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BUY WAR STAMPS
TODAY!

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Betsy Blount Makes Highest Term Average

Student Body Scholastic Average Improves This Year

Members of the *Belles* Staff have averaged each individual's grades in school to compute the semester averages of each student, of each class, and of the student body. The averages were arrived at by employing the same alphabetical grading system as used last year, but are not averaged beyond tenths. As compared with last year, the results are quite interesting.

The highest individual average in school was 95, made by Betsy Blount of the business class. Last year the highest individual average was also made by a member of the business class, Betty Suiter, with an average of 95.

The highest individual averages of each class for the first semester are as follows: seniors, 92, by Rebecca Drane; juniors, 88, by Annette Fulton; sophomores, 91, by Libby Peden; and freshmen and preps, 93, by Frances Bickett.

The class averages compared with last year are as follows:

1942-43		1943-44	
43 Seniors	80.5	59 Seniors	80.5
108 Juniors	72.8	110 Juniors	74.5
33 Business		31 Business	
Students	78.6	Students	78.0
Student Body		Student Body	
Average	75.2	Average	76.3
73 Sophomores	76.1	42 Sophomores	76.1
32 Freshmen & Preps	71.2	41 Freshmen & Preps	74.1

The college students (juniors, seniors, and business students) together averaged 77.4 as compared with 77.3 averaged last year; the high school students (sophomores, freshmen, and preps) averaged 75 as compared with 73.1 averaged last year. Thus the college division average and the high school average have both improved.

The student body as a whole averaged 76.3, while last year's student body averaged 75.2. It is interesting to note that the junior class and high school department averages are lower than the student body averages.

S. M. S. Faculty Honors Mrs. Bird With Tea

Saint Mary's faculty entertained Mrs. Herbert A. Bird at an informal tea Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the Hut.

Winter jasmine, first breath of spring, and ivy made lovely decorations, and white candles were on the mantle and side tables. On the serving table was an arrangement of yellow and white early spring flowers. Miss Elizabeth Bason poured coffee, and was assisted in serving decorated cakes, mints, and nuts by Misses Elizabeth Tucker, Frances Vann, and Mary Ruth Haig. Mrs. Bird was presented a gift of china in her chosen pattern.

S. M. S. Buys \$3,062 In War Stamps

Hopkins Represents S.M.S. At Bond Meet

A banquet was held at Meredith College, Tuesday, January 25, in order to promote enthusiasm and to give instructions to the leaders of the Fourth War Loan Drive. Among those attending were Gov. J. M. Broughton, Mayor Graham Andrews, Lon Chaney, Jr., five war heroes, and Mr. Oscar Pitts, head of the drive in Wake County. Miss Peggy Hopkins was Saint Mary's representative.

Miss Hopkins also attended a luncheon held at the Woman's Club on February 4 for the women's division of the Bond Drive. Reports were read by members on the progress of the women's division so far. Miss Hopkins gathered these statistics for the comparison of Saint Mary's and other schools in Raleigh:

Meredith	\$3,784.00
Saint Mary's	3,062.00
Peace	1,875.00
State	1,406.25

The total for the college division was \$852,473.40.

The issue value of bonds bought at Saint Mary's is as of February 4th:

Faculty	\$2,949.50
Students	112.50
Total	\$3,062.00

Students are urged to fill their stamp books before February 15, and buy bonds to bring up Saint Mary's total.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 11. Ruth Draper Recital.
- 13. Bishop Penick, confirmation service.
- 23. Ash Wednesday, Rt. Rev. William P. Roberts, D.D., Bishop of Shanghai, in Chapel.
- 24. Rabbi Harold F. Gelfman in assembly.

ACCORDING TO PARKER

Kwajalein, the large Japanese navy base in the Marshall group, was captured by the United States fleet last week. The largest fleet the world has ever seen began to assemble there for all out offensive against Japan. The Japanese must be ready for an Allied offensive in the Caroline Islands, especially at Truk, the largest Japanese navy base.

A crescent shaped net (the Solomons to the south, the Gilberts at center, and the Marshalls to the north) is encircling the Carolines. The Allies are encircling the Japanese Empire in New Guinea, India,

Ruth Draper, Solo-Dramatist, To Appear at S.M.S. Tonight

Freshman-Sophomore Dance Is Success

Bob Montgomery and Orchestra Play for Event

Saint Mary's parlor was the scene of the annual freshman-sophomore dance the night of February 5. This dance was wonderful in every conceivable way. Everyone looked her best and had a delightful time. Bob Montgomery pleased the dancers with his orchestra by playing just the right number of slow pieces, alternating with a few lively ones. The orchestra's drums and piano were especially good. Adding to the charm of the dance was the attractive color scheme created by the pinks of the gladioli decorating the parlor, by the predominating pink and white of the formal dresses, and by the white of the girls' long gloves. As more than half of the boys wore tuxedos rather than uniforms, the dance had a pre-war atmosphere. Best of all, there were two boys present for each of the fifty girls.

FACULTY IN RECEIVING LINE

The faculty was represented in the receiving line by Miss Florence Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Stoughton, Miss Genevieve Senecal, and Miss Peggy Hopkins. Jane Sloan, president of the sophomore class, was there with her date, Francis Parker, and Frankie Shamburger, president of the freshman class, was there with Forest Lockey. Mrs. E. B. Simpson, Mary Berry, Sue Everett, Barbara Stoughton, and Barbara Ray presided at the punch bowl in the study hall before the gay evening came to a close.

Members of the Circle walked last night, and in their usual impressive ceremony they initiated the following five new members: Sally Ramsey, Emily Williamson, Chinkie Martin, Ann Edmunds, and Kate Broadfoot.

Became a Professional Upon Advice of Paderewski

Ruth Draper, mistress of monologue, is to appear at Saint Mary's tonight. Queen of solo-drama, she uses few props, but enough fragments of costumes to create the mood.

Miss Draper believes her talents to be inherited. Her writing is the gift of her grandfather, Charles Dana, famous newspaper man, a style "simple, strong, clear, 'boiled down.'" Her love of the stage and gift of imitation was a stifled yearning of her grandmother, whose family were against a career for her in this line.

A trouper for twenty years, Miss Draper is a native New Yorker. She became a professional at the advice of Paderewski, an old family friend. In World War I, she went to France and entertained the A. E. F. Coming home by way of England, she made her first real stage appearance in London. She was such a success that she changed plans and toured Europe, Asia, New Zealand, Australia, Africa, and the Americas. In this war she has toured Canada for the British Red Cross and South America for the War Benefit. Her fame in this country is nation-wide.

Miss Draper's usual program is two and a half hours of almost continuous monologue, a feat few actors would attempt. She runs the gamut of emotions in the short space of ten minutes with but slight facial and vocal changes but with such completeness her audience feels it has been with the portrayed character all evening. Her solo-dramas are self-written, self-produced and self-acted, making her a one-woman production.

Mary Tom Gilman Is 1944 Posture Queen

Mary Tom Gilman was elected Posture Queen of Saint Mary's yesterday as the result of several days' competition among the students. Jane Peete won second place, and Charlotte Crawford third as judged by Miss Florence Davis, Miss Ruth Haig and Betty Edwards. The Letter Club sponsored the contest and distributed tags to all the girls. Members of the club, acting as policemen, gave checks to anyone they saw guilty of poor posture.

A gift of \$3,380 in securities has been made to Saint Mary's School from the estate of Mrs. Addie S. Cox of Washington, North Carolina. The securities are to be used for such purposes as the school may determine.