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R. R. and Bus Officials Explain Travel Problems

Thanksgiving Travel to be Difficult; Christmas Congestion Will Be Relieved by Month's Vacation

Since the chief topic of discussion at Saint Mary's has been the transportation problem, *The Belles* interviewed the Southern Railroad, Seaboard Railroad, and the Atlantic Greyhound Bus officials in order to formulate an accurate picture of the present situation.

Traveling during Thanksgiving week will be practically impossible; traveling during Christmas holidays will be simply tough. These are the opinions of bus and train officials in Raleigh. Even on normal week-ends busses and trains have everything they can handle, but during holidays traveling will be much worse.

Because of heavy troop movements, trains are just about filled to capacity. For an example of one company in the South alone, Ernest E. Norris, president of the Southern Railway System, writes: "In the first seven months of this year we have carried almost 600,000 men in uniform, all moving under orders. They traveled in 24,915 coaches and Pullmans; in 1,564 special trains and 5,563 extra cars attached to our regular passenger trains. And these figures do not include the additional hundreds of thousands who have traveled over our lines on furlough or in small groups on transfer orders."

Naturally the railroads are not discouraging business; they are doing everything possible to try to accommodate the crowds. Standing is allowed in coaches, but pullman reservations should be made as far in advance as possible.

Atlantic Greyhound Bus officials said that they could guarantee nothing concerning transportation. Bus

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Classes Elect Remaining Officers

Last week the various classes elected the rest of their officers for the school year. They are:

Maria Legg, *Vice-President of the Junior Class*; Betsy Long, *Secretary*; Nancy Brockman, *Treasurer*; Betty Clark, *Legislative Member*; Foxie Clarke, Harriet Whitaker, Margaret deRosset, Katherine Legg, *Dance Marshals*.

Mary Dickey, *Vice-President of the Sophomore Class*; Maybelle Smith, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Eleanor Thomas and Virginia Woodard, *Dance Marshals*; Caroline Long, *Legislative Member*.

Alice Shamburger, *Vice-President of the Freshman Class*; Barbara

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SCHOOL to Support War Fund Drive

Mr. Hughes Represents Saint Mary's; Drive Combines 21 Causes

Saint Mary's is again to take part in the United War Fund, and Mr. Hughes has been asked to become a Major representing the school. Last Tuesday Mrs. Robert S. Wyatt, member of Speakers' Bureau for United War Fund and former chairman of Raleigh Community Chest, spoke in assembly on the importance of this drive.

This drive does not include the T. B. Association, Travelers' Aid, Salvation Army, Chinese Relief, Red Cross, and a few other organizations. But the "21 Causes in One" have been combined so that people will know how to give wisely, and at the same time not be harassed by so many different pleas at different times during the year. Instead of merely the teachers and officers having a part this year, the entire school will be asked to contribute.

Mrs. Wilson Hollowell, III, will be a Captain to canvass the faculty, and Miss Frances Vann a Captain to canvass the officers. Student Captains are the Presidents of the five classes, Ruth Sherrill, Laurie Lucas, Betty Barnes, Sallie McKinley, and Betty Suiter. The day students will not be asked to give here as canvassers will solicit them at their homes in town.

Last year the amounts contributed by the colleges here in Raleigh were as follows: Meredith, \$481.20; Peace, \$161.00; Saint Mary's, \$216.00; and State, \$2,387.87. This year Saint Mary's is asked to contribute \$372.38, the other colleges being asked to increase their giving in proportion, as over \$116,000.00 will be needed for the "21 Causes in One."

CIRCLE INITIATES FIVE MEMBERS

BELLES Aim for
100% Stamp Sales

New Plan Initiated; 25c War Stamps Sold When Belles Is Delivered; Competition Among Halls

The Belles staff, with the approval of Mrs. Cruikshank, is initiating a new plan for selling war stamps at Saint Mary's. Realizing that the present stamp sales system is unorganized and inadequate, the staff is going to try a new and more individual method. The opportunity for co-operating in such an important phase of the war effort is given to every girl in school. Here is the plan: the staff is going to make a special effort to sell one 25c stamp to each student every two weeks when *The Belles* is delivered. At the end of the school year each girl should have at least fourteen 25c stamps.

