

Seniors Will Sing
Christmas Carols
Early
Wednesday Morning

The Belles

Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

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Dr. Koch to Read Christmas Carol

Director of Carolina Playmakers
Has Been Reading Story for
Thirty-Eight Years

Dr. Frederick H. Koch, founder and director of The Carolina Playmakers, will read Dickens' "Christmas Carol" Monday night, December 14, at 8 o'clock in the School Auditorium. The program is sponsored by the Saint Mary's Dramatic Club and school.

First Reading in North Dakota

About 38 years ago "Proff" Koch, as he is affectionately called by students and colleagues from the "California coast to the sand banks of North Carolina, and from Grand Forks, North Dakota, to many places in the deep South," gave his first reading of Dickens' Christmas story to a few friends gathered around a crackling wood fire in North Dakota. Before the passing of many years no building on the campus of the University of North Dakota, where he was a faculty member for many years, was large enough to hold the crowds who came to hear his reading of *A Christmas Carol*.

Now Dr. Koch has read this famous story, personifying the spirit of Christmas, over two hundred times to thousands of people all over the country.

His Goal—New American Drama

Throughout the years "Proff" Koch has worked toward the goal of creating a new American drama, "a drama from the roots and soil of the American tradition." His achievements in this field were recognized several years ago when the University of North Dakota called him back to the "scene of the beginning" of his work in folk playmaking to deliver the commencement address and to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature and membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Jane Council Weds At Home Today

An event of great interest to both new and old students is the marriage of Jane Cole Council to Ensign Alexander Smilie Gregg, Jr. The ceremony will take place at 7:00 tonight at the bride's home, Lake Waccamaw. Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Council, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Smilie Gregg, of Laurinburg. Following the wedding the couple will go to Miami, Florida, where the groom is stationed.

The bride will be attended by her sister, Mrs. Franklin Averitt, of Fayetteville, matron of honor, and Daphne Richardson, maid of honor. Jane, a marshal this year at Saint Mary's, is a member of the Sigma Lambda Literary Society, Dramatic Club, and Political Science Club.



DR. FREDERICK H. KOCH

S. M. S. Girls Attend Church Conference

Theme of N. C. Episcopal Conference Was "The Church and the World—Today and Tomorrow"

Rebecca Drane, Caroline Long, Martha Crook, Betsy Burke, and Betty Edwards represented Saint Mary's at the sixth annual North Carolina Episcopal Student Conference held at Saint Mary's house, Greensboro, from December 5 through December 7. After the conference was officially opened by the president, Julia Pepper, the Rev. John A. Wright, rector of Christ Church, Raleigh, and leader of the conference, addressed the delegates on the theme of the conference: "The Church and the World—Today and Tomorrow."

On Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock, the group assembled for prayers and another short talk by the Rev. Mr. Wright which laid the foundation for the discussion groups held immediately afterwards.

After the luncheon which followed the discussion groups the business session convened, and the election of officers for the coming year was held.

The highlight of the convention was a banquet held at Saint Andrew's Church Saturday night. An address by the Rev. Stephen Bayne, chaplain of Columbia University, climaxed the program.

After a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning the delegates attended the University sermon in the auditorium of W. C. U. N. C. This service, at which the Rev. Mr. Bayne delivered a sermon on "The Inescapability of Christ," officially closed the conference.

SAINT MARY'S FACES PROBLEM OF NO WEEK-ENDS

Miss Haig in First Faculty Recital Tonight

Miss Mary Ruth Haig will give the first faculty recital of the year tonight at 8 o'clock. A graduate of the Julliard School of Music, Miss Haig has been at Saint Mary's for five years except for a leave of absence three years ago.

Miss Haig is considered one of the most finished and musicianly pianists in Raleigh, and her recitals have always brought most favorable comments from even the most experienced members of the audience.

In the classic group of selections on her program Miss Haig has chosen one of the few compositions in sonata form written by a romantic composer, Schumann. In the modern group special attention should be given to the use of Spanish rhythm.

The Liszt *Etude in D Flat* is the novelty of the program. The *Etude* combines melodic notes as well as technical passages.

The *Ballade in F Major* by Chopin is one of a group of four inspired perhaps by the narrative poems of a Polish poet. It is interesting to note that it was dedicated to Schumann. Poetic and fiery passages alternate in the *Ballade*. One writer points out "how soft and sweet a breath steals over the heart," and then comes the shock of the abrupt transition to the restless and impassioned brilliant sections.

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Mrs. Cruikshank Discusses War Problems After Memphis Meeting

Mrs. Ernest Cruikshank has just returned from the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Memphis, Tennessee, from November 29 to December 5, bringing back a report on the war problems in schools. She reports the meeting was much smaller this year because of war conditions and travel.

The problems the meeting discussed fall into two factions: the belief that boys and girls should be kept at regular school work as long as possible, and the suggestion of giving boys opportunity to shorten school work in order to join the armed forces or some kind of war work.

Lt. Com. Sentner, U. S. N., presented his ideas in the second half of the meeting. He listed four things that boys and girls should have above everything else: physical education, science, mathematics through trigonometry—"ram it down their throats if no other way"—English, in words of one syllable. And American History, taught the old-fashioned way, where every American is a hero.

Inquiring Reporter Reflects Many Points of View; Legisla- tive Body Discusses Measure

Saint Mary's girls are beginning to realize the possibility of no week-ends next semester because of the difficulty in transportation. At first rumors flew around the campus bringing forth screams of terror, but now the students have begun to think seriously of such a possibility. Already the Legislative Body has met to discuss the measure of closed week-ends. Nothing is definite about this matter yet as discussions and meetings are being held in school to test whether this proposition is valid or not.

Both the faculty and student body realize the necessity of having certain compensations in face of no week-ends. In co-operation with *The Belles*, students have been working over a list of activities that could substitute for week-ends away from school: bicycle trips, roller skating, open house at Hut on Saturdays, juniors going to Saturday night movies with a senior, and organized games, plays, and stunts over the week-end.

Individual comments gathered by the Inquiring Reporter as to opinion on closed week-ends reflect many points of view:

Anne Stough: "If the Government restricts traveling on week-ends, I think Saint Mary's should co-operate, but otherwise not."

Sally Tucker: "As patriotic citizens of the United States the girls at school should consider carefully before taking trips since they know the present situation. But I don't think it should be legislated against definitely because there are times when it is necessary to leave school."

Mary Charles Godwin: "It would be a good idea for travel's sake if we could take our week-ends at school."

Helen Riley: "Giving up week-ends seems to be a very small sacrifice to make when we think of the world crisis and the sacrifices others are making."

Sarah Dawson: "We are already restricted to a few week-ends a semester whereas other schools have an unlimited number. But, if the students volunteer to give up week-ends, it's fine. I see no need in giving up week-ends if you can get a ride in a private car."

Beverley Broun: "It is usually a relaxation and a change to get away on week-ends. But if some plan can be devised whereby we can get sufficient diversion here at school, I'm willing to give up my week-ends."

Jane Taylor: "I feel that girls have a greater capacity for work if they have some form of week-end diversion away from school."

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