

National Operatic Quartet C.M.A. 1944-45 Series

Stoska, Heidt, Russell, and Walters Sing In Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

In the concluding program of the Music Association for this year, The National Operatic Quartet: Polyna Stoska, Soprano; Winifred Heidt, Contralto; Gilbert Russell, Tenor; Jess Walters, Baritone; directed and accompanied by Leo Lubman, were presented in concert. George P. Geoghegan, Jr., president, spoke in "appreciation of the present officers of the organization" and made announcements concerning next year's program. The program that followed consisted of Ludwig van Beethoven's *What Joy Doth Fill My Heart* from "Fidelio" and *The Heavens Are Telling*, Nivcenzo Bellini's *Vira Norma* from "Norma," Frederick von Flotow's *Spinning Wheel Quartet*, from "Martha," William Billings' *Three Fuguing Tunes*, Giuseppe Verdi's *Home To Our Mountains* from "Il Trovatore," Johann Strauss' Medley from "Die Fledermaus," Brahms' *Four Love Song Waltzes*, Ruggiero Leoncavallo's *Silvio-Nedda* from "I Pagacci," Giacomo Puccini's *O Mimi* from "La Boheme," and Sir Arthur Sullivan's *Dance a cachuca* from "The Gondoliers." In addition, Toffman's "Baracarolle" and the well-known songs, *Wanting You*, *Will You Remember Me?*, *Rigoletto*, and *Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes* were encores.

Miss Stoska has become a distinguished artist in Europe as a recitalist, and opera and radio star. Miss Heidt has had leading roles with several opera companies. Mr. Walters has also been an important member of opera companies. Mr. Russell has appeared with the Philadelphia Opera Company and was soloist on the Maxwell House Coffee program. Leading critics have distinguished them for their finely balanced and richly harmonious concerts.

The Quartet was thoroughly enjoyed by its Raleigh audience. The success of a concert is often attributed to enthusiasm of the artists themselves. It might be added that the over-enthusiasm of the artists somewhat detracted from their musical performance.

BIRTHDAYS

- April—
- 14—Jane Lee Parker
Jane Peete
- 16—Ruth Gay
Lib Price Hines
Betty Sue Tayloe
- 17—Vina Havens
- 19—Virginia Wilson
- 20—Iris McEwen
- 21—Louise Eichhorn
- 22—Langhorne Carrington
Mary Arden Tucker
- 23—Lulu Hall Vance
- 25—Jane Lewis
- 29—Evelyn Griffin
- 30—Carolyn Hill

★ ★ CAMPUS NOTES ★ ★

The Y.W.C.A. at Saint Mary's was organized Friday, March 30, and Sara Coe Hunsucker was elected president, Mildred Chappell, vice-president, and Gwen Hughes, secretary and treasurer. Miss Sarah McEachern, president of the Y.W.C.A. at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, was present at this meeting. This organization is to Saint Mary's non-Episcopalians what the Canterbury Club is to the Episcopalians; Miss Lane Siler is sponsor.

Lib Hines, Lib Clinard, Nancy Hobbs, Peggy Abernathy, Athalia Alligood, Sarah Bain, and Anne Prothro, students of Donald Peery, gave a small Studio Piano Recital April 10.

Virginia Wilson, Mary Arden Tucker, Nancy Wood, Bobby Jean Hardy, Caroline Long, Phyllis Cowdery, Ruth Gee Gay, Sidney Jones, Maria Gregory, Eleanor Thomas, Martha Stoney, Margaret Rodwell, Lucy Hancock, and Sallie Robertson are taking a course in Red Cross First Aid every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, under the supervision of Mrs. L. B. Naylor. Phyllis has been chosen president of this group, and Martha will act as secretary-treasurer.

The Rev. Mr. Robert M. McNair, rector of Calvary Church in Tarboro, will hold services here April 15 while Mr. Hughes preaches in Tarboro.

Ensign Guy Cornman, USNR, of Philadelphia, and Ensign Milt Phillips, USNR, of Pawtucket, R. I., were the guests of the Hughes' for breakfast following early morning Communion of Easter Sunday.

The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, Bishop of North Carolina, will visit the Saint Mary's Chapel for Confirmation on Sunday, May 6.

Miss Peggy Hopkins attended an Alumnae meeting in Lynchburg on April 12, and is bringing back as her guest Miss Winifred Morrison, '39.

Bess Parker Banks, ex '45 Bus., is joining the SPARS April 20 and will be stationed at Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, New York, for boot training. Bess hopes to be able to attend graduation here June 4.

Ruth Jacobs, ex '45, has left school to join the Cadet Nurse Corps.

Miss Mary Ruth Haig's piano recital was postponed in order to enable the students to attend Annette Fulton's expression recital tonight. This recital will include a monologue, a selection from a one-act play, poetry, and the courtroom scene from "The Merchant of Venice."

Miss Sally Dean, well known national leader in Women's Auxiliary work, will be the guest of Mrs. I. Harding Hughes while she is meeting with the Auxiliary groups of Good Shepherd Church.

Ann Rodwell and Ann Woodall of Warrenton visited Margaret Rodwell last week-end.

Bettie Gaither, '44, who is now attending the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, visited Virginia Wilson, April 5.

Mary Lib Pierson is now recovering from an appendectomy and typhoid fever in the hospital in Rocky Mount.

Judge Lee Jackson Greer, of the American Red Cross, spoke in assembly Friday, April 6. Judge Greer has been serving overseas for the past two years in the South Atlantic, Caribbean, and South Pacific areas.

Off Campus Capers

Easter was almost too good to be true, especially the weather. Of course, the strain of waiting for flowers was pretty nerve-racking. But it was worth it when they arrived. Most of them were from men who are overseas, but Floye Smith and Annette Fulton were the lucky ones. They had dates and flowers Easter morning.

Carolina seems to be very popular this week-end. Jane Lee Parker, Ann Cutts, Alice Jones and Luzette Callum are going to the Chi Psi event. Clarice Woolard is going over to Wake Forest.

Randolph Gardner and lots of other day-gals heard Tommy Tucker last Saturday night. Geet Thompson is mighty happy lately because a certain "ship" has come in from the South Pacific. Tommie Cates doesn't seem to be worried about the man situation. She had a date the other night and practically choked him—on candy.

Alice Jones ("Carmen Miranda") is now a day student and we're all mighty glad to have her with us. Jane K. Bell was home last week from Salem.

Sgt. Rebecca Harvey, WAC, former head of the Physical Education Department here, visited the campus Tuesday, April 10, and was entertained at a faculty coffee in the Hut by Mrs. W. C. Guess. She was on her way from Lawson General Hospital to Valley Forge.

The Sextet, Louise Eichhorn, Katherine Ives, Gwen Hughes, Margaret N. Martin, Peggy Trotter and Mary Allen Nicholson, sang at a Fellowship Supper at the Hayes-Barton Methodist Church Friday, April 6.

Susan Ashburn will be manager of volleyball this season.

May Bunn, Margaret M. Martin, Ann Edmunds, Sister Smith, Sara Coe Hunsucker, Betsy Durham, Nina Mae DeBerry, Poncie Dawson, Athalia Alligood, Caroline Long, Helen Barnes, Sallie Lee, Bernie White, Frances Avera and Kathryn Lane, representing the Letter Club, attended a formal dinner at Meredith College Saturday night, April 7.

The Rev. Mr. I. Harding Hughes will return on April 14 from Atlanta, Georgia, where he represented the Diocese of North Carolina at two meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Edwards of Jacksonville, Ala., announce the recent birth of a daughter. Mrs. Edwards, nee Caroline Harris, was Art Instructor at Saint Mary's until 1941.

On Wednesday, April 11, the Rev. Mr. I. Harding Hughes, one of the Examining Clergy, went to Chapel Hill to examine candidates soon to be ordained ministers in the Episcopal Church.

NEWS COMMENTATOR VISITS S.M.S.



Cedric Foster, well-known Yankee Network commentator, talks with John A. Park, editor of the *Raleigh Times*, and Mrs. Ernest Cruikshank before speaking to Saint Mary's girls in Assembly March 30.