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Annual State Fair Enchants Hundreds

The North Carolina State Fair, which opened Tuesday, October 20, and ended Saturday, October 24, found many Saint Mary's girls visiting the fair grounds. The doors opened Tuesday at 8:00 A.M., beginning the one hundredth birthday celebration of the fair.

The center attraction was the giant State Fair Arena which was formally dedicated by Governor Umstead at 12:00 noon on the opening day. The arena is a great elliptical shaped building 300 feet high, seating a total capacity of 9,500. Features in the new arena were a costume "Parade of Yesteryear" and Folk Festival, tobacco judging contest, and WSM "Grand Ole Opry Jubilee" with Hank Snow, Rainbow Ranch Boys and other favorites.

Scheduled entertainments in the grandstand and exhibit buildings were as follows: the judging of cattle and swine; harness races; circus and hippodrome acts; George Hamid's "Phantasies of 1953," a new revue of animal and aerial acts; "Tractor Square Dance;" exhibits of canned goods and pastries; and a display of fireworks each night.

On Wednesday Jack Kochman presented his "Hell Drivers," a cavalcade of thrills on the track.

Saturday featured a big AAA-sanctioned auto race and Daredevils on the track in front of the grandstand.

Many Saint Mary's girls returned with giant Panda bears won in various games along the midway. Others found excitement riding the airplanes, catapillar, octopus, ferris wheel, whip, and loop-o-plane.

The State Fair would never hold the enchantment it does without the drink and hotdog stands, trinket shops, hurrying crowds, cotton candy, shows on the Midway, dusty shoes, and the confusion of shouting voices. The State Fair of 1953 is one that will be long remembered.

SMS Dramatic Club

Elects '53-54 Heads

Saint Mary's Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss Florence C. Davis, elected the following officers for the session 1953-'54: President, Myra Thayer; Vice-president, Beth Kemper; and Publicity Chairman, Martha Barber. The Dramatic Club is a member of the Carolina Dramatic Association. At present members of the club are attending try-outs for *The Grass Harp*, a play by Truman Capote. This play was given with success in Arena staging in Greenwich Village, New York, last summer.

Juniors, Marshals Give Gay Dance

The Junior class together with the Dance Marshals sponsored an informal dance on the night of Saturday, October 24, in the gym. This dance was given in place of the traditional Junior class Halloween party given for the school. The students and their guests made up a large number present for this gala event.

The girls and their dates began dancing at eight-thirty to the music of Buddy Kline and his combo. The decorations carried out a halloween theme complete with the traditional colors of orange and black. Smiling jack o'lanterns were placed throughout the gym and colorful leaves scattered about the gym gave a distinct autumn atmosphere to the dance. Mrs. Susan J. Jacobus created a stir of excitement as a fortune teller. She specialized in palm-reading and foretold the mystic futures of her customers. The guests circulated through a haunted spook house and patronized the telegram booth set up for their entertainment. During intermission guests were served lime ice, ginger ale, and cookies from an attractive punch table. The table brought out the autumn atmosphere of the dance and was extremely striking in appearance.

Saint Mary's Observes Annual Youth Sunday

Saint Mary's observed its traditional Youth Sunday October 25. Mary Jordan read the first lesson and Mary Lee LaFar, the second. Myra Thayer spoke on "What Our Chapel Should Mean to Us." She spoke of how some students go into chapel on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays but get nothing from their attendance, while others go in and profit from the service. Some kneel and close their eyes without thinking; others say their prayers wholeheartedly. "It makes a great deal of difference when, through the chapel, we feel the presence of God in our daily lives."

Mary Windley Dunn used as her text "Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." (Saint Matthew 7:21). She spoke of "You and Christian Religion." Asking and answering the questions "Do I earnestly desire to be a true Christian?" and "Have I taken time to discover the Christian religion?" she told the students how each one can make Christianity mean more to her. "Words and intentions are no good unless they are backed by acts and deeds."

SMS Classes Elect Officers, Marshals, Representatives

The junior, sophomore, freshman, and business classes elected the remainder of their class officers on October 19 and 20. The presidents of the various classes and senior class officers have already been elected and have appeared in the previous issue of the BELLES.

