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Fall Elections Completed As Classes Choose Officers, Legislative Body Members

Leadership of Classes to Be Responsibility of Selected Officers

The major class elections for this year terminated with the selection of the remaining officers of the various classes. These elections were held during the past week, and the announcement as to the outcome had been kept secret until *The Belles* came off the press.

Members of the Honor Council filled the vacant position of secretary by electing Gale Lamb, one of the Senior class representatives to that body. Previously the office was held only temporarily by Gale, but she has proved so competent that the position is now a permanent one. Gale comes from Pasadena, California, and during her two years' attendance at Saint Mary's has made countless friends. Together with Helen Ford she represents the Senior class on the Honor Council.

The Senior class chose Martha Newell, of Richmond, and Mary White, of Edenton, as its representatives to the all-important Legislative Body. Martha Newell is a member of *The Belles* staff and was recently elected president of the Letter Club. Mary White is one of the Senior Dance Marshals.

Highlights of the last Junior class meeting were the elections of Bettie Thorpe as vice-president and Frances Powe as secretary-treasurer. Bettie has the advantage of being an old girl of several years' standing while Frances, a new girl, by her adaptability has already made a place for herself in the school.

Martha Kight, of Norfolk, will officiate as vice-president of the Sophomore class, and Ann Boyle, of Columbia, South Carolina, will act as secretary-treasurer. Kight was the president of her class last year, while Ann distinguished herself as an Honor Roll student. Gethyn Poisson, of Wilmington, will represent the Sophomores on the Legislative Body.

The Freshmen elected Mary Ann Pettigrew, of Asheville, N. C., as vice-president and Betty Hess, of Fort Bragg, N. C., as secretary-treasurer of their class. Their representative to the Legislative Body will be Esther Bair, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

The Business Class elected Loulie Murchison, personable blond from Wilmington, N. C., as presiding officer for the year. The final election was that of Helen Bobbitt as Day Student representative to the Honor Council. Thus the whirlwind of the major elections for this year has spent itself.

RECENT REGISTRATION OF COLLEGE BOYS AROUSES CONCERN AT SAINT MARY'S

PEACETIME DRAFT BECOMES OF VITAL INTEREST AS STUDENTS DISCUSS WAR AND POLITICS

"But if he's an agriculturist, isn't he much too important to have to— And if he's already had military training, there's no point in— What if he's in med. school? Won't he have to stay and study, because—?" And Mr. Guess shakes his head and wonders whether he is teaching social science or pinch-hitting for Dorothy Dix. When we were very young, our grandfathers used to chuck us under chins smeared with our first lipstick and say half-gravely, "Well, I hope 'this war' doesn't come and kill off all your husbands." And we laughed, and squirmed a little since grandfather knew perfectly well that we thought Bill looked grand in his prep school uniform.

Wednesday, Bill registered for America's first peacetime conscription. His last letter said, "Well, it's the draft. Stay out of a draft; it's an ill wind that blows nobody good." Thinking back over what grandfather said, we blink with amazement

and begin to figure on ways and means to make his hope come true. "All our husbands" are closer to war than we ever imagined they would be. Our collective feminine brains are awl with if's and why's and I don't see's. It's a vicious circle, we find. If he's had military training, then he will be top-rank and indispensable. If he has not had training, then he will have to have it immediately. If he farms, surely the Government will realize that he must stay home and raise crops. If he is a senior in college, an interne, a chemical engineer, or a football player, we can think of a thousand reasons why he just cannot take off a whole year to learn to be a soldier.

Yet defense is the only answer. And Mother says it will give "those young loafers" who hang around the drugstore something to do. It will be good experience for any young man. Suddenly conscription has been (Continued on page 2)

Order of the Circle Holds Secret Initiation Ceremony To Welcome New Members

Honor Society Chooses Five Girls Outstanding In Citizenship And Service

The Order of the Circle held its first initiation of the year on Thursday evening, October 17. Mary Emily Claiborne, president, welcomed the following new members: Mary Martha Cobb, Janice Fitzgerald, Cordelia Jones, Martha Newell, and Meredith Wilkinson.

