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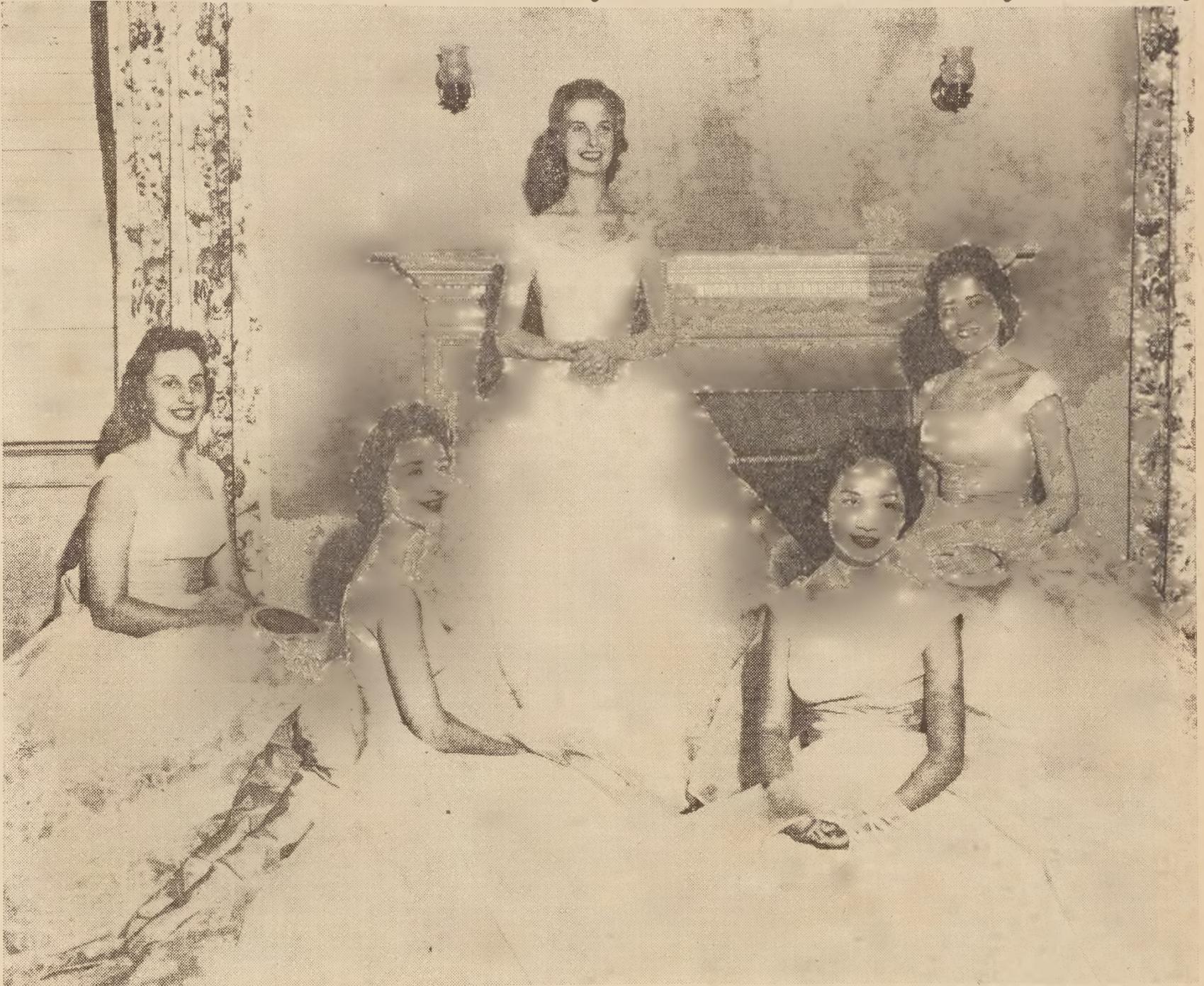


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Thornburg To Reign Over May Day



Standing, Martha Thornburg, May Queen; Seated, Emily Baker, Nancy Cameron, Linda Abueg, senior attendants, and Bunny Gregg, Maid of Honor.

The Salem College May Day week-end will begin Friday night, May 4, with group singing by the lily pond. Soft drinks and cookies will be served.

Saturday morning activities start when the May Queen is awakened by the Choral Ensemble at 7:15.

At 8:00 a.m. Rev. Sawyer will hold morning devotionals near the science building. The Senior class will wear their robes and everyone attending the devotions will receive a pansy. This service will be taped for a later radio broadcast.

Saturday afternoon from 2:30

art exhibit and tea. It will be held p.m. to 4:30 p.m. there will be an exhibit behind Main Hall where there will be tables set up. The art work for the exhibit is from Mr. Shewmake's art department.

The Pageant and the presentation of the May Queen and her court

will take place at 5:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon. For this afternoon a Silver Forest and a castle will appear in the May Dell as the background for "The Twelve Dancing Princesses." The Pageant is being directed by Emily Baker and the narrators are Carol Campbell and Mary Walton.

