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WITHOUT EXCUSE

Far too many girls were late returning to school after Christmas holidays. Some, it is true, were too ill to return on time and came as soon as they were able, but others delayed their return who had no truly deserving excuse. The latter have not only selfishly thrown the schedule of work out of order, but have also made it hard on the girls who had reasons to be late. It is very probable that if so many girls "extend their vacation" again, restrictions and penalties may be put upon all those returning late.

There's another angle to this fairness, too. Why should any one girl, or any one group of girls, have more holidays than the rest of us?

Why not do right and come back on time—and stop trying to see what you can get away with!

"FIRM AND PATIENT VOICE"

"A nervous nation found a firm and patient voice," the voice of a practical politician, of an able, courageous, and invaluable man—James Byrnes, who has recently resigned his position as Secretary of State. To Byrnes a sick nation looked for guidance. To Byrnes, also, Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman looked for support and help. In both cases the seeking parties were satisfied. This South Carolinian, possessing "rare tact and judgment and—when necessary—firmness and tenacity of purpose," has had a steadying hand that, with his constant effort and influential decisions, helped steer our nation toward a speedier and more lasting peace.

Byrnes, in his position, was second only to the President, whom he assisted until his doctors

Meet the Alumnae Secretary

You've all seen her working in the Alumnae Office and most of you know her, but to those of you who don't, we'd like to introduce Miss Alice Bell, better known as "Allie."

Allie is well suited for her position of alumnae secretary because she herself is an alumna of Saint Mary's. During her two years here as a student she was secretary of student body, president of Sigma Lambda, and a member of the Circle, Granddaughters' Club, Letter Club, publications staff, and other organizations.

After graduation she attended the University of North Carolina, where she majored in journalism and was a member of the *Pi Phi* sorority. She was then editor of the *Carolina Co-operate* for a year.

Allie's many duties include writing the alumnae news for the *Bulletin*, handling alumnae dues, organizing alumnae chapters and meetings, handling publicity, preparing table lists for the dining room, directing

Granddaughters' Club, and helping Miss Davis.

When asked her pet peeve, she immediately answered "Alumnae who don't get married in alphabetical order!" This naturally needed an explanation, and she was glad to oblige.

"I have to list in alphabetical order for the *Bulletin* the names of all alumnae who have been married. It never fails that the day before my list must be in, someone whose name begins with an 'a' or a 'b' gets married, and I have to rewrite the entire list."

Allie's likes are headed by red convertibles, Wrightsville Beach, people, and bridge. She dislikes having to get up for breakfast.

She had to stop a second to consider her hobby; then she announced, "My hobby is going places—purely for educational purposes, of course!"

Although this is her first year here as alumnae secretary, Allie has already become a popular member of the staff.

SPOTLIGHT

Perk up, readers! The Spotlight turns for this issue on a tall, graceful senior with laughing black eyes and dark brown hair. She's one of the "glamour" gals of Holt, and on Sunday and the week-days you'll find her performing the duties of marshal. She's active in sports, and—you guessed it long ago—she's Elizabeth "Sande" Childs!

This pert lass from Columbia, S. C., plans to attend the University of South Carolina next year after she is graduated this spring.

Sande is not hard to please, for she has a long list of "likes." She adores the Citadel, and you can often catch her humming "The Old Lamp-lighter." She loves Edisto Beach, buttermilk, and her new picture (just ask her about it!).

The only thing she would think of on the "nay" side was her dislike of other people who "smack" their gum—Sande likes to do it all by herself!

firmly declared he must slow down. He did not creep out when he was in deep water, but waited until the most important matters were settled, leaving for his successor a job well begun, well ended.

Discovering that the way to get along with Russia is to state firmly the policies and principles of the United States and stick to them, Byrnes gained the respect of the Russian representatives. He made compromises with Russia, "skillful and patient negotiations."

The news of his resignation was a shock to Washington and America. Although Byrnes has officially resigned his top position, he has not lost his position high in the respect of America and the world. His sincerity, loyalty, truthfulness, determination, devotion to duty, and defense of American ideals place him along with Wilson and Roosevelt in the realm of the truly great Americans of this century.