The purpose of the Circle is to promote a spirit of co-operation between the students and the faculty and to assist new students in finding their place in school life. Qualifications for membership in the Circle are based on scholarship, citizenship, fellowship, and service.

Charter members of the Circle are: Louise Jordan, Pony Brent, Mary Gault, Merrie Haynes, Hallie Townes, and Mary Jane Yeatman. Members from last year are: Mary Emily Claiborne, Page Marshall, Nancy McKinley, and Ann Seeley.

Although the Circle's activities are secret, it is one of the leading organizations on the campus, and to be tapped for membership is considered one of the school's highest honors.

Stage Coach Awarded First Class Honors In National Contest

National Scholastic Press Announces Honor Ratings of 1940 College Yearbooks

The 1940 *Stage Coach*, annual of Saint Mary's, was awarded a first-class honor rating among the publications of North Carolina schools by the National Scholastic Press Association of Minneapolis. The Association awards honor ratings to the winning college and high school yearbooks throughout the nation which are entered in a competitive grading contest.

There were 852 entries competing for the awards, including 45 states, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska, and Canada. The honor classifications were *All-American*, and *first, second, and third class*.

Winners in North Carolina included the *Chanticleer* of Duke, *All-American*; and *Yackety Yack* of the University of North Carolina, and *Stage Coach* of Saint Mary's *first class*.

Those included in the *second class* were *Hill Billy*, Lee Edwards High School of Asheville, *Pine Needles* of the Woman's College of North Carolina, *Sapphire* of Farrisfern at Hen-

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Enthusiasm, Rivalry Mark Fun and Frolic Of Sigma-Mu Party

Sigma Team Triumphs Over Mu's And Faculty In Relay Competition

"When all those good old Sigmas fall in line," and so the hour arrived. Saturday night, October 12, found the Sigma team proudly displaying their bright red colors at the annual Sigma-Mu Party. Amid cheering and excitement they seemed to hold sway over all. Not for long, however, for with a loud roar and a wearing of the blue, the Mu's made their entrance. From that moment on a spirit of rivalry filled the gym. A striking sight indeed were the red and blue colors of the two Athletic Associations.

Competitive relays between the Sigma's, Mu's, and Faculty set the pace for the events to follow. Teams were made up of the following players: *Sigma's*: Libba Thorne, Martha Kight, Nancy McKinley, Jane Hurt, Nancy Martin, Betsy Burgess, Margaret Swindell, Sarah Jane Kitchin, Anna Wood, and Caro Bayley. *Mu's*: Mary Frances Wilson, Gale Lamb, Jinnette Hood, Mary Huske, Margaret Kitchin, Martha Newell, Mary Emily Claiborne, Betty Vann, and Stranger Collins. *Faculty*: Mrs. Brown, Miss Johnson, Miss Scott, Miss Goss, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Broughton, Miss Morrison, Miss Cate, Miss McNeill, and Miss Tucker.

A great many racers for the first time in their lives were grateful for the length of their respective noses as the matchbox derby, after close competition, was won by the Faculty. Five other hilarious events followed as the weary contestants washed down marshmallows from the marshmallow-on-a-string relay with pints of water from the water-sipping contest.

The relays were exciting, but the highlight of the evening was Miss Davis conducting a class in expressive dancing. Her striving pupils were none other than the Misses Morrison, Johnson, Goss, Scott, Tucker, McNeill, Mrs. Broughton and Mrs. Brown, who were dressed in pastel shades of chiffon. With imaginations alert the class tripped gracefully down to the cool waters of the sea and stepped daintily into the rushing waves.

After the dance demonstration, the judges, Miss Harris, Miss Lalor, and Mr. Guess, announced the Sigma's victors of the evening.

A great deal of enthusiasm marked this annual party, and at choir practice Sunday morning Mr. Broughton was relieved to find that a few voices still remained after the night before.