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Oct. 5—Y. P. S. L. speakers, Mr. Grainger and Miss Feider.
13—Marian Anderson.
13—"Blossom Time."

Oct. 15—Iliad Test.
18—Girl-Break Dance.
21—Current Events in assembly.

Negro Contralto To Present Concert

Marian Anderson To Open Raleigh Music Season
October 13

Above the difficulties and heartaches of an artistic career, and above the almost insurmountable barriers of racial discrimination, Marian Anderson, the great Negro contralto, has risen triumphantly. Born of a humble Philadelphia family, Marian began singing in the church choir of the Union Baptist Church at the age of six. From that time on she sang almost everything.

The financing of her career became a community project. Friends and church members helped while her mother struggled to support Marian and her two sisters. At the age of 17 Marian herself took over the support of her family, all the while continuing her musical education.

STUDIED WITH GUISEPPI BOGHETTI

Until she was sixteen Marian had no singing lessons. Later she met and studied with Guiseppi Boghetti. In 1925 he entered her in a singing contest. She won the contest and sang as soloist with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra at Lewishon Stadium.

But this triumph did not secure her career. Five years followed in which disappointments were plentiful. Marian decided to go to Europe to study and give a few concerts. Those few concerts doubled, tripled, and expanded into many concerts as she received in Europe an ovation which America had never given her. However, on her return from Europe, she was enthusiastically accepted by her native land.

The climax of Marian Anderson's career was in 1939 when on Easter morning she stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington and sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" to an audience of 75,000. That concert had been a national issue, and only an artist such as Marian Anderson could have met the situation as splendidly as she did.

The strength and beauty of her voice is explainable, partially, from the fact that it is rooted in a pleasant character. She is disciplined, amiable, and self-possessed. Concert audiences remark on her calmness and composure as she sings. She likes to look out for herself and has neither maid nor secretary. Her favorite recreation is sewing, and she enjoys making most of her clothes.

RELIGION AT BASE OF ART

Sacrifice, hard work, and technique do not entirely account for the magnificence of Marian Anderson's voice. At the base of her art is her religion—a deep, thoughtful, consecrated religion. That is what moves

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Sigma's Defeat Mu's At Annual Party

Sigma's Roll Up 34 Points, The Mu's 22, and the Faculty 8 In Competitive Relays

Yeh Mu's! Yeh Sigma's! The walls of the gym rang with shouts Saturday night as the competition between the teams got under way with the annual Sigma-Mu party. The members of the Athletic Council had put their heads together and planned a really knock down, drag out party.

The enthusiastic cheers of the students were led by Libba Thorne, Becky Ward, Ann Garnett, Rue Guthrie, and Louise Eggleston for the Sigma's; Mary Ann Cooper, Polly Lindsay, Cora Lucas, Lib Hackney, and Shirley Lytle for the Mu's.

This is the one time in the year when all the dignity of both faculty and students really goes down the drain.

The fun started with six relays participated in by Mu's, Sigma's, and faculty, and concluded with a game of human croquet between Sigma's and Mu's. Sigma's took high honors for the evening with the Mu's close on their heels and faculty following.

BABY SNOOKS VISITS PARTY

The outstanding event of the evening was a series of impersonations. Baby Snooks came to life in the form of Miss Davis, who evidently didn't get her wish from "Daddy" because she ended with the usual "WHY." Miss Harris prised in as Charlie Chaplin and nearly raised the roof. Afterwards Rue Guthrie as Kay Kyser carried on for dear old Lucky Strike. Sophia Redwood gave an impersonation of Zazu Pitts,

Mary Peters Marries C. C. Cunningham, Jr.

Six Saint Mary's Girls Attend Wedding in Radford, Virginia

On September 26 six Saint Mary's girls went to Radford, Virginia, to attend the wedding of Miss Mary Peters, a former student of Saint Mary's. Mary became the bride of Mr. Charles Clark Cunningham, Jr., also of Radford.

The wedding was held at home before an improvised altar decorated with palms and gladiolas. Before the ceremony, an appropriate program of organ music was played.

