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Katy Evans Will Reign As May Queen

SMS Will Compete In Annual Contest

Many Junior Colleges Share In Current Affairs Contest

Saint Mary's will take part in the annual Current Affairs Contest, sponsored by TIME, the weekly news magazine, with prizes presented by the publishers.

Many junior colleges all over the country will share this year in the intramural competitions, which have developed from successful experiments several years ago. In each college a prize book or a 12-inch world globe will be awarded to the student in each participating academic year who makes the highest score on a comprehensive factual test covering events in the last four months of 1948. The test, prepared especially by Alvin C. Eurich, Chief Executive of the newly created New York State University Board of Trustees, and Elmo C. Wilson, President of International Public Opinion Research, Inc., is not a test on TIME itself. So the contest is fair to all news readers.

Among the participating colleges this year—some of which have been holding these contests annually for several years, will be: Alabama State, Belmont Abbey, Harcum, Notre Dame, Peace, Saint Mary's (North Carolina), Southern Seminary, Ward-Belmont, Weber.

Here at Saint Mary's it is planned that the Current Affairs Contest will be held on Tuesday, February 8, in assembly. The test will last an hour, and on that morning classes will run 50 minutes each instead of 55.

Students Attend Feast Of Light Service Here

Saint Mary's students attended the Feast of Light service on January 6, celebrating the first day of Epiphany. This traditional service is held each year and shows the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles by the coming of the wise men.

The three Wise Men, Ann Dunigan, Ann Moore, and Nelle Clark, lighted their tapers from the Eucharist candle on the altar. They then lighted the taper of the first person in each pew, who in turn lighted the one of the person seated next to him. As the congregation sang "Light of Lights That shineth" each participant raised his lighted taper on the refrain.

Rev. Mr. I. Harding Hughes officiated at the service.

United States Leads All Nations In Production Of Automobiles

Economic freedom in the United States has made it possible for this country to produce over one hundred million automobiles by 1948. All other nations of the world have produced only twenty-four million. Foreigners view the wide use of automobiles in the United States with disbelief, for in foreign countries only the most important and richest people own autos.

The automobile industry like many other industries had many failures in the beginning, but it learned through its mistakes and rapidly improved. Mass production was one of the most important improvements. Through the years both the working conditions and the working man's wages have improved immeasurably, and the employees are now able in many cases to buy the cars they help to produce.

Automobile factories contributed a great deal to the war effort, and they have kept up their good work in the post-war period.

This production of new cars helps to make it possible for many families to obtain good used cars at a reasonable price.

Our nation has benefited through the automobile industry in many ways. Making, selling, and servicing automobiles employs an immense number of people in the U. S. The automobile industry has created many other enterprises such as gasoline stations, repair garages, trucking companies, and taxi firms. Tourist camps, parking lots, auto insurance, and finance companies and countless other businesses are possible because of the wide use of automobiles.

In the 55 years in which over one hundred million automobiles have been produced, the standard of living in the U. S. has more than doubled. It will take much less than 55 years to produce the next hundred million autos and our standard of living can double again.

Ruffin Bids Grand Slam And Makes It

Who can always be heard in Holt Parlor in the following conversation. The opponent bids one spade. "Oh, I don't know . . . two heartules." It's the queen of Saint Mary's bridge table, the one and only Florence Ruffin, elected "the expert" in a recent BELLES election.

She can really play the game. A person of many abilities, Florence undoubtedly excels all other competitors in her biddage of the suitlets. The great Ruff has been known to finesse almost anything and to keep the inevitable poker face concerning all of "slight discrepancies."

She is her partner's delight and her opponent's despair. However, she has been known to get a bit reckless in her ideas about bridge. For example, if there have been several heart attacks around school lately it's not because of overwork, but because "our queen" bid game on a three card suit, and made it.

Florence is from Richmond, Virginia, where she learned many pointers from "the lamb" on the art of the "game of experts." (We understand that he has taught her other things too!)

Congratulations, Ruffie! and the Saints will be listening for your familiar and beckoning call "Fourth for bridge—now where's the third?"

Watch the BELLES for the next election!

Local Movie Will Feature Henry V

The movie version of *Henry V*, William Shakespeare's great tragic drama, will be available to Raleigh audiences at the Varsity Theater January 16-23. Afternoon performances begin at 3:00 and end at 5:30.

Under the superb direction of Laurence Olivier, *Henry V* is brought to the public with every which the stage play has. Mr. bit of the deep dramatic quality Olivier truly shows his greatness as an actor by his portrayal of Henry V. Although many of Shakespeare's plays have been made into movies, this is the first *Henry V* to reach the screen with sound. American audiences have been awed by Mr. Olivier's presentation, and the BELLES urges that Saint Mary's student body not fail to see it.

Little Theatre Gives Mystery Drama, 'Laura'

The Raleigh Little Theater will present the mystery drama, *Laura*, the week of January 24 at 8:00. The play, from which the movie was made, promises to live up to the usual standards of the Little Theater. Mrs. William Hodges, former teacher of physical education at Saint Mary's, will portray one of the minor characters.

Mary Frances Allen Will Serve As Maid of Honor to Queen

Katy Evans, Murfreesboro, N. C., will reign as queen over the annual May Day Program to take place May 7. Mary Frances Allen, Statesville, will serve as the queen's Maid of Honor. Out of the four classes the student body chose the following girls to compose the queen's court at the festival: *Jean Craft Jenkins*, Hartwell, Ga.; *Mary DuBose*, Columbia; *Catherine Campbell*, Lynchburg; *Betsy Carter*, Pinchurst; *Betty Winfree*, Lynchburg; *Betty Bowles*, Statesville; *Mary Marshall Ragland*, Raleigh; *Betsy Wood*, Edenton; *"Teena" McNulty*, Columbia; *Rachel Cozart*, Fuquay Springs.

THEME AND PLOT

The theme of the day will be a dance variation of Milton's *L'Allegro* from which the plot is also taken. This one time merry man has lost his happiness, and is now besieged by Melancholy. Playful "Quips and Cranks and Water Wiles" are able to rid *L'Allegro* from the Goddess of Gloom. Mirth and Liberty come to make sure *L'Allegro* has been liberated from their rival and to charm him with their merry ways. A morning lark, a cock, followed by his jealous dames, and gossiping milkmaids appear to make the scene gay for *L'Allegro*.

That afternoon everyone meets for the Maypole dance. When dusk comes the villagers and *L'Allegro* tell stories, sing ballads, and gradually fall asleep. After this restful sleep and a very beautiful dream, *L'Allegro* wakes feeling Melancholy permanently banished and crowns Mirth his queen.

COMMITTEES CHOSEN

Orchesis, under the direction of Mrs. William Guess, will sponsor the program. *L'Allegro* was first presented at Saint Mary's ten years ago as the first May Day presented by Mrs. Guess. At that time Margaret Guest Taylor, now Mrs. Tom Wright, was the May Queen, and Martha Anne Speight, now Mrs. G. B. Watson, was the Maid of Honor. The entire presentation was worked out by the school with the Literary Societies choosing the plot, and the Art Department designing the costumes. The original participants of the first *L'Allegro* are being invited back to witness its revival.

Orchesis has chosen the committees as follows for working out the plans for the celebration:

Reunion: Betty Winfree, chairman; Dora Winters, alumnae secretary.

Pageant: Martha Upchurch, chairman; Jo Bailey, Phyllis Cost-
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