sonata, Opus 2, number 1*, a seldom played sonata of concert merit. It was especially well performed with the authority and assurance of Mary's playing.

Her second group was composed of four Chopin selections. The *Prelude in E major* was quite an impressive opening for this well-chosen group. The *Waltz in E minor* immediately became a favorite with the audience. Mary closed this group with the *Etude in C minor*, played with great sweep and passion.

Her last group was composed of three modern compositions by Debussy, Prokofieff, and Dohnanyi. The latter, *Rhapsodie in C major*, one of the finest rhapsodies since Brahms, concluded the program with brilliancy and effect.

## JUNIORS AND SENIORS DANCE

(From P. 1)

There will be quite a number of servicemen from all parts of the country, including officers from the pre-flight school at N. C. State College. These officers are to be present by special invitation.

Among the class officers who will attend the dance are: Betty Barnes, president of the junior class; Maria Legg, vice-president of the junior class, with Walter Alston; Betsy Long, secretary of the junior class, with Merriweather Cunningham; Nancy Brockman, treasurer for the juniors, with Bill Ellis; and Beverly Broun, secretary and treasurer of the senior class, with Lieutenant Bill Hix. Chaperons will be members of the faculty.

Ten years ago THEY burned the books, May 10—Buy Bonds—

## At The Theaters



### AMBASSADOR (May 9-20)

- 9-11 **Assignment in Brittany.**  
P. Aumont, S. Peters.  
12-15 **Panama Hattie.**  
R. Skelton, A. Southern  
16-18 **Meanest Man in the World.**  
J. Benny, P. Lane.  
19-22 **Immortal Sergeant.**  
H. Fonda, M. O'Hara.

### VARSITY (May 7-20)

- 7 **The Glass Key.**  
A. Ladd, V. Lake.  
8 **Parachute Nurse.**  
M. Chaplin, K. Harris.  
9-10 **Thunder Birds.**  
P. Foster, G. Tierney.  
11 **I Live on Danger.**  
C. Morris, J. Preisser.  
12 **You're in the Army Now.**  
J. Durante, P. Sivlis.  
13-14 **Crossroads.**  
W. Powell, H. Lamarr.  
15 **Grand Central Murder.**  
V. Heflin.  
16-17 **The Major and the Minor.**  
R. Millan, G. Rogers.  
18 **Girl Trouble.**  
D. Ameche, J. Bennett.  
19 **Adam Had Four Sons.**  
20 **Penny Serenade.**  
C. Grant I. Dunn.

### PALACE (May 7-20)

- 7-8 **Rags to Riches.**  
A. Baxter, M. Carlyle.  
9-11 **Hitler's Children.**  
T. Holt, B. Granville.  
12-13 **Assignment in Brittany.**  
P. Aumont, S. Peters.  
14-15 **Grand Old Opera.**  
16-18 **Panama Hattie.**  
R. Skelton, A. Southern.  
19-20 **Meanest Man in the World.**  
J. Benny, P. Lane.

### STATE (May 7-20)

- 7-8 **Hangmen Also Die.**  
B. Donlevy.  
9-10 **Night Plane to Chunking.**  
R. Preston.  
11-12 **Lady Bodyguard.** E. Albert.  
13 **Models and Melodies.**  
Stage Show.  
14-15 **High Explosive.** C. Morris.  
16-19 **Hit Parade of 1943.**  
J. Carrol, S. Haywood.  
20 **Clancey Street Boys.**  
East End Kids.

### CAPITOL (May 7-20)

- 7-8 **Little Joe the Wrangler.**  
J. MacBrown.  
9-11 **Star Spangled Rhythm.**  
B. Crosby, B. Hope.  
12-13 **Only Angels Have Wings.**  
C. Grant, J. Arthur.  
14-15 **Blocked Trails.**  
Three Muskeeters.  
16 **Purple V.**  
17-18 **Tennessee Johnson.**  
V. Heflin.  
19-20 **Dark Command.**  
W. Pidgeon, C. Trevor.

### WAKE (May 7-20)

- 7-8 **Hi Neighbor.**  
J. Archer, J. Parker.  
9-11 **I Married a Witch.**  
F. March, V. Lake.  
12 **Street of Chance.**  
B. Meredith.  
13-14 **Forest Rangers.**  
F. MacMurry, P. Goddard.  
15 **Over My Dead Body.**  
M. Berle, M. B. Hughes.  
16-18 **China Girl.**  
G. Montgomery, G. Tierney.  
19-20 **Now Voyager.**  
P. Henried, B. Davis.

### BONERS

No one knows whether to blame it on absent-mindedness or not, but one girl wrote a well planned answer in Mr. Hughes' history class giving the whole credit of woman suffrage to Fannie McDavid! (Poor Susan B. Anthony.)

Buy War Stamps!