Mary looked lovely in a white satin gown fashioned with the new torso hip line and a long train. Her illusion veil fell from a Mary Stuart cap of rose point lace caught on either side with orange blossoms. The sweetheart neckline was trimmed with rose point lace and the wrist-length sleeves were pointed.

The bride attended Saint Mary's last year and was Aurelia Rutherford's roommate while here.

Saint Mary's girls who attended the wedding were Sophia Redwood, who caught the bride's bouquet, Peggy Speight (1940-41), Ruth Bond, Aurelia Rutherford, Jean Fulton, and Betty Willecox.

The bride and groom left for New York where they will spend their honeymoon.

and Elise Marshall of Shirley Temple. Bunny Stribling imitated a number of people, including Jerry Colona, Mr. Moore, Miss Lalor, and Miss Davis.

"Please let's have more parties like this one," begged the Belles as they left the gym.

Inquiring Reporter Interviews Dateless Dames

Water runs, a radio blares forth the heartaches of this or that song writer, two empty coke bottles gaze blankly at the spasmodic flow of wanderers that patrols Second Floor Holt on Sunday afternoon. Ah, yes, charity begins in the home—or words to that effect. A scene, however, that would grip the heart of any calloused being with the chill of apprehension can be found any Sunday afternoon in Holt—better known to Seniors as the Dateless Dames' Dorm. Yet Charity, in male form, rarely invades those cloistered sanctums. Could it be that Senior grips have slipped collectively? Oh, tush, girls, dry those tear-streaked faces. The good old Law of Averages will fix you up soon. To return, though, to the gruesome subject at hand—or rather the not-so-gruesome subject that's not at hand—men. Why is it that, with a few revolting

exceptions, so many of us supposedly women-of-the-world old girls spend our dateable afternoon with only Achilles as a companion? And even this dream man of all dream men has his definite limitations—specifically, a blue bound volume of Homer's *Iliad*. We, as well as the afore-mentioned revolting exceptions, have our obvious assets, but then boarding school will add some weight to anybody. An intelligent expression surely can't be the male creature's only criterion.

But to get on to the invaluable opinions of my partners in solitude . . .

A la Cauble—"I never have the nasty things (dates) myself . . . besides Sunday afternoons alone are so character developing."

Bebe Rutherford is a strong advocate of the "knock 'em down and

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Students Choose Class Presidents

L. Lucas, Thorne, Council, Eggleston, and Harris Are Elected to Lead Classes

The election of Saint Mary's class presidents took place last week.

Laurie Lucas, from Greensboro, N. C., has been selected by the Freshmen to preside over them during the 1941-42 session. It is certain that Laurie will represent her Freshmen well because of her previous experience as President of the Junior High School in Greensboro last year.

Elizabeth Thorne, from Columbia, S. C., was elected president of the Sophomore Class. "Libba" has been a popular student at Saint Mary's School for two years and is in a position to know the duties of her office.

JANE COUNCIL HEADS JUNIORS

The Juniors have shown their respect for Jane Council by electing her to represent them as president this year. Jane, whose home is in Wananish, N. C., was an outstanding leader during her high school career. She was a member of the Student Council her Freshman year, vice-president of the Sophomore class, editor of her school paper, and salutatorian of the Senior class. The student body expects great things from the Junior class this year.

Louise Eggleston was elected president of the Business class. Louise is from Norfolk, where she attended the William and Mary extension last year.

The Day Students chose Ida Dunn Harris as their president for the 1941-42 session. Ida Dunn served on the Hall Council last year. In the Needham Broughton High School, she was a member of the student council and chief marshal for two years.

German Club Elects Phlegar President

The Deutscher Verein Plans Two Trips and a Study of German Culture This Year

Ellen Phlegar was elected president of the Deutscher Verein at a class meeting Monday, September 29. The other officers are Mary Brooks Harper, vice-president; Louise Taylor and Mary Coons, treasurers; and Virginia Hart and Marie Hodges, secretaries.

Betty Bronson heads the social committee with Mary-Gene Kelly, Bunny Stribling, Nancy Poe, Helen Bobbitt, Marian Schafer, Betsey John West, and Doris Lloyd as assistants.

The Deutscher Verein plans two trips to Chapel Hill or Duke this winter. On Sunday evenings the

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