

## Mrs. J. LeRoy Smith Native Of France

Mrs. J. LeRoy Smith, Saint Mary's new French instructor, is, quite appropriately, a native of France. Her life, particularly her experiences while being educated in France and in America, has been extremely interesting. Born in Bay-Sur-Aube, near Nancy, in eastern France, Mrs. Smith, then Julienne Mongin, attended the girls' grammar and high schools there. (She says that the French schools are more strict and place more emphasis on study than American schools.) Scholastic competition between classes is emphasized rather than extra-curricular activities such as this country does. In her senior year, Mrs. Smith won the English competition prize, a beautifully bound book.

### EDUCATION IN AMERICA

At the close of the last war Mrs. Smith, who had known many of the Americans in France, decided to come to this country to complete her college education. "I came only for one year with the intention of going back to France to live, but I liked the country so well and found life to be so very interesting for a young woman, eager to learn about new ideas and new ways, that I stayed here a number of years."

When she arrived in America, Mrs. Smith enrolled as a student at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S. C., where many regarded her as "a new animal in a zoo!" One of her most vivid memories of her life there is that of her first English theme. She wrote it first in French and tried to translate it into English, but it "wasn't either" when she finished. Her instructor was very sympathetic and encouraged her, and she was rewarded by having her first good theme published in the school paper. Mrs. Smith's roommates refused to help her, and she says she is glad because she learned the valuable lesson of relying upon herself and working hard.

On completing her studies at Winthrop, Mrs. Smith entered the University of South Carolina, where she received her A.B. and M.A. degrees in three years. Here she had a fellowship in teaching French while she pursued her own studies.

Later Mrs. Smith studied Spanish at Middleburg College in Connecticut, where she lived in the Spanish House and spoke Spanish all the time.

### RETURNS TO FRANCE

Upon graduating, Mrs. Smith returned to France for the first time since coming to this country seven years before. She traveled more during her trips back to France than she did while she lived there. She particularly enjoyed a trip through Southern France, where there are many remains of the Roman conquest. She remembers the Arena at Nimes and the Roman theatre at Avignon as especially interesting.

Returning to this country, she took graduate work in summer school at the University of North Carolina. It was here that she met her husband. They now live in Apex, N. C., with their nine-year-old son who "spoke French before he spoke English." Her family is still in France.

## CAMPUS NOTES

The Literary Societies met jointly Wednesday night. The program was a panel discussion, the subject "The Effect of the Present War on the Woman's Place in the World." Girls taking part in the discussion were **Patty Weaver, Foxie Clarke, Bettie Gaither, Jane Clark Cheshire** and **Betty Edwards**, interlocutor.

Miss **Ruth Holmes Scott** and **Russell Broughton**, with two organ students, **Jane Clark Cheshire** and **Marilyn Mitchell**, attended a meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of American Guild of Organists in Chapel Hill Thursday. Incidentally, Mr. Broughton is dean of the guild. Miss Scott read a paper to the group the subject being, "Church Music of the Bethlehem Moravians in the 18th Century." That night they heard an organ recital by **E. P. Biggs**.

The **Canterbury Club** met Sunday night in the parlor with **Fanny Lee Brooke** in charge of the program. She divided the group into Sigma's and Mu's and conducted a quiz program based on the Bible and the church. The Mu's were the victors.

Thanksgiving services will be on Wednesday morning at 8:30 instead of Thursday because of the number of girls who will be absent on Thanksgiving. At this service a special offering will be taken for the Thompson Orphanage.

**Jane Moore**, from Southern Pines, and **Winston Armistead**, from Kinston, have returned to school after having spent several weeks at their homes because of sickness.

**Rev. Mr. and Mrs. I. Harding Hughes** had as their guest Sunday **Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Towery** and **Mrs. James Towery**, who was formerly **Nancy Dalton**, a student of Saint Mary's a few years ago.

The **Canterbury Club** is planning to sell in a few days Christmas cards, booklets, calendars, and crosses. The proceeds from this project will go into a fund to give college educations to deserving mountain girls.

**Rev. Mr. and Mrs. I. Harding Hughes** will visit their former home, Concord, this week-end. Mr. Hughes will preach at All Saints Episcopal Church there Sunday morning and speak to the National Honor Society on Monday.

The sextet sang in assembly last Tuesday morning. The girls in the sextet are **Elise Ferguson** and **Sallie Dixon**, sopranos; **Maria Legg** and **Foxie Clarke**, second sopranos; and **Gwen Hughes** and **Lib Shaw**, altos. **Sallie Dixon** also sang two solos.

