



# RUTH BENNETT WILL REIGN AS THE 1959 MAY QUEEN



Miss Ruth Bennett, May Queen and Miss Noel Vossler, Maid of Honor

## Rey de la Torre To Give Classical Guitar Recital

Rey de la Torre, classical guitarist, will be presented in a recital by the Wake Forest Chamber Music Committee on Thursday, November 6 at 8:30 p.m., in the Magnolia Room of Reynolda Hall.

Cuban-born de la Torre began his musical career as a pianist, but became interested in the guitar while studying in Spain and has acquired a considerable reputation as a recitalist and recording artist.

The guitar, a much-loved instrument in South America, Spain, and other parts of Europe, is not generally understood in this country as an instrument expressive of serious music.

Up until quite recently much of the music written for the guitar was short and of a rather direct and informal character. In recent years however composers such as Torroba, Villa-Lobos, and de Falla have begun to write larger works for the instrument. Mr. de la Torre will play one such work Thursday night—the *Suite Castellana* for guitar and orchestra by Torroba.

Works of composers such as Handel and Bach may be arranged for the guitar and themes are frequently taken from the classicists and used as a basis for a composition for the instrument. Mr. de la Torre will play *Variations on a Theme by Mozart* by Fernando Sor, a 19th century guitarist and composer who was largely responsible for the popularity of the guitar in England. Sor, who is a serious composer, used a theme from *Mozart's Magic Flute* as a basis for this composition.

Mr. de la Torre will play several numbers written especially for him by contemporary composers interested in increasing the prestige of the guitar as a classical instrument. Among these are *Variations on a Pavan by Milan* by J. Nin-Culmell and *Preludio y Tocata* by Julian Orbon.

Included also on the program will be a group of Catalonian folk melodies arranged by Miguel Lobet, *Choros I* by Villa-Lobos, and *Homage to Debussy* by de Falla.

## Noel Vossler Elected Maid Of Honor In Wednesday Balloting By Students

In a near unanimous vote Wednesday night, the student body elected Miss Ruth Bennett, a senior from Hartsville, South Carolina, as their 1959 May Queen.

Miss Noel Vossler, a senior from

Fayetteville, received the second largest majority of votes to become the Maid of Honor. Susan McIntyre, Ann Brinson and Dena Fasul placed third, fourth, and fifth in that order.

June Gregson, director of the pageant which will be presented next May, introduced the nominees in groups of four or five, each girl appearing in a white marshal's

dress. Patty Kimbrough, May Day chairman, announced that the elections for the members of the queen's May Court will take place after Thanksgiving holidays. Those girls nominated for May Queen will automatically appear as candidates for the May Court, with other nominations coming from the student body at large.

## The Teaching Situation Will Face Royalty

Our May Queen this year is no surprise to anyone — Miss Ruth Bennett from Hartsville, S. C. This tall, former May Court member is a history major who is practicing teaching first grade this year. Ruth is president of the I. R. S. and has been in several beauty contests, including the Maid of Cotton contest, where she was chosen last year's second runner-up. Besides being beautiful, she's intelligent! She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta history fraternity and is a consistent Dean's Lister. She is a former Oslo Scholar, and has many tales to tell of a summer in Norway. Ruth is also one of the 1958 Feature Girls.

Ruth has many talents—among them that of being an accomplished needlewoman. Striking proof of this is shown in the fact that she is the only senior with enough courage to undertake the job of upholstering the orange chair, provided for her room by Salem College, in a more harmonizing color. She is also currently finding time to knit a sweater for Carl Blom, a native of San Francisco, and the owner of the pin that adorns Ruth's sweaters. She acquired this pin during the past summer when she was a waitress at Lake Tahoe, California.

Miss Noel Vossler, our Maid of Honor, hails from Fayetteville, N. C. She is a newcomer to the May Court, winning the second highest honor on her first try. Noel is secretary of the senior class. She is a French major, and is practicing teaching this semester. She is quite interested in teaching high-school French, and is an active SNEA member, having held the office of treasurer last year.

Among her other accomplishments, Noel has lived through a year of rooming with Margaret MacQueen. At present she lives in Lehman, rooming with Betty Jon Satchwell.

Noel was presented to North Carolina society in 1956 at the debutante ball in Raleigh. She was runner-up at the Watermelon Festival in Chapel Hill last summer. This honor was won while Noel was taking a break from Camp Keystone, near Brevard, N. C., where she worked teaching crafts.

And last, but not least, Noel is pinned to Phil Harris, a tall, good-looking Kappa Sigma from Wake Forest.

—Jane Leighton Bailey

## Philosophy Professor To Speak To Humanities Club

Dr. Robert Helm, professor of philosophy at Wake Forest College, has been chosen to introduce the topic of discussion at the first meeting of the Humanities Club on Tuesday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Winston-Salem Art Gallery.

Dr. Helm, who, according to the students in the philosophy class he teaches here at Salem, is quite stimulating, will make a few introductory statements about the field of aesthetics, then relinquish the floor to whoever has a question to ask or an idea to contribute. Plenty of coffee and cigarettes should lend a genial atmosphere to the meeting which will undoubtedly prove exciting.

## Trustees To Inspect Salem Improvements

An inspection tour of college improvement and a summary of the year's events were major items on the Board of Trustees agenda at their semi-annual meeting on October 30.

The first item on the agenda for the meetings was the presentation of the President's Report, Dr. Gramley's summary of the past year which is presented as a matter of record to the board. An important item in this report was the fact that gifts to the college during the fiscal year of 1957-1958 (which ended on June 30), totaled \$272,491, the highest amount ever received by Salem except in an organization campaign. \$168,000 was provided for payment for the new wing of the gymnasium as well as \$65,000 for endowment. The balance of money from these gifts was used for various other projects, including the new wing which was added to Main Hall.

Also presented was a report on improvements made this summer, including new furniture for the infirmary, South Hall, Biting Dormitory, and Corrin Refectory.

The Board of Trustees acted upon the budget for the year 1958-59, and also heard the infirmary report and the library report. Several long-range projects were also to be presented for consideration by the Board.

Following the transaction of business the members of the Board were taken to inspect some of the improvements on campus including a visit to Sisters' Dormitory and the infirmary.

After the meeting a dinner was held in the club dining room with administration members of the academy and college.

The Humanities Club was organized in the fall of 1957 in order to provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas. Any topic related to the humanities may be taken as a starting point for an evening's discussion. Membership is open to the faculty and students of Salem, the faculty and students of other colleges, and townspeople.

The advisors for this club are Mr. Shewmake and Dr. Lewis. The presiding chairman for this year is Nancy Jane Carroll.

At the November 4 meeting, the revisions of the club constitution will be voted on and a nominating committee will be appointed in order that the two offices now open may be filled.

Transportation will be provided for those students who are interested. Please sign the sheet posted in the dining hall for this purpose.

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