Marquand's Novel, B. F.'s Daughter, Tops Reading List

Three very different types of novels heading the New York *Herald Tribune's* list of "What America Is Reading" are among the new books received at our library.

At the top of the list is *B. F.'s Daughter*, by John P. Marquand. It is the character study of a beautiful young girl, the daughter of a wealthy industrialist. Dominated all her early life by her father, she in turn tried to dominate the lives of the two men who loved her. The book will hold your attention to the end.

Solid Reading

If you are looking for more solid reading, try the second book on the list, *East River, a Novel of New York*, by Sholem Asch, one of our major contemporary writers. The scene is laid on Forty-eighth Street in New York, a melting-pot of many nationalities and religious faiths, separated by diverse origins and prejudices, but united in their common struggle for existence.

The story centers around a saintly Jewish storekeeper and his two sons, one a sensitive, scholarly boy, a victim of infantile paralysis; the other, a boy who showed early promise of success in the business world—success sometimes attained by questionable means. Those who enjoyed this author's *The Nazarene* will not want to miss this novel in a twentieth century setting.

Historical Novel

For a historical novel, we recommend *Holdfast Gaines*, by Odell Shepard and Willard Shepard, covering the period of the Revolution, the westward expansion, and the War of 1812. It is the story of Holdfast Gaines, a Mohegan Indian brought up by an American family after his tribe was wiped out in a massacre. The story "has the sweep of the old sagas; it packs an amazing amount of America in the making; it pictures the pulsing heart

Saints' Sallies

Chaos reigned Jan. 2 as "Saint" tried to relate her Christmas experiences at the same time for instance . . .

Norfleet seems to have abandoned the Deke's—while Conger fans old flame. O'Keefe, too, has corrected the past—on a purely platonic basis, she claims.

Nancy Hannah is for the now—note the blue-and-gold jacket. An old Navy fan, Fripp's wears a new crest. And have you seen glow that lights Martha Roberts? Just ask to see her left hand!

Of course Cindy went north—does she have rich memories of Christmas! Ask Liddy Bett about her vacation and all she can say is Oooo . . . ! Naturally Strong changed favors. And Rose has changed favorite colors; she yearns for black.

That Santa was lavish all around.

Notice Camp's, Lake's, Demp's coats, Sybbe's, Wood's, Coop's, and Betsy Wetterau's fur.

Those sparkling sweetheart rates noting—Betty Adkerson's Zete, Mary Leah's KA.

Betsy Siler and Ann Jennings showing off their new pins, Betsy's is Sigma Chi, Ann's KA. They aren't sweetheart pins.

Their trip back to school quite exciting, say Marilyn Stone and Nancy Riddleburger, encountered on the train an Frenchman with "roses" and perfume.

Anita Buck sallied down to Gator Bowl New Year's Day. Must have been wonderful—but could anyone stay awake long enough to see the game after that big game before?

Martha Roberts' wasn't the ring—but the others don't mean same. Willie Marjorie has her engagement ring. Peggy Swindell's dinner ring.

Serena has some new records. Have you heard 'em? ! !

With Hampton-Sydney to forward to, Maggie Moore's wondering about how she'll pass exams.

"First is best," as Fran's friend is reported to have said, dating half the girls of West.

Wake Forest seems to have served space on Peggy Swindell's dresser—again!

"Chubby" rang out the old in the new, literally. Ask her, she wants to go to Auburn next year.

How do midshipmen compare with Citadel cadets, Sande? You're going to Annapolis next—that mean anything?

Raleigh boys are pretty nice. Maggie Hudson's dance was a success, thanks to 20 of them.

Mary Craig should tell you about the fight—was it over that night or over Mary Craig?

Paulett visited Serena in New York—no sugar-rationing this Christmas.

Harriott is looking forward to her vacation after exams. Started all over again?"

and blood of that America; it's alive with individual characters, historical and fictional."