

Ballet Theatre Performs in Raleigh

Second Raleigh Civic Music Concert; Theatre Completely American Under Management of Solomon Hurok

Members of the Raleigh Civic Music Association will have the privilege next Monday night of attending the Ballet Theatre. The company is under the able management of S. Hurok, who also manages the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

The Ballet Theatre is a comparatively new venture, this being only its fourth season, but it has already become an institution. Its most outstanding characteristic is that it is completely American. While some of the dancers have Russian names, they are for the most part American born. The backing is American; the sponsor is American; and even more unusual, the atmosphere is American.

The company's dancers are of the finest. Each player takes a part suited to him, even though he may be one of the greatest dancers and the part insignificant. It has been generally conceded that the corps de ballet of the Ballet Theatre is the most "expert ensemble in the world of ballet."

Mr. Hurok has said of the company, "I have taken the Ballet Theatre under my management because I believe that it is the most promising ballet company in the western world. The dancers are young, fresh, and immensely vital. The productions are crisp, bold, and original. . . . New dancers have strengthened the already brilliant list of artists headed by Irina Baranova, Alicia Markova, and Anton Dolin, three of the finest dancers of our generation. . . . The Ballet Theatre is the best booking bet of the season."

Belles Collects \$44.15 For U. S. War Stamps

\$7.00 From Third Floor Smedes;
\$4.75 From West Rock; \$4.25
From First Floor Holt

The Belles is proud to report a good beginning in the purchase of war stamps Friday, October 23, 1942. The entire staff wishes to thank the student body for its fine co-operation, and hopes that in the future the same record may be attained and bettered.

The staff requests that each girl who is planning to be away Friday afternoon leave her money for her purchase of stamps with some member of the staff or her roommate. Girls have been assigned to each hall and will bring the stamps by every room between 5:45 and 6:30. It is hoped that every student will participate.

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Literary Societies Elect Officers, Plan Varied Program

Fifteen New Members Initiated
Dressed as Characters in "Alice
In Wonderland"

Sigma Lambda and E. A. P. literary societies elected officers at their first regular meetings last Tuesday. The officers are, *Sigma Lambda*: Betty Edwards, vice-president; Harriet Benton, secretary; Betty Pender, custodian of the banner. *E. A. P.*: Jane Evans, vice-president; Rebecca Drane, secretary.

Then the respective presidents presented a program of the year's work. This includes debates on limited subjects, the technique of parliamentary procedure, essays, book reviews, one-act plays, poetry, and short stories, eliminating long, drawn-out discussions. Both *E. A. P.*'s and *Sigma Lambda*'s will start the year with poetry.

The preceding Tuesday the two societies initiated fifteen new members and began the year with a joint party at the Hut. The initiates had to dress as characters in *Alice in Wonderland* the entire day and refrain from speaking or smiling. Further initiation was a skit, the modern version of the Mad Hatter's tea-party.

New members of the societies are, *Sigma Lambda*: Harriet Benton, Adelaide Butler, Patty Weaver, Betty Edwards, Pat Hassler, Frenchie McCann, and Marion Thomas; *E. A. P.*: Rebecca Drane, Agatha Chipley, Martha Crook, Jane Clark Cheshire, Betty Barnes, Mary Fox Clarke, Virginia Hart, and Margaret Winslow.

S.M.S. SPONSORS PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM

Seniors Plan Gala "War-minded" Dance

All Expenses Cut; Records Replace Orchestra; Invitations Request "No Flowers"

The annual dance given by the Senior Class of Saint Mary's will take place on December 5 in the gymnasium. Although the dance will have lost none of its former significance, all plans have been made to cut down the usual expenses in every possible way.

The following committees have been appointed to plan for the dance:

Decorations: Marjorie Shackelford, chairman; Sally Sanborn, Lillian Jenkins, Mary Louise Thomson, Betty Lou Britt, Peggy Williams, Jane Taylor, Virginia Olive, Peggy Osborne, and Lillian Bellamy.

