

## Rat Day Sees "Old Maids" Stepping Out, And Gladly



Doubtless there was a Sophomore some where near when this picture was taken, for the Freshmen seem to be "stepping out" of their shoes and hose with surprising speed. They are, left to right, Elizabeth Porter, Mildred Cook, both of Charlotte, Helen Vogel of Spartanburg, and Virginia Prunty of Charlotte. (Picture used by courtesy of Charlotte News)

## Sophomores Give Rats Formal Initiation To College Life

### Spinster Theme Carried Out; Day Ends With Session of Rat Court

Queens College was invaded by a flock of old maids last Wednesday. Each of them was wearing a typical antiquarian dress, old maid shoes, a stiff white collar, a pair of horn-rimmed spectacles, a rat trap with her name caught in it, and a large broken heart. Each had her hair pinned in a large knot on top of her head. Each carried a picture of "him" and a knitting bag. The absence of cosmetics among such a group was not unusual.

The old maids observed silence except when they were discussing "him," or addressing the sophomores. The timid creatures showed fine gossiping ability in repeating "Six slick slender sophomores slew six sick sloppy simpletons."

The agile ladies insisted on taking steps two at a time, squaring all corners, and praising Allah before each sophomore. The sophomores directed all the activities of the old maids and were highly honored by them. Whenever one of the old ladies paid her respects to a sophomore, she gave her a candy sucker.

The day's festivities ended in a rat court, when all the old spinsters were brought before the sophomore bar of justice and made to pay for their sins.

## U. S. Marine Band Gives Concerts

A large and appreciative audience which included many Queens students received "The President's Own" United States Marine Band at both of its concerts last Tuesday. The band, directed by Captain William F. Santelmann, presented a program of American music and featured two soloists, Edward Masters, cornet, and Oliver Zimmaster, xylophone. The presentation was sponsored by *The Charlotte Observer*.

## Group Ends Convention

The annual convention of Alpha Kappa Gamma national honorary leadership fraternity was concluded Sunday morning with the installation of new officers for the coming year. Miss Sue Mauldin of Charlotte and Syracuse, New York, was re-elected president of the group. Other officers elected are: vice-president, Miss Lodema Gaines of the University of South Carolina; executive secretary, Miss Jane Phelgar of State Teachers College at Farmville, Virginia; Miss Mary Catherine Dobson also of State Teachers College, historian; and Miss Caroline Edwards of Charlotte and Queens College, editor-in-chief of the *Torchbearer*, Alpha Kappa Gamma magazine.

The delegates to the convention were guests at a progressive dinner held at the five sorority lodges on Friday evening, after which they attended the lecture of Mrs. Osa Johnson. A business meeting was held Saturday morning. Delegates were guests of the college at a luncheon in the S. C. A. Hut at 12:30 P. M. Saturday evening Alpha Kappa Gamma entertained at a banquet at Thacker's restaurant, at which time Miss Janet Robinson was the principal speaker.

## Debating Club Will Go To Tournament

The debating group of the Spectator Club, of which Flora MacDonald is leader, is making plans to attend the annual Southeastern Forensic Tournament at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

### STUDENT POLL

The International Relations Club in co-operation with the *QUEENS BLUES* is conducting a student poll to determine the favorite candidate at Queens in the forth-coming presidential election.

Members of I. R. C. kept books in Burwell Hall for registration of names Thursday and today. Only those who registered will have the privilege of voting.

Wednesday, October 30, is the day set for regular voting. The results will be published in the next issue of the *BLUES*.

## Home Ec. Girls Elect Leaders

A called meeting of the Home Economics Club was held October 16 at the Day Students Building. The main purposes of the meeting were elections of officers and the reading of the constitution.

Officers elected were: Sue McNulty, president; Drucella Ballentine, vice-president; Sue Crenshaw, secretary; and Sara Bailey, treasurer. The constitution was read and approved.

The president led a discussion about the kinds of programs the club would have throughout the year. The girls were asked to state their preferences and make suggestions. It was decided that the vice-president will have charge of the programs for each month.

Investigations are being made concerning the National Honorary Sorority for home economics students. Miss Frances Jarrett and Mrs. Guy Eason are faculty advisers, and with their aid the club expects to offer many opportunities for its members.

