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English Professor Speaks In Assembly

Richard Walser, Carolina Writer, Talks on Charles McNeill

This being National Book Week, the assembly program Tuesday, November 16, featured Mr. Richard Walser of Lexington, North Carolina, an English professor at State College, and editor of two recent books, *North Carolina Poetry* and *North Carolina in the Short Story*.

Mr. Walser spoke on a great North Carolina poet, John Charles McNeill, who is noted for his poems in dialect on the North Carolina Negro, and for his simplicity in writing about the ordinary people and things of this state.

Mr. McNeill was born and reared in Scotland County. After finishing high school he attended Wake Forest College, where he was an honor student in English. From there, he went to Mercer University in Georgia and taught for a year after which he returned to North Carolina and practiced law in Lumberton and Laurinburg, eventually gaining a seat in the North Carolina Legislature. He then accepted a job as free lance reporter for the *Charlotte Observer*. In his early thirties, while still holding this position, he became ill and died.

Mr. Walser illustrated McNeill's style by reading five selections, "Sun-down," "When I Go Home," "Wishing," "Nigger Demus," and "Ligion."

Honor Society Chooses Guion For Treasurer

Elizabeth Guion was elected treasurer of The Order of the Circle, the honorary society of Saint Mary's, on November 7. The president is Lelia DuPre, and vice-president is Ann Moore.

Liz is a senior at Saint Mary's and her home is in New Bern. She is a member of the Hall Council, Vice-President of the Senior Class, Member of the Dramatic Club, an acolyte, a member of the Altar Guild and a Sigma.

Other members of The Circle are Frances Drane, Jeanne Brown, Catherine Campbell, Betty Anne Yowell, Mary Giles Stewart, Susan Jenkins, and Ruth Sikes.

Elizabeth Has Son

Princess Elizabeth gave birth to a baby son on Sunday, November 14. He is the first male heir to the throne of Britain in two generations. The whole nation is excited over and proud of the newest addition to the royal family. Count Mountbatten, husband of Elizabeth, is reported as serving with flying colors.

Seniors Announce Preparations For Dance Scheduled In Early December

Ruth Sikes, president of the Senior Class, has made plans and appointed committees for the annual senior dance to be given December 11 in the Saint Mary's gymnasium. In addition to the seniors there will be twenty-five pages and servers. Fifteen of these are the conditional seniors and the members of the business class who were Juniors last year. The remaining ten were picked from the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes.

The decorating committee chairman is Robbie Roberson and those on her committee are Betsy Shephard, Anne McMullan, Margie Story, "Sister" Cobb, Frances Minter, Pat Ambrose, and Jackie Murray.

The invitation committee is made up of Isabel Carter, chairman, Jo

Ann Pinner, Nancy Spoolman, and Mary Giles Stewart. Mary DuBose, chairman, Anne Townsend, Betsy Carter, Anne Dewey Heartt, and Betty Anne Yowell are in charge of contracting the orchestra.

The refreshment committee chairman is Rosa Little and her committee is made up of Betty Debnam, Florence Ruffin and Ruth Saunders. No definite plans for a figure have been agreed upon, but the committee made up of Catherine Campbell, chairman, Helen Wills, and Nelle Clark.

The Senior Class officers are: President, Ruth Sikes; vice-president, Liz Guion; secretary, Ellen Rixey; and treasurer, Mary McNaughton.

Day Students Elect Heartt as President

Group Elects Fox Dance Marshal, Russ to Honor Council

Ann Dewey Heartt is the newly elected president of the day students. She is a Sigma, on the advertising staff of the *Stage Coach*, and a member of the volleyball team. This is her fourth year at Saint Mary's.

The day students have also chosen Berta Allen Russ as their Honor Council representative and Shirley Ann Fox as dance marshal. Berta Allen, a junior at Saint Mary's, has been on the advertising staff of the *Stage Coach* for two years. She was chairman of the decorations committee for the Freshman-Sophomore last year. She is now Business Manager of the *Stage Coach* and a Mu.

Shirley, who is a Sigma, participated in May Day last year and is a member of the Doctors' Daughters' Club.

