

"WHEN IS THE TIME TO CREATE AND THINK"

Editor's Note: BELLES feels that the following excerpt from *The Sweet Briar News*, November 4, 1953, applies to life here at Saint Mary's. Perhaps here is the reason why many students (particularly those at Saint Mary's) do not broaden their knowledge of the world or learn the art of creating and thinking for themselves.

... We have found here renewed inspiration in our classes also. We hear of books we can read, of lectures we can attend, of experiments and projects we can try for ourselves. In short, we are daily finding in our academic work new fields we want to explore in our leisure hours. We want to go out on our own and do some of these things for ourselves.

Unfortunately, we find that we cannot do these things. The academic load is so heavy that we are daily bogged down in classroom assignments. In class, exciting new vistas of knowledge are hinted at, but we have no time to explore them because we have to do tomorrow's assignment. As a consequence, many of us never really learn this talent of working on our own. Perhaps that is why so many of us are always on the go and are bored with ourselves when we are alone.

This is not a plea for the discontinuance of the inspiration we find in our classes. Rather we hope that the problem will receive the consideration it merits, and that a solution will be found which will be beneficial to all of us—now and in the years ahead when we will have leisure time we must learn to use constructively.

THE MEANING OF THANKSGIVING

This is a rather superfluous statement to make at Saint Mary's, but in less than two weeks Thanksgiving will be here. The very word Thanksgiving brings forth pictures of home, a blazing fire, and a table sagging with good food. Unfortunately, to many people this is all that the word brings to mind.

To give thanks for what one has received is a natural thing to do. Throughout the ages men have set aside some particular time, usually in the fall of the year, for thanksgiving. As everyone knows, the American Thanksgiving tradition was begun by the Pilgrims. It is perhaps the most worthy American tradition, and it is perhaps the most misused.

Americans do not fail to observe Thanksgiving in form, but they sometimes forget to observe it in spirit. Surrounded on every side by luxury and plenty, they forget that the rest of the world does not enjoy all that they do. How many Americans ever think of their good fortune in being born in a land where want is almost unknown? Think of what concrete bounty America offers each citizen—more than enough food, comparatively inexpensive and ample shelter, and the products of the greatest industrial system in the world. Think of the more abstract blessings America offers—freedom, the right to govern, the right to believe or disbelieve as one wishes. Most of the people of the world cannot conceive of having even half of what Americans take for granted. One wonders how any American could help being thankful every day for what he receives. Yet many Americans forget to be sincerely thankful just one day of each year. This ungrateful selfishness on a national scale has ruined the purpose and meaning of the beautiful Thanksgiving tradition. Only when each American has stopped to count his many blessings, will Thanksgiving regain its original meaning.

Difficulties Securing Tubs Prevent SMS Nightly Scrubs

Have you heard the old saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again"? Well, this may work for some people, but it does not for me. Just listen to what happened last night. At nine-thirty I was talking to Bill for a few minutes; really I talked for about five minutes. The big tub was supposed to be mine as soon as study hall was over, but I could not hang up and leave him in the middle of a sentence, could I? When I did hang up, Ann and Jane had already finished with their baths; therefore I started my water and ran to get my towel. About that time Irma stopped me because Jane had promised her the tub next.

As you can see, I was forced to give up the idea of a bath, but I had tried. After all, a lavatory bath is almost as good as a tub bath. There was one thing wrong with this idea—all three lavatories were being used. Why do people wait until this late to wash sweaters? Since everyone was busy in the bath room, I decided to roll up my hair. When this was done, I checked for vacancies at the lavatories. This time

there was not a single sweater in sight; hose and blouses had taken over.

After trying three times for a bath, what would you have done? Lights had to be out in fifteen minutes. My solution was to finish the funny papers and give everyone time to clear out of that crowded room. Five minutes before time for lights-out, I went to try once again for a place to bathe. Surely everyone would be through by now. That's what I thought. Peggy was trying to get the soap out of her hair; Irma was brushing her teeth; Pat was washing out her fountain pen. Honestly, I was defeated; in short, I gave up and decided that cleansing cream is a girl's best friend. Please don't ever mention trying a second time to me. Since last night my motto has become "Don't do it today, if it can wait until tomorrow!"

"An egotist is a man who thinks that if he hadn't been born people would have wanted to know why not."
—Anonymous.

"Stick to Your Type," Say Fashion Editors

How many times do you find yourself envying the models in the fashion magazines, or more often, seeing another girl look stylish in the same dress that appears hideous on you? If so, cheer up, because you can do something about it. These models and the girl with the same dress as yours have probably learned a secret that will be invaluable to you and your appearance.

First of all, let's start with you. What is your type? Are you an out-door girl, a petite Dresden doll, or a tall, tailored sophisticate? You probably don't fit completely into any one class, but you do belong to a type which when played up reveals the real you.

You say, "All right, that is very well and good, but how?" After you have found out your type, find out your good and bad points. Then play up the good ones and learn how to disguise the bad ones. Just because Liz Taylor can wear a poodle cut doesn't necessarily mean that you can. Never forget that you have a distinct personality that can be brought out by the way you look and dress.

The girl who looked smart in your dress probably had her type in mind when she bought the dress. While shopping, keep in mind your best colors and what is becoming to you! The new orange may be the vogue, but does it suit your coloring? If not, then steer clear!

More of us will look like models if we start finding ourselves instead of copying the girl down the hall. Let's all begin on a personal research entitled "Finding You" with a new, more chic girl as a result.

Library News

Your reporter really has a scoop this week, straight from the librarian's mouth. An interesting new novel by Ralph Ellison has just been received here entitled *Invisible Man*. Mr. Ellison is said to be one of the greatest Negro authors. This novel deals with the position of the American Negroes in our society and phases of Negro life. *Too Late for the Phalarope* is a super novel by Alan Paton telling of Negroes in South Africa. These two novels might be contrasted as to the Negro's social position in America and his social position in Africa today.

If you're looking for excitement, *The White Rabbit* by Bruce Marshall will be just the thing. It tells of an R.A.F. Wing-Commander and the dangers he met behind German lines while trying to organize French Resistance. Gosh, your reporter can hardly wait to read this thrilling story.

Here's an interesting note on Mrs. Helen Brown. Oct. 22-24 she attended the biannual meeting of the North Carolina Library Association in Asheville. At the meeting a new Junior College Librarians' Section was organized, and Mrs. Brown was elected Chairman.

"There is no lovelier way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark."
—Helen Keller.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Along with other members of the student body, I have observed the worthy additions which were instigated in last Sunday's chapel service. The students' taking part in the service has done much to increase and stimulate interest and participation in the service. A second well-performed portion of the service was the beautiful arrangements by the choir. The solo, as well as the choral work, did much to beautify the service. I hope the above procedure will continue, as it has added greatly to the proudest ceremony our school possesses.

Sincerely,
Nancy Glenn.

Happy Birthday

Nancy Boyd November 15
Kay Wilhelm November 15
Ann Gillett November 17
Leslie Hall November 17
Grace McQueen November 17
Nancy Smith November 17
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