The meetings will be held the last Wednesday of each month at 4:30 in the Day Students Building.

## Society Notes Founders' Day

### Press Meet To Be Held In Durham

The annual fall convention of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association will take place November 7, 8, and 9 at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham. Host for the occasion is Duke University. Editors and business managers of leading collegiate publications, as well as nationally known speakers and entertainers, will attend the convention. Those planning to attend from Queens are Judith Killian and Elizabeth Imbody, editor and business manager of the *Coronet*, and Ann Golden and Ann Mauldin, editor and business manager of the *QUEENS BLUES*.

Officers of the state association are: Fabe Clements, State College, president; Gene Vereen of Davidson, first vice-president; Polly Goforth of Flora Macdonald, second vice-president; Norvell Ashburn of Wake Forest, treasurer; Frances Staton of Women's College in Greensboro, secretary; and Steve Sailer of State College, executive secretary.

### Give Program In Auditorium

The Delta Psi chapter of Alpha Iota, international honorary business sorority, celebrated its Founder's Day Monday night at eight o'clock with an anniversary program in the auditorium.

Carolyn Miller of Charlotte, president of the chapter, presided over the meeting. After the business and committee reports, Mary Alice Pette-way of Charlotte, corresponding secretary, read a telegram of greeting from Elsie M. Fenton, grand president.

Miss Ann Vann gave a history of the sorority, which was founded at the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Iowa, on October 21, 1925. Following this, Jane Montgomery of Reidsville gave a talk, "Why Belong to Alpha Iota."

Miss Mary Inglis made a report of the mid-Atlantic states conclave held in Washington, D. C., October 19-20. At this conclave Miss Inglis was elected historian of the mid-Atlantic states association.

An impressive candlelight service closed the program, as each member renewed her pledge of loyalty for the coming year.

Following the program in the auditorium an informal social hour was held in Burwell Hall. Special guests included the other business students at Queens. Faculty members present included Dean Slaton and Miss Helen Craig, new member of the business department.

## Group Elects Editor For Queens Quill

Elizabeth Isaacs, president of the Creative Writing group of the Spectator Club, was elected as editor of this year's *Queen's Quill*. This is the Spectator Club's annual publication. It is put out by the students and is composed wholly of their own literary contributions. It has not yet been decided when the magazine will be published, but it is expected to be issued to the student body some time this spring.

Officers for the club were also elected for the current year. They are as follows: Louise Blue, vice-president; Pete Munroe, secretary-treasurer; and Lucy Hassell, program chairman.

Dr. Calvin D. Linton, who was present at the meeting, suggested that some Queens students try out for entrance into the Charlotte Writers' Club and the Poetry Club, as these organizations have expressed an interest in Queens students. He also reported that the members of the Creative Writing Group present a program similar to that given last year at a combined meeting of Charlotte's two literary societies.

Programs for the year were discussed, and plans were made for several interesting studies. The meeting was adjourned after refreshments were served by Julia Edwards and Elizabeth Isaacs.

## 'Cradle Song' To Be Given

### King, Humble Will Co-Direct Play

Announcement has been made of the presentation of Gregorio Sierra's "The Cradle Song" to be given by the Queens College Dramatic Department in conjunction with the Charlotte Little Theatre. Co-directors for the production will be Miss Ethel M. King of Queens College and Mr. Thomas B. Humble of the Little Theatre. There will be three performances of the play in the Queens auditorium: December 3, 5, 6. The first night performance will be for the college and its guests, whereas members of the Little Theatre Association will attend the other performances.

The play was first performed at the Teatro Lara in Madrid. At the outset it was seen to be a wholly exceptional piece, one of the rare inspirations of the theatre. The run continued throughout the season, and a reprise opened the same house during the fall. Since that time, "Cradle Song" has been done everywhere, translated into all the major languages, invariably meeting with the same instant, affectionate response. The play was introduced to the English-speaking stage at Times Square Theatre in New York during the 1921 season.

The cast, which will be composed of the most talented members of both the Queens Players and the Little Theatre group, was selected by try-outs. Rehearsals started last Monday night.

### NEXT WEEK

Friday, October 25  
Combined Choral Concert  
At Davidson

Saturday, October 26  
Phi Mu Initiation.

Thursday, October 31  
Interpretive Readings by the  
Dramatic Department in  
Auditorium