

# The Belles

OF SAINT MARY'S

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## THANK YOU SANDRA, RIXEY

Editorials are said to be the least read but the most important part of a newspaper. At least that opinion has held for the BELLES. This customary neglect makes interest when it is shown all the more appreciated. The editor would like to take this opportunity to express her appreciation to Anne Rixey and Sandra Sims for their response to an appeal in the last issue of the BELLES.

The appeal previously made to all students was that school spirit be increased through more and better school songs. Rixey and Sandra have composed some appropriate words and set them to the tune of the VMI Ring Waltz.

The new song in its first introduction to the students seemed to be received wholeheartedly. It is to be hoped that they will remember this when they gather for song fests or whenever they raise their voices in song.

Remember these words:

There are stars shining bright above  
And below there's a school that we love,  
There's none to compare with the loyalty there,  
As we dream of Saint Mary's dear.  
Of her praises we'll always sing  
And her mem'ries forever will cling,  
As we go through the years  
Through gladness and tears  
Saint Mary's we'll never forget.

Even if this song is well received and adopted as an official school song, it will not completely fill the need. There remains a definite demand for a peppy school song. Saint Mary's and the BELLES will be deeply grateful to any student who will help satisfy this need for more school songs.

## CHRISTMAS: GRASP ITS FULL MEANING

Christmas! the very name kindles warmth and good will. There are no words to describe the very special quality of Christmas. One can only feel it. The loved, familiar carols wafting over the streets, the snow scenes in the window decorations, the bustle of the Christmas shoppers contribute to that feeling that is called Christmas spirit.

This Christmas-tide the world is deeply troubled. The Christmas season, nevertheless, lends its spirit to people in all conditions. This year an American's Christmas spirit should have a deeper meaning because of the sadness and strife which prevails over all the earth. Because people find themselves burdened with anxiety for loved ones either in the field of battle or about to enter it, and burdened with their fear for the preservation of civilization and our way of life, more and more of them are unconsciously seeking for something in which they can find strength and consolation.

As a result of celebrating the birth of Christ, many will feel comforted and strengthened. Through the ages He has been for Christians the hope of the world.

# Belles of Saint Mary's

## JANE LANG

Town: Rehoboth, Virginia.  
Hair: Brown.  
Age: 19.  
Eyes: Brown.  
Pet peeve: Too much work.  
Always heard: "I've gotta go study."  
Always seen: Getting up late BELLES articles.  
Hobby: Collecting salt and pepper shakers.  
Favorite food: Deviled crab.  
Favorite song: Stardust.  
Favorite perfume: Woodhue.  
Looking forward to: Christmas in Virginia.  
Ambition: To get caught up.  
Wild about: Rehoboth!  
Offices: Feature editor of BELLES, YWCA, Sigma.  
Remarks: Smart, conscientious, sweet.

The world is divided into three groups; the small group who makes things happen, the larger group who watch things happen, and the multitude who never knows what happens.—DORIS BARNARD.

Great minds discuss ideas; normal minds discuss events; small minds discuss persons.  
—PAUL FLOWERS

## EUNICE SAUNDERS

Town: Lumberton, N. C.  
Hair: Brown.  
Age: 19.  
Eyes: Brown.  
Pet peeve: Quarterly tests.  
Always heard: "I don't know."  
Hobby: Collecting stamps.  
Favorite food: Lemon pie.  
Favorite song: Always.  
Favorite perfume: Chanel No. 5  
Looking forward to: Christmas vacation.  
Ambition: To graduate.  
Wild about: Carolina.  
Offices: Secretary of senior class, news editor of BELLES, Sigma, Canterbury Club, Altar Guild.  
Remarks: Cute, baby talk, dependable.

## AT THE THEATERS

(Dec. 8-21)

### AMBASSADOR

- 8-9 To Please a Lady.  
Clark Gable,  
Barbara Stanwyck.  
10-12 Sunset Boulevard.  
William Holden,  
Gloria Swanson.  
14-21 King Solomon's Mines.  
Debra Kerr, Farley Granger.

### COLONY

- 8-9 The Sheriff's Daughter.  
10-12 Two Flags West.  
13-14 A Life of Her Own.  
15-16 The Flame and the Arrow.  
Burt Lancaster.  
17-19 The Petty Girl.

### WAKE

- 8-9 I Shot Billy the Kid.  
Tough As They Come.  
Popeye Makes a Movie.  
10-12 Caribou Trail.  
13-14 Blonde Bombshell.  
Bagdad.  
15-16 Iroquois Trail.  
17-19 Fighting Command.

### STATE

- 8-9 One Way Street.  
James Mason, Dan Duryea.  
10-14 All About Eve.  
Bette Davis, Anne Baxter.  
15-16 Undercover Story.  
17-19 Cargo to Capetown.  
Brian Crawford.

### VARSITY

- 8 Prince of Foxes.  
Tyrone Power, Orson Welles.  
9 Under the Red Robe.

## REMEMBER THERE WILL BE OTHER PETITIONS

Undoubtedly there is no one in the Saint Mary's student body who isn't acquainted with the recent petition presented to Doctor Stone concerning an earlier departure from school for Christmas holidays. This is the first petition in many years which the entire student body considered and supported. Each class met individually and decided to support this petition. A committee composed of highly outstanding girls presented the petition to Doctor Stone and explained its contents.

This petition was rejected and naturally there were many girls who were disappointed. Consequently many girls have carried their disappointment to criticism. There have been those who have said, "We'll just get back at the school by not studying the Monday and Tuesday before we go home." Of course there are many who were disappointed who thought the petition, even though not passed, achieved for the students a moral victory in showing that they could co-operate in something they wanted very badly. This is the kind of spirit that should be commended, the kind of spirit that builds a school and makes the students who show that they can work together for a common goal. Although this petition was not accepted, there will be many more petitions for Dr. Stone to consider. Since the students have showed their ability to organize and co-operate the faculty and Dr. Stone may be able to consider further a petition which might come up in the future.

# Christmas Spirit! Ain't It Wonderful!

While roaming about one night recently, trying to find out an assignment, I bumped into Miss Christmas Spirit personified. A certain Saint Mary's junior was "visiting" and leaving luscious ripe red apples as calling cards.

The Christmas spirit is truly in the air again. It's wonderful! The perfumes of good will, cheer, generosity, anticipation, and happiness are spreading their scents. Excited babble of what's gonna be doing during the holidays is everywhere.

It's the Christmas spirit that makes the Christmas season. For instance, the most wonderful part about Christmas presents is not what is inside the wrapping, but the Christmas spirit that put the pretty paper around it and tied the pretty bow. This same spirit prompts us to do the many little things during the Yuletide season which make it the happiest season in the year.

It's this spirit which prompts those surprise gifts that can't come from Santa in your stocking, like having your mail brought up on Saturday morning, or a coke from downstairs after nine-thirty, or a piece of pie from the Toddle House when you're taking a meal cut (when even a ham biscuit from the dining room is welcome), or having your laundry hunted out of the pile and carried upstairs. Yep, Christmas spirit does amazing things! And the nicest presents don't always come in packages!

Sense of humor: What makes you laugh at something which would make you mad if it happened to you.

—Quoted by VIRGINIA TOMLINSON.

Stubbornness does have its helpful features. You know what you are going to be thinking tomorrow.

—Anonymous.

- 10-12 The Wonderful Lie.  
13-15 Fancy Pants.  
Bob Hope, Lucille Ball.  
16 High Seas.  
17-19 Adam and Evelyn.  
19-20 Three Came Home.