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## Three Blind School Students Inspire St. Mary's Girls

### Violinists Create Musical Fantasies

Many St. Mary's girls faced a new and thrilling experience last week as they warmly welcomed three very unusual violinists to the February 18 assembly program. These musicians needed no spotlight, for they themselves shone in the glory of personal victory. Myra Yarborough, Joanne Parnell, and Harvey Miller are blind. However, such a handicap shows no reflection on their musical talents. They handled their violins skillfully and created musical fantasies which charmed and amazed their audience.

Myra, Joanne, and Harvey are students in the State School for Blind and Deaf. They board there for ten months a year but are free to go home on weekends. Myra, a ten-year-old blond with angelic features, is in the third grade; Joanne, a brunette, is twelve and in the sixth grade; Harvey is nineteen and a high school student.

Next year Harvey plans to attend the University of North Carolina as a double music major. His musical talent is threefold; he is a fiddler, a pianist, and a vocalist.

Myra and Joanne also take an interest in the piano. However, these little girls are quite independent and can prove their competency in swimming and folk dancing. Their teachers rejoice in the fact that they are quite well adjusted to their darkness and are determined to conquer its limitations.

All three read braille. They learn music by a combination of braille and ear. Harvey is a victim of progressive blindness, whereas the little girls can see nothing but shadows.

Seldom will one find a more attentive and appreciative audience than the one these violinists attracted at St. Mary's. They feel their welcome at St. Mary's and look forward to another performance.

## SMS Students Elect Wellons Editor

The new 1954-1955 *Student Handbook* editor is Allene Wellons. Her election to this office was announced by Timmy Timmons, president of student government, February 16, in assembly.

Allene, a vivacious brunette, hails from Fayetteville. Besides her newly acquired office, she also officiates as treasurer of the Senior Class and as a vice-counselor. Her other activities include participation in the YWCA and the business staff of the *Stage Coach*. She is also a *Sigma*.

## Juniors Plan Dance, Elect New Delegate

Harriet Madre was elected as one of the Junior Class representatives to the Legislative Body in a meeting earlier this month. Harriet is from Windsor and in addition to membership in the Legislative Body, is a member of the Granddaughters Club and a *Mu*.

In another meeting the Junior Class decided on *South Pacific* as the theme of the Junior-Senior Dance which will be held on Saturday night, May 1. Plans for the dance are rapidly being made under the leadership of committee chairmen, Kitty Campen, decorations; Betty Dry, figure; Kathy Whitfield, refreshments; and Shirley Dees, invitations. The officers of the class, Ann Bynum, Ann Wallace, Sissie Dawson, and Carolyn Warlick, are acting as an advisory body. No definite plans have yet been made for the orchestra to play at the dance.

### NOTICE

Kay Baker, chief dance marshal, has announced that there will be no informal dance tomorrow night due to the increasing number of measles cases. Kay requests all girls to notify any boys they have invited.

## Rt. Rev. Wright Conducts Service

The Right Reverend Thomas Wright, Bishop of the Eastern Diocese of North Carolina, officiated at the 11:00 service in Chapel on Sunday, February 21. The floral arrangement on the altar was given in memory of the late Mr. W. H. Jones, who was once head of the Music Department at St. Mary's. A special prayer was given in memory of Mr. Jones by the Reverend Mr. I. Harding Hughes.

Following the Order of Morning Prayer, Bishop Wright delivered his sermon on the meaning of prayer. He pointed out that prayer is the inspiration in our lives to do the work of God. In answer to the question, "Why aren't all our prayers answered?" the Bishop asked who would want to live in a world in which the prayers of all are answered.

He stated that some people feel that prayer is a waste of time that could be used in doing things for the Lord. The Bishop then explained that prayer is the thought and meditation necessary to lead a Christian life, for thought is required to do anything of value in life.

## Student Body Elects Thirteen Beauties To SMS May Court

### Rose Assits Queen As Maid of Honor

Thirteen St. Mary's beauties, chosen by the student body, will reign over the May Day festivities with May Queen, Myra Thayer. Of the thirteen the students chose Margaret Rose as Maid-of-Honor. Margaret, of Henderson, is a sophomore. She is a dance marshal, a member of the YWCA, and a *Mu*.

Jeannette Uzzell, of Asheville; Kay Baker, of Timmonsville, S. C.; Sharlene Howard, of Raleigh; and Gray Proctor, of Marion, are the attendants selected from the Senior Class. Penn Anthony, of Rockyville, S. C.; Marie Tyler, of Hocky Mount; Kitty Campen, of Edenton; Julianne Boone, of Raleigh; and Ann Bunn, of Spring Hope, are the attendants chosen from the Junior Class. Kathleen Hartsock of Raleigh, and Coleman Jenkins, of Kinston, are the sophomore and freshman attendants. Pat Cowden, of Raleigh, will represent the business class in the court.



William Masselos

## Masselos Concert Enthralls Audience

William Masselos was warmly received by an audience of St. Mary's girls and townspeople at his seventh annual piano concert here on February 16. During the first half of the program he played *Sonata in A major* by Schubert, *Kreisleriana* by Schuman, and five preludes by Chopin. The highlight of the second half of the program was Mr. Russell Broughton's reading of Satie's comments on his own work while Mr. Masselos played fourteen pieces which Satie had composed as musical captions for a set of illustrations. Other pieces on the program were *Reflets dans l'eau* by Debussy, *Fantasia da Camera on Bizet's Carman* by Busoni, and "Hymn-Tune" and "Ragtime" from *First Piano Sonata* by Ives. The encores were by Chopin, Hovhaness, and Poulenc.

## Rev. Mr. Hughes Gives Lenten Service Dates

The first service held this Lent will be on Ash Wednesday, March 3. It will be a Holy Communion service at 7:00 a.m. The Penitential Office and address will be at the regular 10:30 service, and at 5:15 a service will be directed by Dr. Howard Powell, who is pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist Church. For a number of years, Dr. Powell has started off the Lenten Series at St. Mary's. The following Wednesday, March 10, the Rev. John K. Mount, of St. Paul's Church, Crownsville, Maryland, will hold the service. The Right Reverend Richard H. Baker, Bishop coadjutor of the diocese of North Carolina, will conduct the service on March 7. On April 7, Reverend

## Thespians Present The Grass Harp

The Dramatic Club of St. Mary's Junior College made an ambitious presentation of Truman Capote's fantasy, *The Grass Harp*, on Thursday, February 25, at 8:15. The play, directed here by Miss Florence Davis, caused a small critical furor when it opened in New York and later broke many records in its presentation in Greenwich Village.

The parts taken by St. Mary's students are Catherine Creek, Anne Wallace; Collin Talbo, Betty Martin; Dolly Talbo, Myra Thayer; Verena Talbo, Betsy Duke; Dr. Morris Ritz, Anne Norman; the Reverend's Wife, Mary Clayton; the Reverend, Dillon Dawson; the Baker's Wife, DotDee Jones; the Postmaster, Erin Dowling; Sam, Martie Whedbee; the Barber, Anne Bunn; the Choir Mistress, Martha Brooks; Big Eddie Stover, Diana Devere; the Sheriff, Carolyn Warlick; Maude Riordan, Grace Boney; Miss Baby Love Dallas, Betty Dent; Judge Charlie Cool, Beth Kemper.

Mr. William S. Lea, D.D., of St. John's Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, will have the service. Holy Week services will be announced later.

On Ash Wednesday night Mr. Hughes will preach at St. Phillip's Church in Durham. This will be the first of the Lenten services there. Sunday, March 1, Mr. Hughes will speak at St. Joseph's Church in Durham.