

## Royall Relates Experimental, International Experiences

The February 16 assembly program presented a talk by Mela Royall about the "Experiment in International Living." This experiment provides young people who wish to learn how people of other countries live with the chance of actually living with these people.

Mela told about the experiment in general, bringing in some of her own experiences. The experiment gives one a chance to "see the country through the eyes of its people." Groups of ten live in a community with different families. Each person learns to express himself through the language and to understand the language. One learns that our neighbors abroad are not all alike, but each has his individual way of living.

After four weeks of living in the community the visitors with their foreign "brothers and sisters" go on a three-week trip. They start on bicycles or on foot, with each carrying a sleeping bag. The last week is spent in the capital city or some other big city.

Next, Mela told what her "Experiment" trip meant to her. Her group of ten stayed four weeks just outside Burgundy, France, in an average French town of about 5,000 people. She lived with a family of three. The father had died and had left the mother to manage a

garage. Her life was not easy, yet she was willing to take an American in her home because of her interest in international relationships. Besides Mela, her daughter's penpal from Germany was also visiting her. The rest of the family consists of two daughters, one having worked in England as a governess.

Mela said she did mostly what she wanted to do. She helped the family with the shopping because it gave her an opportunity to meet other people. She shopped frequently because there was no refrigeration. The town had very few modern conveniences: no hot water, no plumbing, and little electricity.

After one month in a home, she and her French "family" went on a camping trip through the French Alps for 18 days. They camped out and saw much of the country. By staying away from the tourists, she saw how the French interpret things. After the camping trip, they went to Paris, which was the climax of the summer.

Going and returning on the experiment, Mela travelled on a student ship where she learned in advance the language and customs of her future foreign friends. During the trip the "Experiment" slogan was, "Expect the unexpected."

## Belles of Saint Mary's

### SHARLENE HOWARD

Town: Raleigh.  
Age: 20.  
Hair: Brown.  
Eyes: Brown.  
Pet Peeve: Hats.  
Favorite Song: *Loveliest Night of the Year*.  
Favorite Food: Fried shrimp.  
Always Heard: Talking.  
Always Seen: In the library.  
Looking forward to: June 20.  
Ambition: To pass English 31—Mr. Moore.  
Offices and Clubs: *Mu*, *Orchesis*.

### LIZ HOLMES

Town: Mount Olive.  
Age: 19.  
Hair: Brown.  
Eyes: Brown.  
Pet Peeve: "Gigi."  
Favorite Song: *Ruby*.  
Favorite Food: Steak.  
Hobby: Bumming anything.  
Always Heard: Talking in circles. "Huh?"  
Always Seen: At flicks with Pet Peeve.  
Looking Forward to: University of Georgia.  
Ambition: To be wife of a Georgia plantation owner.  
Offices and Clubs: YWCA, Canterbury Club, Altar Guild, *Mu*.

## Happy Birthday

Barbara Spangler ..... March 1  
Lenore Smith ..... March 3  
Baine Micham ..... March 8

### MARY LEE LAFAR

Town: Gastonia.  
Age: 20.  
Hair: Mouse brown.  
Eyes: Cow brown.  
Pet Peeve: Peevish pets.  
Favorite Song: *Serenade in Blue*.  
Favorite Food: Anything edible.  
Hobby: Collecting records and men.  
Always Heard: Playing the spoons.  
Always Seen: Being casual.  
Looking forward to: Living.  
Ambition: To save humanity. "I think it sounds good, too."  
Offices and Clubs: Vice president of YWCA; Acolyte; dance marshal; member of *Orchesis*, *Sigma Pi Alpha*, headlines staff of BELLES, and is a *Sigma*.

### JOAN JOHNSON

Town: Benson.  
Age: 19.  
Hair: Dark brown.  
Eyes: Blue.  
Pet Peeve: Hall meeting.  
Favorite Song: *My Heart Belongs to Only You*.  
Favorite Food: Asparagus and pineapple.  
Hobby: Collecting A's in Mr. Moore's senior English.  
Always Heard: "Got a letter from Dan this morning."  
Always Seen: With the 3 other muskateers.  
Looking Forward to: Being with "The Redhead" again.  
Ambition: To be a famous journalist.  
Offices and Clubs: YWCA, Dramatic Club, *Bulletin* staff, *Mu*.

## SMS Girls Enjoy Fort Bragg Trip

A group of St. Mary's girls went to Fort Bragg as guests of Service Club Number 4 on Saturday, February 20. They were provided transportation by the Club from St. Mary's. They arrived on the post around 4:30 in the afternoon and after a tour of the post were entertained at a buffet supper. A dance, which began at 7:30, was the climax of the trip.

