

## C. M. A. Presents Jan Peerce February 5

### American-Born Tenor and Professional Violinist Appears In Fourth Raleigh Concert

Jan Peerce, tenor, comes to Raleigh February 5 in a concert sponsored by the Civic Music Association. American born, Mr. Peerce has become one of the foremost artists of opera and radio.

Born in New York as Jacob Perelmuth, he began his study of music with the violin. At the age of 15 he was a professional violinist, playing in dance orchestras. Soon he realized his voice was probably better than his violin playing; so he turned to Emilo Roxas as a voice teacher.

In 1933 Radio City Music Hall engaged Jan Peerce to sing a repertoire of operatic arias, ballads, and art songs. His popularity increased with guest performances on other radio hours such as Ford, General Motors, and R. C. A. Soon he began concert tours as a guest artist with famous orchestras.

Mr. Peerce made his first opera appearance on the public stage in 1938 when he appeared at the Shubert Theatre in Philadelphia, singing the leading tenor role in *Rigoletto* with the Columbia Opera Company. A year later he made his New York recital debut successfully.

Today Mr. Peerce lives in the city of his birth with his wife and children. Currently he is featured on radio programs and with the Metropolitan Opera Company.

## Margaret Groover Christens John Harvey

It was exactly 1:45 p.m. on the day of January 9, 1943.

The scene was hull 56 at the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company near Wilmington, N. C.

A cheer went up from the right side of the *U. S. John Harvey* as that crew of workmen finished knocking out the props on their side before the left-hand crew.

The crowd of spectators gathered on the launching stand gazed anxiously at the figure in the red coat standing on the platform at the prow of the boat. She wore a white orchid and held a net-covered bottle in her hand. A nod from a tall dark man, a crash of breaking glass followed before the hasty retreat of those nearest, loud applause by all those assembled, a piercing whistle, and another liberty ship went down the ways.

Then the tall, dark man pulled a small white package out of his pocket.

"Miss Groover, in behalf of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company, I would like to present you with this token of our appreciation."

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## We Do Our Part Says Mrs. Marriott

Mrs. N. H. Marriott, dietitian of Saint Mary's School, will assure you that despite the present food situation the students here are not difficult to feed. She finds the girls most responsive to the present rationing of sugar and coffee, and they seem to use no more than is necessary. She feels that "there is really nothing to worry about."

Of course we all realize that a good deal of our best available foods, including eggs, meats, and others, are being sent to our fighting forces overseas as well as to the peoples requiring food under the Lend-Lease Act. For this reason plans for meals here are checked with the foods that are available. We will probably not always have the variety of food that we enjoyed before, but on the other hand we will discover many dishes once overlooked and learn new and interesting ways to serve the plainer but nutritious products the government assures us we will have.

Mrs. Marriott notes that prices have gone up and will probably continue to do so. The greatest increase has been in meats, especially fowl, and dairy products; eggs, milk, butter and cheese. Before last December it was possible to place orders in advance for some items, but since then it has been prohibited by the government.

However, our school dietitian believes that we need not worry about a lack of good food through the spring term. Though some things will be rationed, in most cases food will be only limited. Mrs. Marriott says that "we shall continue to operate by rules and regulations on a day by day basis. From the President right on down we shall share and share alike if everyone continues to co-operate well."

## CORNELIA TONGUE MAKES HIGHEST SCORE FOR SECOND YEAR IN CURRENT EVENTS TEST

### Emily Cheshire Weds Ens. W. S. Townsend

#### Saint Mary's Girl Marries in Good Shepherd Church; Sarah Thompson a Bridesmaid

On Saturday evening at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Miss Emily Sheill Cheshire became the bride of Lt. (jg) Walter Scott Townsend, U. S. N. R., of Petersburg, Virginia. The Rev. James McDowell Dick, rector of the church, and the Rev. James M. Townsend, Jr., brother of the groom, officiated.

Stewart Pratt, organist, and the choir director of the Good Shepherd Church rendered the wedding music.

