

Miss Eleanor Thomas Gives Alumnae Address

Miss Eleanor W. Thomas, one of Saint Mary's most influential and best remembered teachers, will come back on May 30 to make the Alumnae address.

Miss Thomas, who was head of English department and principal at Saint Mary's from 1905 until 1917, holds degrees of B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. from Columbia University. After leaving Saint Mary's, she became associate professor of English at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio, and in the fall of 1919 she joined the faculty of Western Reserve University, Flora Stone Mather College, where for 15 years she was class dean.

Miss Thomas will always be a part of Saint Mary's. While here she administered to affairs with fairness and efficiency. Saint Mary's alumnae also remember her English course in which she made her literary figures live and also taught her pupils to write in clear, concise English. But her influence didn't stop in the Saint Mary's classrooms. The knowledge and discipline she gave her pupils proved valuable to them after leaving Saint Mary's.

Miss Thomas is a member of the American Association of University Professors, Modern Language Association, and the Shakespearean Association. She is author of *Christina Georgini Rosetti* and many articles and book reviews in learned journals. Since retiring, she lives in Cleveland but returns yearly to Columbia and Charleston, S. C., to visit her family.

YWCA Chooses New Heads Clark, LaFar, Bynum

The YWCA met in the gym to elect new officers for the year 1953-54 on May 13. The new officers, Lorrie Clark, Mary Lee LaFar, and Anne Bynum replace Timmie Timmons, Alice Bost, and Betsy Webb as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer.

Lorrie, from Candor, is assistant editor for the BELLES for 1953-54 and a *Mu*.

Mary Lee, from Gastonia, is a member of the BELLES staff, *Orchesis*, dance marshal 1953-54, Acolyte 1953-54, and a *Sigma*.

Anne, from Stantonsburg, is a member of the Beacon, vice-president of the sophomore class, and is a *Sigma*.

CHAPLAIN NAMES

ASSISTANTS

Mr. Hughes has chosen new crucifiers, acolytes, and servers for the coming year. These girls took over their chapel duties May 10. The crucifiers are Margo Hester of Tryon, Mela Royall of Goldsboro, and Virginia Harris of Wilmington. Ann Freeman of Meridian, Mississippi, Mary Lee LaFar of Gastonia, and "Libby" Patman of Siler City are the acolytes. Alice Walker of Washington, Isabel Masterton of Chapel Hill, and Nancy Eversman of Flat Rock are the servers.



A scene from "As You Like It" in which Betty Martin as Orlando, meets Mary Michal as Touchstone, Myra Thayer as Rosalind, and Charlotte Cocks as Celia.

Miss Davis, Dramatic Club Present Shakespearean Play "As You Like It"

Miss Davis presented the members of the Dramatics Club in *As You Like It*, Friday evening, May 29, at 8:15, in the Auditorium.

The play tells of a banished duke and of his beautiful daughter, whose love for a young nobleman carries her away from court and into the woods in the disguise of a shepherd lad. Here, in the great Forest of Arden, she, still in disguise, spends many happy hours with her lover. At last, after revealing her true identity, she is united again with her father, and she and her lover are joined in marriage. The servants, lords, and dukes in the play, too,

finally find love and happiness.

Myra Thayer played the part of Rosalind, the beautiful daughter who meets her nobleman, played by Betty Martin, in the great forest. Charlotte Cocks was Celia, friends of Rosalind, who, too, finds love. Mary Michael was Touchstone, a convincing clown who appears throughout the play.

The Dramatic Club's presentation of *As You Like It* upholds the tradition of giving a Shakespearean play annually. It provided a pleasant evening for all students and visitors.

Lilly, Burnette, Hester Head Sigma Pi Alpha

Sigma Pi Alpha members met in Madame Smith's classroom on May 18 to elect officers for the coming year. Charlotte Lilly is president, Mary Grady Burnette is vice-president, and Margo Hester is secretary and treasurer.

Charlotte, of Fayetteville, is a member of the Canterbury Club, a dance marshal, exchange editor of BELLES, and a vice-counselor-elect. She is a *Mu*.

Mary Grady, of Garner, is a vice-counselor elect, a member of BELLES staff, *Stage Coach* staff, and the Canterbury Club. She is a *Sigma*.

Margo, of Tryon, is a member of BELLES staff, *Stage Coach* staff, Dramatic Club, Circle, and the Altar Guild. She is vice-president elect of the Canterbury Club and a crucifer. Margo is a *Mu*.

SMS Alumnae Shine On Quiz Program

Raleigh Chapter of the Saint Mary's Alumnae Association deserves recognition for its performances on the WPTF radio quiz program, "Time Out." Beginning on Monday, May 18, through Friday, May 22, the Alumnae group panel view for high score against the Raleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce. On Friday, the last day of the contest, the score was 260-210, in favor of the Saint Mary's Alumnae. The week of May 25-29, the Alumnae group are on the air in opposition to the Young Business Men's Club of Raleigh.

Mrs. Robert Dalton (née Jessica Graham), of Raleigh, is in charge of this project, and is aided by Mrs. Samuel Leager (née Rebecca Norman), president of the Raleigh Chapter.

Bishop Penick Dedicates New Science Building

The cornerstone laying of the new science building, Cheshire Hall, will take place Saturday, May 30, at 2:30 p.m. Members of Saint Mary's administration and student body will participate in the program.

The Rev. E. A. Penick will open the ceremony by reading portions of the scripture, after which Richard G. Stone, president of the school, will receive the following items of significance to be deposited in a box in the cornerstone:

1. A copy of the 1953-54 catalogue of the school presented by Richard G. Stone, president of Saint Mary's.

2. Clippings from newspapers presented by Miss Elizabeth Montgomery, alumna and friend of Bishop Cheshire.

3. A 1953 commencement invitation presented by Mrs. Leland L. Miller, President of the Saint Mary's Alumnae Association.

4. A copy of the cornerstone laying presented by Mrs. R. G. S. Davis, Jr., chairman of the Alumnae Committee in the Development Fund.

5. A copy of Trustee minutes authorizing the new building presented by the Reverend James M. Dick, chairman of the Building Committee of the Board of Trustees.

6. A short biography of Bishop Cheshire presented by the Rev. I. Harding Hughes, Chaplain of Saint Mary's.

7. Campaign brochure presented by William C. Guess, Campus Chairman of the Development Fund.

8. A copy of the last financial report of the campaign presented by Fred W. Reebals, Wake District Chairman of the Development Fund.

9. A coin presented by J. B. Cheshire, V.

10. An object from the old laboratory presented by Dr. Owens H. Browne, professor of Chemistry.

11. A copy of the BELLES, May 30, 1953, presented by Irene Emory, editor.

12. A picture of the Ground-Breaking ceremony presented by Paula Whitaker, president of the Senior class.

13. A copy of the Commencement program, 1953, presented by Marie Timmons, president of the junior class.

14. Clippings from *North Carolina Churchman* presented by Nancy Bowles, president of the sophomore class.

Bishop Penick will perform the formal laying of the cornerstone after which he will conclude the program with short prayers and a benediction.

"Who spilled the mustard on this waffle, dear?"

"Oh, John! How could you? This is lemon pie."

A schoolboy was making a speech about the national debt: "It is too bad that future generations cannot be here at this time," he said, "to see the magnificent things we are doing with their money."