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## Senior Class, Pages Enjoy Gala Blue Christmas Dance

Members of the Senior Class, dance marshals, and pages enjoyed the music of the Southerners from Wake Forest at a dance Saturday night, December 12. The gym was decorated in royal blue and silver. The ceiling and walls were royal blue and the bandstand and arches for the figure were silver. The Christmas tree was decorated in silver with blue lights. The refreshment table was covered with a white cloth, and on it were a silver punch bowl and cookie trays.

Each girl in the figure carried poinsettias. While the band played *White Christmas*, members of the figure came from two arches on either side of the Christmas tree and formed an "X" in the center of the floor. The next dance, *Blue Christmas*, was for members of the figure. Members of the figure were: Baker with Louis Agnew, Frances Perry with Bill Bob Peel, Marilyn Hedrick with Mebane Pritchett, Anne Nichols with Vic Moore, Timmy Timmons with Dick Babbington, Gray Proctor with Larry Petty, Mary Jordan with Jack Miller, Alice Bost with Joe Mather, Virginia Harriss with Sam Pearson, Mary Lee LaFar with Dick Spangler, Charlotte Lilly with Campbell Haigh, and Lorrie Clark with A. B. Harriss.

Members of the receiving line were Frances Perry, Bill Bob Peel, Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Stone, Timmy Timmons, Dick Babbington, Miss Martha D. Jones, Miss Katherine Morris, Mrs. J. J. Hornback, and Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Browne.

At intermission the girls, their guests, and members of the faculty and staff enjoyed cranberry punch, Christmas cookies, and peanuts for refreshments.

## Miss Davis' Students Present Spanish Play

Four students of the Dramatic and Theatre Arts class presented an assembly program on Tuesday, December 8, 1953. The students, under the direction of Miss Florence C. Davis, gave a one-act play entitled *A Sunny Morning*.

The cast included Elizabeth Dent as Don Gonzalo, Peggy Flythe as Gonzalo's servant, DotDee Jones as Dona Rita, and Mena Marsh as Dona Rita's maid. The setting was a public park in Madrid, Spain. The story consisted of an accidental meeting of two old friends. They meet at first with indifference, unaware of each other's identity. During an amusing conversation, they both realize the fact that they were once lovers. The play was in costume and the cast presented it in an excellent manner.

## Miss Cate, Miss Davis Stage Amahl and the Night Visitors

### Shepherd's Story Very Impressive

The beautiful Christmas opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, was presented in the auditorium Sunday, December 13. The opera, written by Gran-Carlo Menotti, was staged by the senior class under the direction of Miss Geraldine Cate and Miss Florence C. Davis.

The opera takes place in a poor shepherd's hut where Amahl, a crippled shepherd boy, and his mother live. Amahl tells his mother of a great star he has seen in the sky. His mother, believing he is telling another of his fairy tales, bids him go to bed. In the night Amahl is awakened by voices and a knock on the door. When Amahl and his mother open the door, they behold three kings seeking warmth and rest from their weary journey. The kings tell Amahl and his mother that they are following a wondrous star to find a new-born King who will rule the earth with His love. Amahl is sent to get food and gifts for the kings from villagers and shepherds. Amahl brings the curious shepherds back to his home where they offer their presents to the kings. After the shepherds depart, the kings sleep. In the morning the three kings gather the gifts they are taking to the Christ Child and prepare to leave the hut. Amahl asks the kings if they will take his crutch to the place they are seeking. As Amahl gives his only valuable possession to the kings, he is miraculously cured of his lameness. The kings tell Amahl he is blessed and invite him to go with them to see the new-born King. Amahl goes with the three kings to Bethlehem to present his gift to Jesus. His mother watches them go out of sight as the curtains close.

Amahl was played by Ina Gee Ridley and his mother by Carolyn Warlick, both Saint Mary's students.