Anne Wallace is the new vice-president of the junior class. She is a *Mu* and a member of the Dramatics Club, the *Stagecoach* staff, and the BELLES staff.

Carolyn Warlick is the secretary for the junior class. She is librarian for the Glee Club, a member of the *Stagecoach* business staff and the YWCA, and is a *Mu*.

Frances Dawson is the class treasurer. She is a *Mu* and a member of the YWCA.

The junior class Honor Council members are Nancy Jones and Lane Welsh. Nancy is a member of the Glee Club, the Choir, the BELLES circulation staff, the *Bulletin* staff, the Altar Guild, the YWCA, the Granddaughters' Club, and the Dramatics Club. She is a *Sigma*. Lane is also a *Sigma* and a member of the Dramatics Club and the YWCA.

The two junior class members of the Legislative Body are Blanche Robertson and Virginia Lilly. Blanche is a *Mu* and a member of the YWCA and the Dramatic Club. Virginia is also a *Mu* and a member of the Canterbury Club and the Altar Guild.

The dance marshals from the junior class are Kathy Whitfield, Kitty Campen, Bobby Love, Libby Love, and Margo Hammond.

The new vice-president of the sophomore class is Jane Bradford, who is a *Mu* and a member of the YWCA.

Secretary of the sophomore class is Sumner Parham. She is a *Mu* and a member of the YWCA and the Granddaughters' Club.

WAVE Recruiter Presents Program

Chief Petty Officer Driver from the Navy Recruiting Office was the speaker in assembly Tuesday, October 27, 1953, the traditional date of Navy Day.

Navy Day is the anniversary of the founding of the United States Navy in 1775. The custom of celebrating Navy Day started in 1922 but is no longer recognized because the armed forces are now unified and celebrated in May.

Chief Driver, the WAVE Recruiter for North Carolina, talked about the origin and history of Navy Day, the part played by the WAVE's in the Navy, and the advantages of the Navy.

Girls Choose Very Capable Leaders

Treasurer is Sidney Stuart, who is a *Mu*, a member of *Orchesis*, and of the YWCA.

The member of the Legislative Body from the sophomore class is Ann Elliott, a *Mu* cheerleader and a member of the Canterbury Club, the Dramatic Club, and the Choir.

The Honor Council Representative for the freshman and sophomore classes combined is Alma Skinner, who is a *Mu* and a member of the Canterbury Club, Granddaughters' Club, and Altar Guild.

The dance marshals are Margaret Rose and "Sister" Heath.

The vice-president of the freshman class is Coleman Jenkins, a member of the Granddaughters Club, the Canterbury Club, and the *Stagecoach* staff. She is a *Sigma*.

Secretary of the class is Diana Devere, who is a *Sigma* and a member of the Doctors' Daughters Club, the Canterbury Club, and the *Stagecoach* staff.

Treasurer of the freshman class is Alice Pittman, a *Sigma* and a member of the YWCA, the *Stagecoach* staff, and the Doctors' Daughters Club.

The Legislative Body member is Barry Bowen, who is a member of the Glee Club and *Orchesis* and who is a *Sigma*. The dance marshal is Patsy Beams.

The business class officers are: vice-president, Margaret Williams; secretary, Boots Hampton; and treasurer, Jane Yarborough. They are all *Sigmans*. The Honor Council representative is Pat Cowden, who is a *Sigma* and a member of Hall Council, the Glee Club, and the Legislative Body. The dance marshal for the class is Betty Ebener.

Canterbury Club Elects Vice-President

On October 27, the Canterbury Club elected Mabel Martin Whedbee as its new vice-president. She will serve the organization as program chairman and will assume the duties of the president in case of her absence. "Martie" is a junior, a member of the YWCA, the Granddaughters Club, the *Stagecoach* staff, the BELLES news staff, and the Dramatic Club. She is a *Mu*.

It was decided by the sixty-two girls present at this meeting to have a business meeting one Tuesday night a month. They also decided to deny membership to anyone missing three consecutive Sunday night meetings. Mela Royall presided over the meeting.