The cast includes Princesses Bebe Boyd, Anne Brinson, Dayl Dawson, Dena Fasul, Vivian Fasul, Carolyn Garrison, Terry Harmon, Elise Harris, Marjorie Holland, Martha Jarvis, Joyce Taylor, and Noel Vosler; and Princes Jane Bridges, Mary Carolyn Crook, Carol Crutchfield, Malin Ehinger, Suzanne Fant, Susan Glaser, Peggy Horton, Julia Parker, Mary Benton Royster, Pat Shiflet, Eve Van Vleck, and Mary Jo Wynne.

Representing Trees are Ronnie Alvis, Ruth Bennett, Salie Browne, Sue Cooper, Margaret Hogan, Sara Daniel, Sarah Eason, Toni Gill, Marion Harris, Shirley Redlack, and Mary Curtis Wrike.

The Animals are led by Joan Reich and include Mary Avera, Diane Byers, Betty Craig, Peggy Daniel, Sarah Eason, Toni Gill, Marion Harris, Shirley Redlack, and Mary Curtis Wrike.

Also in the cast are Myra Eaves, Martha Duvall, Pat Greene, Sue Gregory, Judy Golden, Patty Kimbrough, Joy Perkins, Sarah Ann Price, Elizabeth Smith, and Nancy Willis who are Flowers, and Laura

Bible, Nancy Criddlebaugh, Margaret Fletcher, Peggy Ingram, Becky Keel and Marian Neamand representing Mirrors.

Other characters are Witch, Nancy Proctor; Helper, Murrinne Linker; King, Closs Jennette; and Pages, Dottie Erwin and Nancy Warren.

The Choral Ensemble under the direction of Paul Peterson will also take part. At the entrance to the Pageant area will be a display of pictures. All reserve seats must be claimed by 4:50.

As the climax of the Pageant, there will be the presentation of the May Queen and her court. Residing as May Queen will be Martha Thornburg of Hickory with Saress Gregg of Bennettville, S. C., as her Maid of Honor.

The members of the court include Emily Baker, Nancy Cameron, Erlinda Abueg, Nancy Blum, Rose Tiller, Louise Pharr, Jean Humphrey, Nancy Walker, Patsy McAuley, Agnes Sams, Zoe Ruth Weber and Susan McIntyre.

The May Day Dance, the "Silver Slipper", sponsored by the IRS, will be held Saturday evening in the gym. The dance will begin at 9:00 and the figure composed of the members of the May Court will form at 10:00. For this event the gym will be transformed into an enchanted forest of silver trees under a blue sky.

The activities of the May Day weekend will be concluded Sunday evening with Vespers.

Would-Be Red Devil Becomes May Queen

The 1956 Salem Queen of the May is a natural blonde, but not a dumb one. She has titles and bouquets and an engagement ring, but she has her music and some ideas which are her own.

Martha Thornburg, who says her hair is definitely not naturally curly, was scheduled to be a red devil in the May Day pageant during her freshman year at Salem. She got sick the day before May Day, but the following two years she was elected to serve on the court. This year she says, "Being chosen May Queen is certainly the greatest honor I've ever had—except going to Norway."

As a winner of the University of Oslo scholarship, Martha spent the summer abroad and came back still exuberant over the Salzburg Festival. Naturally, music plays a great part in anything Martha does. She is a pupil of Dean Sandresky and has already given her graduation recital.

In the summers before Norway, Martha was a counselor at Lutheridge (near Asheville) where she taught swimming and music to Lutheran campers. Swimming is her "hobby."

Her favorite composer is Brahms, and, next to music, the courses at Salem she has enjoyed most have been those in the English department. None of these courses included her favorite author, however. She likes Ogden Nash—no indication of the seriousness with which Martha takes this business of living.

She says, after a thought, "the most important thing to learn in college is to stick to your own beliefs."

Martha's roommate, Ella Ann Lee, has vowed she won't get up at 7:30 to wake her queen-roommate when the choral ensemble serenades Saturday morning. She did say that she might join in the singing, from the warmth of her bed, though.

One of the highlights of the May Day will be the queen's dress. Martha's choice will serve a double purpose; it will be her wedding gown on May 29, when she becomes Mrs. John Cauble. A preview of the dress: it has a sweetheart neckline, short sleeves, a straight panel in front and back, with three lace ruffles on each side—all covered in Chantilly lace.

Immediately after her marriage, Martha and John will leave for Berea, Kentucky, where he is technical director for an outdoor drama. John dated Martha for the first time after he had crowned her **Miss Hickory High**.

He majored in dramatics at the University of North Carolina, and was a member of Phi Delta Theta. When Martha was chosen **Miss Hickory** in 1952 she was crowned by LuLong Ogburn (Salem graduate who was Miss North Carolina that year). LuLong was our Queen of the May in 1953.

Martha's whole family is coming to see her crowned Saturday afternoon. Especially excited are two aunts who are afraid they might miss the wedding, hardly a month away, so are definitely going to be present in the May Dell.

In between the two events will be graduation—one of the many significant things happening just now to Martha Thornburg. The grace with which she accepts everything that happens to her is what makes Martha a queen Salem can be proud of.

By Jo Smitherman