The three kings were portrayed by Harper Darden, John Shearin (of the Grass Roots Opera Co.) and Dr. James Edwards. The page was played by Jack Thompson. Members of the senior class in the chorus were Nancy Eversman, Robin Fuller, Leslie Hall, Marilyn Hedrick, Nancy Russell, Myra Thayer and Mary Clayton. The dancers were Ellen Ozon and Trissy Holt. Ann Barber, Nancy Jones, Martha Ann Horne, Jane Westbrook, Pat Cowden and Mary Louise Miley also sang in the chorus. Members of the Raleigh Oratorio Society assisted.

## Moore Highlights Latest News Events Glee Club Gives Christmas Concert

Mr. C. E. Moore, speaker in assembly Thursday, December 10, 1953. Mr. Moore talked about the results of the Bermuda Conference, the differences of the world nations, and the increasing problem of atomic energy.

Mr. Moore presented President Eisenhower's views on the control of atomic power. He stated that the group under supervision of the United Nations should have control over atomic energy in the world. This group could guide atomic power in a peaceful and an industrial sense. Mr. Moore stated that France is not in favor of signing any alliances. France has suffered three costly defeats in the past, therefore she is afraid to commit herself again and refuses to go along with the allies. France's opposition makes it impossible for the allied nations to establish a western army in fear of a possible Russian attack.

Mr. Moore stressed the friction between the United Nations. He stated that in the United Nations Assembly talks of peace are at a standstill. What the Russians propose, the allies reject, and what the allies propose, Russia rejects. A compromise can never be reached if this friction continues.

In conclusion Mr. Moore stated that differences are increasing between France, England, and America. There is more anti-Americanism in England than ever before. The three leaders of the United States, England, and France attempted to promote good will among their nations through the Bermuda Conference.

## Civic Music Club Presents Peerce

Jan Peerce appeared at the Memorial Auditorium on Monday night, December 14. Among the selections which Mr. Peerce sang were Gluck's *Ode Mio Dolce Ardor*, Carissimi's *Vittoria Mio Core*, "If With All Your Hearts" from Mendelssohn—Bartholdy's *Elijah*, Schubert's *An Die Musik*, and Brahms's *O Lieblich Wangen*. After intermission Mr. Peerce sang a group of songs by such modern composers as Alicia Scott, Samuel Barber, and Roger Quilter.

Warner Bass, the accompanist, played Debussy's *La Cathedral Engloutie* and Schubert's *Impromptu*.

The Glee Club will present a concert in the auditorium Thursday, December 17, 1953, at 8:00 p.m. They will sing *Laudi Alla Vergine Maria*, *Spanish Carol Sweet Little Jesus Boy*, *We've Been Awhile Wanderin' In Bethlehem City*, *God Bless the Master*, *Deck the Halls*, *Pat-a-Pat*, and *The Virgin's Slumber Song*. Soloists are: Mary Louise Miley, Marilyn Hedrick, and Anne Nichols. They will also sing *O Come O Come Emmanuel*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, and *Twelve Days of Christmas*, respectively. The concert will also sing *The Shepherds*, *Christmas*, *Recessional*, with *Somebody as a Recessional*, and *Violin Solo*.

In keeping with the Christmas season, the girls will wear white, red, and green evening dresses.

The same program was also presented at Saint Mary's on Friday night, December 11, 1953. At this concert two solos were sung and the *Night Visitors* were also presented.

## Rev. Mr. Deems, D.D. Holds Chapel Service

The Reverend Mr. Charles E. Deems, D.D., held church services in the chapel on Sunday, December 13. Mr. Deems studied at the seminary with the Reverend Mr. Harding Hughes at Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Princeton and did work at the Newman's Church Institute in New York before taking charge of a similar institution in San Francisco. After a few years there, he became rector of Trinity Church in San Francisco. Later, he became Dean of St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For the past few years he has been an assistant at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York.

Mr. Deems stopped in Raleigh on his way to Hobe Sound, Florida, where he will have charge of a church for three months.

## "Blues" Down "Reds"; Mu's Win Coveted Hockey Championship

The *Mus* defeated the *Sigmus* 4 to 1 in the second and final game of the hockey tournament on Thursday, December 3. For the *Mus* Gray Proctor scored three points and Captain B. C. Athey scored one. Timmy Timmons scored for the *Sigmus*. The *Mus'* winning the second game automatically gave them the hockey championship.