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G. Mennen Williams Speaks at SMC



Enthusiastic, charmed St. Mary's girls eagerly crowd around Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan and his wife to accept his gallant offer to shake hands with everyone. Governor and Mrs. Williams spoke to the student body during their visit on campus Wednesday, February 9.

St. Mary's, February 9

Standing in the midst of confusion as St. Mary's girls poured excitedly into the auditorium, Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan appeared keenly interested in his in-coming audience and extremely at ease. Introduced by Frances Dawson, committee chairman of St. Mary's Young Democrats' Club, Governor Williams' personal, winning manner was even more apparent when he good-naturedly retaliated Frances' wish to get to know him better by saying he would like to know her better, too. His opening words further gratified his audience when he attributed "the full impact of southern hospitality to St. Mary's."

St. Mary's YDC Sponsored Visit

Escorted by a host of important Democrats, state and national, Governor Williams arrived on campus at 9:15 a.m. en route from Chapel Hill to the Raleigh-Durham Airport. He appeared under the sponsorship of the St. Mary's YDC of which C. A. P. Moore is the advisor. Anne Wallace, a member of the YDC and Vice-President of the Student Government of St. Mary's, assisted

with arrangements.

His speech was direct and forceful. He commended the interest that St. Mary's students have in politics and the Democratic Party and concluded his commendation with a challenge to young people to keep in close contact with politics and current events at home and abroad. Williams warned that there are going to be a good many important decisions to be made in our country and without education they cannot be made wisely. He stressed repeatedly the importance of education which leads to the development of many, good, and new schools. Governor Williams explained that military might and industry *alone* are not valuable in maintaining peace—that security relies on the intelligence, ability, and character of the people. "We must," he continued, "be educated and have an interest in our government in order to maintain our free way of life." He cautioned that if "we do not start building well for our children, there may be rough days ahead."

Williams referred to the dynamic spirit of our forefathers and stressed the importance of making our democracy dynamic. "We should

make a conscientious effort to push our way of life or be pushed off," he said.

The governor occasionally added a humorous touch to his speech. He mused over the novel idea of returning, behind schedule, to Michigan from a trip into the South because the wings of his plane had frosted overnight at the Raleigh-Durham Airport. But he assured his eager audience that it was the only frosty reception he had received in North Carolina. In reference to the preparatory school which he attended in Salisbury, Connecticut, Williams interposed the information that his mail used to come to Salisbury, North Carolina instead of Connecticut. He closed by saying he was strongly convinced that Southern womanhood is really what they say it is.

Williams' Wife Spoke Also

Governor Williams' wife spoke briefly also at which time she firmly defended her party membership as being a choice, not an inheritance.

Among the Democratic officials present were the Treasurer and the President of the Michigan Young Democrats' Club, the President of

the UNC YDC, and the past National Committee Woman and present National Executive Committee Chairman.

Legislative Body Passes Petitions

The Legislative Body met on Saturday, February 5th, and on Monday, February 7th, to consider the petitions edited by the Committee on Petitions. The following are the petitions passed by both the Legislative Body and Dr. Stone:

(1) Upperclassmen may have five hour dating permission for out-of-town basketball games on Saturday nights.

(2) Underclassmen may obtain late permission for Friday night dances provided that they are not in study hall. Those in study hall may obtain the same privilege; however, they must forfeit a short Saturday night or a Friday night off their weekend.

(3) Dating hours on Sunday nights are extended until 10:30 p.m. for upperclassmen.

These petitions became effective as of February 8th.