Methodist Church Will Have Hymn Festival

"One World on Christ" will be the theme carried out at a hymn festival to be given on Sunday, November 31, at the Edenton Street Methodist Church. Hymns of many nations will be featured.

Miss Geraldine Cate, chairman of the festival, reports that the response to the invitation has been very good and that many choirs are expected to participate in the service.

The Reverend Ray Holder, Rector of Christ Church, and Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the host church, will assist with the service.

The Russians have maintained their blockade in Berlin against the Allies for three months. Marshall has said that the nations of the world can never reach a peaceful agreement until the *Berlin blockade* has been lifted.

Saint Mary's will dismiss for the Thanksgiving Holidays on Friday, November 26. The original time scheduled for the holidays was from Wednesday, November 24, until Sunday, the 28th, but due to the delay in the opening of school because of the poliomyelitis epidemic, Wednesday and Thursday will be sacrificed to make up the required number of school days. The holidays begin at 12:30 the 26th and end at 10:00 p. m. on Sunday, November 28.

Happy holidays, everybody!

Music Association Will Open Season With Opera

Raleigh Civic Music Association will hold its first performance Friday night, November 19. The presentation will be Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet*, an opera that has previously won wide acclaim. Under the Charles L. Wagner touring association, which will present this opera, it has continued this reputation.

Laura Castellano will portray Juliet and Jon Crain will portray Romeo. The supporting roles will be William Wilderman as Friar Lawrence, William Shriner as Mercutio, Elizabeth Pritchett as Gertrude, Livingston Smith as Capulet, Jean Rifino as Stephano, and Denis Harbour as Gregorio.

The orchestra will be under the direction of Walter Ducloux who is an outstanding and young conductor.

The opera follows the Shakespearean play very well, but the music will naturally be the high light of the opera. Another feature will be a dance by the Martinet-Beaudet dance duo which will be presented in the opening act. These dancers also appeared in "Brigadoon," a Broadway stage hit.

Brundage Will Edit Student Handbook

New Editor Defeats Huske and Wooten In Casting of Ballots

Helen Brundage, Tryon, was chosen editor of the *Student Handbook* in run-off elections held Monday and Tuesday. She defeated Barbara Wooten and Rosalie Huske.

This is Helen's third year at Saint Mary's. This year she is vice-president of the Y. W. C. A. for the second consecutive year, is a member of the Honor Council, the Altar Guild, the Glee Club, *Bulletin* staff, and is a Sigma. Last year she was also on the editorial and advertising staffs of the *Stage Coach*.

The duties of the *Student Handbook* editor are to note new changes in the school regulations and to compile these, along with other school information, into the *Student Handbook*. The editor automatically becomes a member of the Legislative Body.

Granddaughters Select Officers

DuBose, Gaither, McMullan, Carter Head Organization.

Mary DuBose, Jo Gaither, Anne McMullan, and Betsy Carter were elected officers of the Granddaughters' Club at a meeting held November 9.

The president is Mary DuBose, Columbia, S. C. This is Mary's second year here, and she is a member of the Legislative Body, secretary of the Canterbury Club, on the *BELLES* and *Stage Coach* staffs, and is a Mu.

Jo Gaither, Charlotte, was chosen vice-president. She is on the Honor Council and is vice-president of the Altar Guild. She is in the Glee Club, Canterbury Club, on the *Stage Coach* staff, and is a Sigma.

The secretary is Anne McMullan, Edenton. This is her third year here, and she is on the Hall Council, the Canterbury Club Council, and is a Sigma.

Betsy Carter, Pinehurst, was chosen treasurer. This is her fifth year here, and she is a marshal, on the staffs of the *Bulletin* and *Stage Coach*, and is in the Canterbury Club. She is also in the Sigma Pi Alpha and is a Sigma.

Townsend Gives Course

Mr. William Townsend is giving a course in social dancing in the Saint Mary's gymnasium every Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock. He is offering a variety of dance steps including the tango, rumba, samba, waltz, and other modern dance steps.

Mr. Townsend is an Arthur Murray dance instructor, and his course was very popular last year at Saint Mary's.