White flowers and palms decorated the chancel of the church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore her mother's wedding dress of ivory tulle with a full court train of ivory satin. The veil, which fell from a wreath of orange blossoms, extended the length of the train. Her bouquet was made up of bride's roses and gardenias.

The bride had as her maid of honor her sister, Miss Annie Webb Cheshire, and as matron of honor, Mrs. Henry D. Haywood, also a sister of the bride. Her bridesmaids were Mrs. Clayton Tasker, of Bordentown, N. J., sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Sarah Thompson, of Westwood, N. J. These attendants, who wore colonial dresses of ivory faille taffeta with tulle Juliet caps, carried bouquets of red roses.

Lt. (jg) Braxton B. Townsend, U. S. N. R., attended his brother as

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### Margaret Groover, Business Class, Is Runner-up; 247 Students Take Test

Senior Cornelia Tongue, of Raleigh, for the second successive year won the annual *Time Magazine's* Current Affairs test given to Saint Mary's student body yesterday. She made a score of 78 as compared with her last year's 72. Margaret Groover, of Wilmington, business class, was runner-up with a score of 72.

These tests, covering all current events, scientific and cultural matter, are sent to select private schools and junior colleges throughout the nation. The whole test of 105 questions is objective, having a multiple answer form.

Lillian Bellamy, Wilmington, with a score of 68, placed second among the forty-two seniors who took the test.

Margaret Winslow, Rocky Mount, with a score of 65, placed first among the ninety-nine juniors taking the test. Virginia Hart, Chatham, was runner-up with 62.

Shiney Dial, Columbia, S. C., with a score of 63, was second among the thirty-five business students taking the test.

Felicia Camm, Raleigh, with a score of 62, placed first among the thirty-nine sophomores who took the test. Charlot Waller, Morganfield, Ky., was runner-up with 60.

Betty Johnson, Raleigh, with a score of 60, placed first among the thirty-two freshmen and preps who took the test. Jane Jeter, Raleigh, was runner-up with 56.

These students with the highest scores have their choice between a 12-inch World Globe or any five dollar book they wish as a prize.

## PENDER LOOKS AT THE NEWS

"In total war," said President Roosevelt last week in his annual budget message to Congress, "we are all soldiers, whether in uniforms, overalls, or shirt-sleeves." Thus, to each one of the 133,000,000 Americans, the President's call for the spending of \$109,000,000,000 during the next fiscal year means a streamlined, war-year economy with more work, time saving, and more sacrifice. One phase of the new burden, which is more than the sum of all Federal spending from 1789 to 1932, is a tremendous rise in taxes and forced savings. The President also asked that revenues be increased to about 50 per cent of the budget, with "\$16,000,000,000 of additional funds by taxation, savings, or both, during the fiscal year of 1944."

Realization of such a goal would still leave a good half of the \$109,000,000,000 to be met by

an increase in the public debt—which by July will equal \$135,000,000,000. On March 15, millions of Americans will be faced with meeting income taxes on a hitherto unheard-of level. Their problem has brought mounting demands for a pay-as-you-go system of federal income taxes. Congress has several such plans under consideration, but congressional spokesmen yesterday warned that it would be difficult to secure legislative action before the first payment is due on March 15.

The Nazis in Russia are falling back toward Rostov as the Russians push on. Although Hitler's men still hold many vital routes, psychologically they are at a disadvantage. They no longer hold the initiative and the war of attrition is beginning to tell on both morale and material reserves.

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## Miss Cruikshank Engaged to Lt. Foss

Mrs. Ernest Cruikshank announces the engagement of her daughter, Olive Echols, to Lieutenant Robert Todd Foss, U. S. A., son of Mrs. George H. Foss and the late Dr. Foss, of Springfield, Massachusetts. The tentative date for the wedding in the chapel is February 20.

Olive attended Saint Mary's for five years, graduated in the class of 1937, and then was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1939, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Lieutenant Foss went to Dartmouth College, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and got his M.A. in 1941. He is now stationed at Camp Toccoa, Georgia, in the 511th Parachute Infantry.