Every other Friday afternoon a staff member comes to a student's room to bring *The Belles*. She expects the girl to be there, and she will ask her to buy a 25c stamp. If the student does not have a war stamp book, the staff member gives her one. Upon leaving the room, the staff member tacks up a card on the outside of the door with the names of the girls living in the room on it. When a student buys a stamp, a gold star is placed under her name to show that she has done her bit for America this two weeks.

Also there will be competition among the various halls. Sales results are to be posted on a board near the post office.

L. Lucas, Hart, Soar, Richardson, and Jenkins Chosen From Entire Student Body as Outstanding

The Circle held its first initiation of the year last Wednesday night. The five girls to receive this honor were Laurie Lucas, Virginia Hart, Marjorie Soar, Daphne Richardson, and Lillian Jenkins.

Laurie Lucas, of Greensboro, is president of the Sophomore Class just as she was Freshman Class president last year.

Virginia Hart is from Chatham, Virginia. She is a member of the Junior Class, and is Miss Brown's assistant in charge of the mail.

Marjorie Soar, a day student, is a senior and a second year student. She is president of the Day Students.

Daphne Richardson, of Fayetteville, is Chief Marshal. A candidate for graduation in June, Daphne is also working for a certificate in organ.

Lillian Jenkins, of Goldsboro, is editor of the *Stage Coach*. Lillian is a senior, and last spring ably edited the *Saint Mary's Handbook* for 1942.

SMS Girls Attend Y. P. S. L. Convention

Mary Thomas, Elizabeth Royall, and Betty Edwards attended the Y. P. S. L. district meeting at Christ Church last Saturday. The Service Leagues of Christ, Good Shepherd, and Saint Saviour's Churches were hosts to the visiting leagues from Durham, Chapel Hill, Henderson, and Oxford.

The business meeting, which was presided over by Evelyn Smithwick, diocesan secretary of the Y. P. S. L., opened with a short welcome, devotional, and roll call of the leagues in this district; each president gave a report of his league's work during the past year. After a discussion of various league problems and objectives the Rev. John A. Wright introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Mr. Lee Sheppard, pastor of the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church. Mr. Sheppard spoke on "What youth can do now to further its interests in the world of the present and the future." The business meeting ended with the benediction by the Rev. Mr. David Yates, of Durham.

The delegates were then entertained at a spaghetti supper; later some attended a dance in the parish house of Good Shepherd Church while others went to the State-Wake Forest football game.

The next morning the convention ended with the celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:00 o'clock.

PENDER LOOKS AT THE NEWS

Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands is the focal point in a battle that seems likely to develop into one of the decisive struggles of the war in the Pacific. Huge fleets of enemy bombers are attacking the airfield on Guadalcanal which the Japanese built and the Americans seized in August as the work was being completed. Guadalcanal is the key to the entire area. The possession of it for Japan would mean a jumping-off place for new conquests and the launching of a second invasion fleet, more powerful than the one defeated in the Coral Sea, aimed from this area at Australia. For America, victory in the Solomons would provide not only a defense against Japanese advances, but also a starting point in turning back Nippon from lands already conquered. The latest

communiques indicate heavy land fighting to come as well as a protracted struggle for sea and air mastery.

Stalingrad has again reached a crucial stage. The Germans pressed their revitalized assault on the city with 60,000 men and a tank division supported by aircraft. Losses are staggering on both sides. But the *Wehrmacht* still has not achieved its major goal for 1943: conquest of the Caucasus and its oils. Russian troops fight on.

Conquered Europe shows that Germany is worried about an Allied offensive. Frenchmen last Friday rioted against the Laval Government's efforts to meet demands for 150,000 workers for German industry. Outbreaks at Lyons and Am

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