

Do We Keep Abreast Of The Times?

An interesting article entitled "Keeping Abreast of the Times" was written by the editor of the Shady Side News April 22, 1960. The Shady Side News is the newspaper of Shady Side School, a prep school in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

"One of the most troubling aspects of the teenagers both at Shady Side and throughout the United States is that young men and women who, in four or five years, will be eligible to vote and be considered responsible citizens take no interest in current events. The happenings which have a great effect on the national and international situation go relatively unnoticed by the average student. Very few boys, for example, even glance at the front page of a newspaper each day or read the sections of weekly publications dealing with the news. Students are, on the whole, satisfied to ignore the problems of the world so long as they remain well-fed, well-clothed and well-financed. What the majority of students fail to realize is that the problems which exist today (i.e. population growth, armament and defense, etc.) will have to be met squarely in the next few decades, and that it will be the students of today who will have to rise to face them.

"At Shady Side, several efforts to rectify this situation have arisen. All seniors are required, as part of the American History course, to subscribe to *Time* magazine. They are assigned to become familiar with the material each week and are quizzed periodically to insure that each student is learning something of the events and repercussions which are occurring every week. Whereas the forcing of a

student to learn something of the world today is far less desirable than to have the student take the responsibility upon himself. It is certainly a very commendable and very desirable means of exposing the student to the issues which are pertinent to the international scene.

"The problem of familiarizing Shady Siders with the aspects of the Communist doctrine and way of life is being attacked tomorrow by the combined forces of the Forum and the St. Andrew's Society. Under the auspices of the National Council of Christians and Jews, the two organizations are conducting a seminar to which over a hundred students from area private, parochial and public schools have been invited. These students will hear speakers who are connected with the subject and then will break up into smaller groups to expound their own ideas on the issue. These students, in turn, are expected to carry back to their respective schools the opinions they have formulated and the facts they have learned. This seminar represents an opportunity for each student at Shady Side to become connected with a problem which is of such great importance both now and in the years to come.

"Both programs point out that the problem of remaining satisfied with one's immediate environment and refusing to examine the condition of the world as a whole is well-recognized. While the programs in effect at Shady Side do not reach the entire student body, they represent a worthwhile step in eliminating the uncaring outlook which is so prevalent in the minds of Shady Side students."

They're Out In The Big Big World

With the school year drawing to a close, the thoughts of the graduating classes turn toward plans for next fall. The sophomores, finally through their high school years, have made plans to attend various colleges in this region.

Several of the proud graduates have planned to come back to St. Mary's. Among them are: Carol Hardy, Dabney Johnson, Key Wheelis, Freddie Jones, Sally Leach, Nancy Gouges, Jane Coleman, Winston Connor, Erwin Parrott, Jackie Baublitz, Daphne Connelly, Betsy Nichols, and Nancy Heath.

Two of our girls have said that they're going over to Chapel Hill. They are Laura Martin and Ellen Walker. Susan Cline is entering Carolina's branch in Greensboro, Woman's College.

A few girls will also be enrolled at Salem—Ann Heath, Frances Holton, Em Howell, and Susan Purdie among them.

Some of the other plans of which we have been informed are: Elizabeth Triplett—Hollins; Lou Ficklen—Hollins; Harriet Houston, Maude Patton, Melchor Lowe—Converse; Peggy Patton—Randolph-Macon; Martha Ann Rose—Longwood; Carroll Brogden—Florida State University or Barnard.

One of the sophomores seems to have summed up the immediate plans of quite a few. Quoted from Barbara Johnson: "Will let you know after 'EXAMS'!"

New Members In Circle

Congratulations go to four new members of the Circle who were taken in as the Circle members walked at midnight on Tuesday, May 10. Two seniors and two juniors were inducted at this time. The seniors are Peggy Pegues, who has served as editor of the campus newspaper, *The Belles*; and Hannah Bell, who is the president of the Sigmas of the Sigma-Mu athletic society. The two new junior Circle members are Edith Alston, President of the Student Government for 1960-61; and Amelia Yancey, who is Vice-President of the Student Government for 1960-61.

Once more may we say congratulations, and good luck to the new members.

Marshals Begin Duties

On Sunday, May 15, the six new marshals began their duties. Chief Marshal Molly Cooper and the other five girls all wore identical white dresses and white hats. They performed their first marshaling duties with poise, charm and grace. The other five marshals are Martha Pat Bell, Susan Poe, Jo Anne Rochow, Ann Osterman and Jean Lippels.

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Annual Here Soon

As is always the custom at St. Mary's, the annuals will be given out on Class Day. The dedication will also be announced at this time. The seniors are honored by being the first recipients of the new annual and then the remainder of the student body will receive theirs. The theme of the annual, although kept a secret until Class Day, is to be of a slightly different nature and promises to be interesting for all. Everyone is eagerly awaiting May 28 for the annual staff has worked both hard and well to put forth "the best ever."