Bids: Sarah Dawson, chairman; Pauline McNeny, Mary Ann Cooper.

Music: Cora Lucas, chairman; Lib Hackney, Betty Pender, Ticky LaRoque.

Miscellaneous: Marian Castellow, chairman; Mary Thomas, Brooksie Popkins, Helen Riley.

The seniors voted to dance to recorded music instead of to the usual orchestra in order to use the money saved to buy a defense bond at the end of the year; also, in keeping with the same program, attractive but inexpensive decorations have been planned by the committee to take the place of more elaborate designs. Along with the "war-minded" plans the boys will be requested to send no corsages, and no refreshments will be served during the evening.

Mrs. Cruikshank Says Purpose Is to Aid Health and Morale; Hikes, Bowling, Marching, Skating Offered

A phase of Saint Mary's adjustment to war and war conditions is her "physical fitness" program. The plan behind the idea is that every Wednesday afternoon throughout the year will be closed so that all members of the student body will participate in some group activity between 4 and 6. It is logically expected that by the end of the year the physical conditions of the students as a whole will be much sounder and healthier.

Saint Mary's first Wednesday afternoon physical education program was a success. Miss Harvey reported that the whole student body, except the girls who had infirmity excuses and doctors' appointments, took part in the various activities.

This program, which will continue throughout the year, is part of Saint Mary's defense work. As Mrs. Cruikshank characteristically put it, the program has a twofold purpose. First, it aids the health of every girl by turning her "toward a more wholesome aspect of life, away from the drugstore and the Coca-Cola point of view." Second, it plays a "vital part in building morale because it combats self-pity, known as homesickness, and leads the student to take real pride in personal health, enabling her to forget minor ailments instead of cultivating them. This promotes a feeling of well-being which contributes to the war effort."

Girls participate in various activities: roller skating, bowling, and hiking and marching (for seniors and old students). The hikes give an opportunity for seeing points of interest in Raleigh, such as the capitol, museum, art gallery, Dix Hill, State College, and Governor's mansion, and for observing nature in the country.

The program will be carried out on rainy days, too, in bowling, roller skating, and indoor sports at school such as ballroom and folk dancing, games, and swimming. On these days, the marching group will have preference in roller skating.

This year all tournaments in major sports will be played on Wednesday afternoons. The whole student body will attend and the cheerleaders will put on a colorful show.

Of course, all boarding students must take part in this program, though the program is not compulsory for day students; but they are urged to join in the activities. A number of them did participate in the first day's program.

Mrs. Cruikshank has said that she "likes its variety and its chance for organization in planning activities and its chance for teamwork in carrying them out."

PENDER LOOKS AT THE NEWS

Guadalcanal, at the end of the first phase of the great battle of the Solomons, is still flying the American flag. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox announced Friday that the enemy fleet, which had disappeared from the official reports for many anxious days, had withdrawn northward from the battle area. He added, "I do not want to give an impression of optimism, but I feel great pride over the conduct of America's forces in the Solomons." If this battle has taught Americans anything, it has taught them what a resourceful, courageous, and thoroughly treacherous foe they are up against. To beat this foe calls for the best in American fighting men. The Japanese thrust to regain Guadalcanal had been launched with such strength as to suggest that its real objective was a breach in the United

Nations' long, loosely guarded Pacific frontier. If, in the imminent battle for the entire Southwest Pacific, the Japanese can puncture this frontier, their rewards will be great. Australia and New Zealand will stand isolated and in mortal danger. South America will lie open to Japanese raiders. It will become immeasurably difficult for the United Nations to support China and India in the tests to come.

The North African desert is the scene of the most difficult major offensive in two years of battle. Eight days ago a mighty Allied artillery barrage was launched. The order was, in the words of Lieut. Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery, "to destroy Rommel and his army." Through desert minefields British, Australian, New Zealand, South

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