**Marian Castellow**, '43, visited the campus last Friday. "Casslo" is a junior at Carolina this year.

A **Youth Angelus** began this week under the auspices of the **Canterbury Club**. At 6:15 each afternoon a bugle is blown to remind each girl in school to offer a silent prayer for loved ones in the armed forces. At the same time, a student prays in chapel.

**Pat Gwyn, Patty Weaver, Betsy Burke** and **Libby Peden** journeyed to the western part of the State to their homes last week-end, Pat's father furnishing transportation.

The **French Club** met Wednesday afternoon, November 10, with **Mlle. Margaret Winslow** presiding. The program was a puppet show, "Guignol," with **Annette Fulton, Pat Gwyn** and **Mrs. LeRoy Smith** taking the parts. With refreshments, there was sparkling conversation in French.

**Patsy Rodgers** was rushed to Rex Hospital last Monday for an appendicitis operation. She had just returned from visiting **Phyllis Kinsey**, a student here last year, who attends Randolph-Macon now. Tuesday being Patsy's birthday, third floor Holt gave her a sweater.

The **Camp Butner Band** presented a band concert in the City Auditorium Thursday, November 11. The program was sponsored by the USO.

**Frenchie McCann, Betsy Blount**, and **Emily McMillan** went home with **Alma Young** to Dunn last week-end.

**Anne Stevens**, student at Saint Mary's last year, visited school two week-ends ago.

The **Senior Class** at a meeting last week voted to have the **Senior Class Dance** December 11. The dance will be in the gym instead of the parlor, which was first considered.

The **Deutscher Verein**, German Club at Saint Mary's, had its first meeting last Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were elected: **Isabel Robinson**, vice-president; **Viola Yates**, secretary; **Lib Campbell**, treasurer; and **Mary Arden Tucker, Randolph Gardner** and **Jeanne Eagles**, the social committee. The president will be elected at the next meeting.

**Alice Craig** was a sponsor at the **Monogram Club Dance** at State College two week-ends ago.

**Old Girls** at Saint Mary's are working in gym on an **obstacle course** at present. The obstacle course is made up of such activities as vaulting a buck, walking beams, and climbing rapidly up and down bars. Later in the year there will be competition to see who can complete the course in the shortest amount of time. **New Girls** have recently begun **dancing**, directed by **Mrs. Jane Guess**. The accompanist this year is **Mrs. Marjorie Husken**.

## MUS MUSCULUS

it seems that saint marys has really gone w a c e y besides marching and limbering exercises someone invented an obstacle course i raced with cousin elmer but he got stuck under the first bar too many starches miss dodd wants to buy a second hand umbrella i fell in the trash can over at west rock last week i was in the covered way and streams of girls were passing through some weeping and others howling glee fully all about some sheet on the library bulletin board mrs partrick told her class that in the civil war the romans conquered atlanta girls with bleeding knees and charley horses drifted into the infirmary last week have you heard the joke about the soybean loaf ask miss lalor liz petesch surely looks cute in her pig tails betty nutt kept the wires hot the other night hope frances avera gets her long awaited phone call dee nuchols had a fast one pulled on her the other day went up to see betsy blount and frenchie mccanns ruffled mirror sho was sorry to hear about patsy rogers harriet whitaker and emily williamson had a swell time in kinston last weekend had a grand time at a coffee party in the attic of holt the other night if any of you gals have any washing to be done see mana burnette third floor smedes is the place to go for a nervous breakdown s m s has a new set of twins carrie mae wade and helen fleenor wonder why the seniors looked so amazed in english class last week the library is getting to be the most popular place in school wonder why mr guess ec class got lost on an imaginary trip the other day you should have seen charlotte crawford and jane clark cheshire crawling around on the hockey field jane peete and maria gregory have a system when it comes to turning the lights and radio off and on have you seen miss christians new car betsy longs all excited over the army navy game everybody seems a lot happier now that test week is over have you heard sally ramsey peggy cates and amy warner sing walter well i must go

### NEGROES SANG HITS

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piece that was sung by "Sportin' Life," a nimble footed dope peddler who specialized in bright green and purple suits and tremendous boutonniere.

After a fine curtain call the cast led the audience in the only non-Gershwin tune played, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Probably no entertainment in Raleigh has ever proved more completely satisfactory and delightful.

### Like Poetry?

FIRST FIG

My candle burns at both ends;  
It will not last the night;  
But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends—  
It gives a lovely light!

GROWN-UP

Was it for this I uttered prayers,  
And sobbed and cursed and kicked  
the stairs,  
That now, domestic as a plate,  
I should retire at half-past eight?  
—EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY.