

PATRICE MUNSEL GIVES LOCAL CONCERT HERE

Youngest Metropolitan Opera Star Is First on Civic Music Concert Program

Patrice Munsel, Metropolitan's youngest star, presented a brilliant concert at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Thursday evening, October 11, 1945, at eight p. m.

Miss Munsel began her voice training at the age of twelve under Charlotte Gramis Lauge and Mrs. Paul Kennedy. At the age of sixteen she began studying voice in New York under William Herman and Renato Bellini. Giacomo Spaloni, who gave Miss Munsel coaching in operatic roles, called her attention to the Metropolitan Auditions of the Air. At the age of eighteen Miss Munsel competed and won the audition. She obtained as a result a contract with Metropolitan. She is the youngest star that has ever been signed by this company.

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Since that time Miss Munsel has made several very successful concert tours which she "enjoys and finds very exciting."

Miss Munsel has replaced Gladys Swarthout on the "Family Hour" as the featured artist. She has signed a contract with RCA Victor to make a group of recordings, and she has signed a contract with Warner Brothers which, it is reported, will give her a lead in the new production, "Sweet Adeline."

Patrice Munsel sang for the packed auditorium the following selections: *Alleluiah* from "Exultate," *Aria* from "The Magic Flute," the *Wren*, *Le printemps*, *Petite Poupee*, *Chanson de Marie Antoinette*, *Carnaval*, *Aria* from "Lucia di Lammermoor," the *Gypsy* and the *Bird*, *Aria* from "La Traviata."

Backstage the 20-year-old soprano proved to be charming as well as beautiful. She stopped school in the tenth grade to study music, and is now being tutored in French, Italian, and English Literature.

"Heavens, no, I don't diet. I eat everything on earth. I also live on vitamins. I love horses and swimming, and my hobby is sculpturing. Yes, I'm thankful my hair curls naturally. No, I don't like to sing in German. I love popular music madly. My favorites are 'If I Loved You,' 'The More I See You,' and Frankie's 'You'll Never Walk Alone.' I'm crazy about singing and hope to continue it. No, I have no brothers or sisters. Yes, Mother goes with me on all the tours. I have an awful cold. Please hand me another Kleenex!" are just a few of the things she told Saint Mary's interviewer.

SIGMAS AND MUS GIVE ATHLETIC PARTY IN GYMNASIUM

"Midnight and Eclipse" Make Debut With Song and Dance

The *Sigma* and the *Mu* teams together gave an athletic party on Friday night, October 5, in the gymnasium. This was the first time that the two teams had assembled for such an occasion.

Before going to the gymnasium the *Sigma*'s went to the study hall and the *Mu*'s gathered in the auditorium for a short but rousing pep meeting, led by the team cheerleaders to create the right atmosphere for the party.

The contests planned for the evening by Nina Mae DeBerry, representing the *Sigma*'s and Sue Everett of the *Mu*'s were a dumbbell relay, a rainy day relay, and a chair-folding relay, won by the *Mu* team; a match-box relay and a basketball-throwing relay won by the *Sigma* team. When the points were added for each relay, the *Mu*'s had defeated the *Sigma*'s by a score of 35-30.

The final decision in all the relays as to the winner was made by Mr. Hughes, who was chosen by both teams to be the official judge.

After the contests, Elizabeth Myatt and Jean Strickland entertained the group as "Midnight and Eclipse" with a comical minstrel song and dance, accompanied by Mrs. Guess at the piano.

The party ended after refreshments were served.

Miss Munsel, who thinks every place is beautiful and who is tanned by California's sun, wears a diamond from her fiancé—a lieutenant in the Air Corps who has blond hair and blue eyes. They'll marry when he finishes college.

Teaching, Radio Announcing, and Chess Interest Dr. Brand

"Spanish 31-32, German 21-22, History 7-8," that's what's written on the door of 010 West Wing. And who teaches this variety of subjects? Dr. Robert F. Brand, one of Saint Mary's newest faculty members.

Dr. Brand was born in Manila, in the Philippines in 1904, but, as he added, he has no direct memory of Manila, because he was only two and a half when his family came back to the "States." Since then he has lived in many different places—Western Canada, Minnesota, Illinois, and New York state, where he has spent most of his life.

He graduated from Cornell University in 1926, where he majored

Conger, Eppes, Mardre Are Elected Class Presidents

ANNUAL RECEPTION IS GIVEN IN SMEDES PARLOR

Three Hundred Alumnae and Friends of the School Attend

The annual reception for Alumnae and friends of Saint Mary's was given Wednesday afternoon from four-thirty o'clock until six o'clock in Smedes parlor.

Miss Florence C. Davis, Miss Mabel Morrison, and Miss Peggy Hopkins greeted the guests at the front door.

Those in the receiving line were Mrs. Ernest Cruikshank, Rev. and Mrs. I. Harding Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stoughton, and the following new members of the faculty: Mrs. James K. Neely, Miss Fannie R. Harmon, Miss Katherine Morris, Miss Anna Graham, Miss Janice Fitzgerald, J. W. Morgan, and Dr. Robert F. Brand.

The table from which punch was served was covered with a white cloth and was centered with an arrangement of mixed flowers flanked by white tapers.

Pouring punch were Mrs. James T. Cordon, president of the Alumnae Association; Mrs. Grover L. Dillon, president of the Raleigh alumnae chapter; Mrs. Ashby L. Baker, member of the Alumnae Council; and Mrs. Louis V. Sutton, member of the Alumnae Council.

Members of the Granddaughters' Club served punch, assorted cookies, mints, and nuts.

Good-byes were said by Mrs. Hugh McLeod, Mrs. Nannie H. Marriott, and Misses Elizabeth Tucker, Mary Lewis Sasser, and Frances Vann.

in modern foreign languages. He received his A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell, and, under the Weil Language Fellowship from Cornell, he studied at the University of Strasbourg in France.

Dr. Brand taught languages at the Citadel in Charleston, S. C., from 1942-1944, and then came to Raleigh, where he taught at Meredith College and now at Saint Mary's.

In addition to his classes here at school, Dr. Brand is a full-time radio announcer on WPTF here in Raleigh, having also done radio work in Charleston for five months in 1944.

Student Body Elects Boyce and Clinard Marshals

Martha Leah Conger of Edenton, North Carolina, was elected president of the Junior Class in elections held on October 3.

Before coming to Saint Mary's last year, Martha attended Edenton High School where she was a member of the Beta Club, manager of the basketball team, a band majorette, assistant editor of the school paper, and a member of the Monogram Club. Martha graduated from the high school department of Saint Mary's last June where she was a member of the Granddaughters' Club, the Publications Staff, the Canterbury Club, and was Sophomore Class Testator. This year, in addition to being president of her class, Martha is on the Canterbury Club Council, a member of the Granddaughters' Club, and on the Publications Staff.

HELEN EPPES

Helen Peoples Eppes of Henderson was elected president of the Sophomore Class on October 8. Before coming to Saint Mary's this year, Helen attended the following high schools: Henderson High School, Kingstree High School, Kingstree, South Carolina, Hampton High School, Hampton, Virginia, and Morrison High School, Newport News, Virginia. Last year at Henderson High School, Helen was vice-president of her home room and a member of the Dramatic Club.

JUNIOR CLASS

Other Junior class officers chosen in elections completed on October 8 were: Jean Strickland, Wilson, vice-president; Margaret Norfleet, Jackson, secretary; Elizabeth Myatt, Goldsboro, treasurer; Peggy Swindell, Winston-Salem, Honor Council Representatives; Martha Best Yorke, Concord, Legislative Body; Betty Ann Cooper, Greensboro, Dorothy (See P. 2, Col. 2)

Despite what any Saint Mary's girl would consider a "pretty heavy schedule," Dr. Brand has a hobby—chess—in which he is very interested. He was president of the New York Chess Association, and now belongs to the Raleigh Chess Club.

He lives at 124 N. Wilmington Street, with his wife and two daughters, Constance, who is ten years old, and Allegra Louise, who is four.

When asked how he likes teaching all girls, Dr. Brand said, "I think it very nice and a lot of fun to teach girls."