Girls who went were Sus-z Blades, Dorothy Bridgers, Emily Cater, Sara Clayton, Joan Schiltz, Lenore Smith, Nancy Thompson, Carol Biggers, Jane McIntosh, Janice Hinson, Laura Travis, Catie Copp, Neil Moore, and two day students, Ellen Johnson and Kathleen Hartsock. Miss Martha Dabney Jones and Miss Sara Esther Jones chaperoned.

## Saint Sallies

This is Rouella Farsons coming to you from the lovely campus of St. Mary's Junior College by way of the BELLES, telling you of the past and coming events of our charming student body.

Chapel Hill was the center of big doings Valentine weekend. Yes, 'twas the Big Germans. Most of the SMS gals appeared to be having a rip-roarer of a good time. Those I encountered while touring ye ole city were Sue Stone, Bobby and Libby Love, Mary Rhea Spivey, Kitty Campen, Betty Dry, Beth Kemper, Patsy Beams, Carolyn Seffert, Jeanette Uzzell, Libby Patman, Martha Edwards, Harriett Mardre, Ann Winslow, Betsy Duke, Peggy Smithdeal, Sister Heath, Frances Perry, Margaret Rose, Sumner Parham, Libby Reese, and many others. Goodness! Come to think of it, I believe half the school was there.

Now for the weekend of the twentieth. Ah, yes, 'twas the scene of many Mid-Winters. First there was Davidson. Those attending were: Jane Wrike, Sara Walters, Jane Gillett, Abbot Henderson, Pat Perry, Kay Baker, and Debbie Connor. Then of course, State had a real blow-out, so I gathered from Sally McMullan, Bunny Gee, Myra Thayer, Gray Proctor, Marianna Miller, Jane Westbrook, Lee Kohlsaat, Anne Marie Miller, Ellen Ozon, and Betty Ebbner. Another Big Mid-winters was down Virginia way. Yes, dear ole U. Va. was really rocking according to Sara Cobb, Betty Dry, and Peggy Flythe.

And back to Valentine Weekend—Katherine Bisnar, Kathy Whitfield, and Charlotte and Virginia Lilly were all in beautiful weddings and had fabulous times.

And meanwhile, back at the ranch house, all the ole troops are living it up here on the beautiful, the lovely, the home of the brave—yes, the St. Mary's campus.

And now friends, I hope you know what everybody's done and has been doing. Until next time, this is Rouella Farsons signing off.

## Campus Notes

The badminton tournament will be played March 2, 1954. Those playing for the *Sigmas* are Carol Biggers, Laura Ann Travis, Rachel Speight, Mary Grady Burnette, Virginia Harriss, Diana DeVere, Carolyn Nelson, Jane Walker, and Lillian Whitner. The *Mu* players are "B" Garden, Martha Gay Burns, Betsy Duke, Lorrie Clark, Gray Proctor, Nancy Black, Linda Piland, Jane Westbrook, Anne Nichols, and Ann Elliott.

The Women's Auxiliary is sponsoring a clothes drive for the Thompson Orphanage. Miss Elizabeth Bason has a box almost ready for shipment. It contains sweaters, skirts, jackets, slippers, shoes, and sundry small things. Since there are girls of all ages at the Thompson Orphanage they are able to use any outgrown garment from a St. Mary's girl, and any such garments would be appreciated.

Mrs. Robert S. Winston is doing some clerical work for the alumnae office. There is still no alumnae secretary. Mrs. Winston worked on the campus during the development fund project. St. Mary's is glad to have her back on the campus again.

## Have You Missed This?

Flash! This column has really been missing something. No details as yet, but we have heard that Mr. Broughton refuses to be interviewed for BELLES. Why? He says that his life has been too scandalous.

It's been rumored around St. Mary's that Miss S. E. Jones is to receive an award for being the teacher most capable of holding her students' attention. What other teacher could continue her class right through Chapel without a quiver from her students?

He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare. And he who has an enemy will meet him everywhere.—From The Arabic.

## At the Theatres

(Feb. 26-March 12)

### AMBASSADOR

26-27 **The Long, Long Trailer.**  
Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez.  
28-6 **Knights of the Round Table.**  
Ava Gardner.  
7-10 **Cease Fire (3D).**  
11-12 **Three Young Texans.**  
Jeff Hunter.

### VILLAGE

26-2 **Bad for Each Other.**  
Charleton Heston.  
3-13 **Beneath the 12 Mile Wreath.**

### COLONY

26-9 **Glenn Miller Story.**  
June Allyson, James Stewart.  
10-12 **Red Garter.**  
Rosemary Clooney.

### VARSITY

26 **Three Sailors and a Girl.**  
Jane Powell.  
27 **Scaramouche.**  
Stewart Granger.  
28-3 **Forever Amber.** Linda Darnell.  
4-5 **Back to God's Country.**  
6 **Father's Little Dividend.**  
Elizabeth Taylor.  
9-10 **Young Wives' Tales.**