

The Belles

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Mary Leader Gives Dramatic Sketches

Mary Leader, young actress of Texas and New York, presented a program of dramatic sketches, Thursday night, January 12, in the auditorium. Miss Leader, a graduate of the University of Texas, was presented under the supervision of the lecture and concert committee of St. Mary's.

Miss Leader, who has appeared in stock and on television, portrayed a group of Biblical women; her program was entitled "Women of Destiny." Among those depicted were Ruth, wife of Boaz; Hannah, mother of the prophet Samuel; Michal, daughter of Saul and wife of David; Herodias, the temptress of John the Baptist; and Mary Magdalene.

A few of the roles she has played in stock companies are: Stella in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Ada Lester in *Tobacco Road*, and Roxanne in *Cyrano de Bergerac*. In TV she has appeared on *Studio One*, *Robert Montgomery Presents*, and *The Hallmark Hall of Fame*.

Jimmy Capps Relates Radio Experiences

Mr. Jimmy Capps of radio station WPTF and famed announcer of "Our Best to You" spoke during assembly on January 3. Mr. Capps spoke of his many experiences in radio, and also of the wonderful opportunities which radio and television offer young people today. For those interested, he advised such courses as speech, journalism, and the regular curriculum courses of liberal arts colleges. He emphasized that although the radio business is fun, it is not all play. It is as serious a business as any other profession.

Mr. Capps also told us many interesting facts about records. Since he has such a grand opportunity to deal with records, he has also had the opportunity to know the inside stories that prompted many of them. Students have reported that his assembly program was of great interest and they all look forward to another visit from Mr. Capps.

Class Presidents Order Class Rings

Class rings, ordered by the class presidents, arrived during the Christmas holidays and are being given out as the girls ask for them. The St. Mary's ring consists of a rectangular black onyx bearing the school seal in a 10-karat gold setting. On either side of the band is the date of the student's graduation and her initials are engraved on the inside of the band.

Juniors Win Belles Song Contest

A school song contest sponsored by the *Belles* was held in assembly on Jan. 12. Each class made up words to a song and presented the song to the rest of the school. Three judges, Mr. Moore, Miss Morris, and Miss Cell, chose the winners, basing their selections on school spirit, originality, and presentation. The junior class won first prize; the senior class, second; and the sophomore class, third.

The winning song below was sung to the tune of *The Yellow Rose of Texas*.

(1)

Come join our junior class
In fun and gaiety.
We'll sing our praises loudly
To the best there'll ever be.
Now you may talk about your
Meredith
And Peace and all the rest;
But we can say that St. Mary's
Is the one we love the best.

(2)

The ghosts of old tradition
Including Dr. Smedes
Roam through our long dark halls
Like one hundred centipedes.
Now the new girls may be
frightened,
But soon they all agree
That without all these traditions
This wouldn't be St. Marie.

(3)

We work and play together
In bonds of friendship true.
We pledge our loyalty
To the dear old white and blue.
Throughout the coming years
In what we say or do.
We'll always hold within our hearts
Our memories of you.

Repeat First Verse for Refrain

Come join our junior class
In fun and gaiety.
We'll sing our praises loudly
To the best there'll ever be.
Now you may talk about your
Meredith
And Peace and all the rest;
But we can say that St. Mary's
Is the one we love the best.

Blossom Research Foundation Makes Astounding Discovery

A member of the Blossom Research Foundation has recently discovered an astoundingly strange phenomenon which slightly resembles a vehicle carrying its own power — generating and propelling mechanism and used for travel on ordinary thoroughfares. This extraordinary mechanism was brought to her attention through her innate faculty of producing ideal creations consistent with reality. An ordinary specimen of the human race will have a difficult time comprehending and accepting this vehicle; however, the foundation sincerely desires that all readers accept this discovery as true.

The vehicle most resembling this creation is the Jaguar, not to be confused with a large, ferocious, spotted feline. The trunk or main mass possesses the general pattern of the aforementioned automotive. Aside from this fact the vehicle bears no other similarity. The outward appearance shows a pattern of black watch plaid painted on to provide a very definite Scottish appearance. In case anyone is interested in obtaining a can of this black watch paint, the foundation regrets to inform you that none is available as all was used up in painting this automobile. This black watch coloring has intermingled in its pattern a thin strip of crimson which was applied after the other paint had dried. Among

other external features are the yellow white-sidewall air-filled rubber tubes, which are placed around the wheels of the vehicle to form the treads. The chrome exists in the appropriate locations for a vehicle of this type; however, it is a bright, metallic yellow which is highly malleable and free from liability to rust. The lamps equipped with reflectors are on the foremost surface of the vehicle. They give off a slightly burnt amber tint so as not to outline oncoming automobiles. The tail lights match the thin strip of crimson in hue although not in material.

The interior of this mechanism does not boast an extraordinary amount of phenomenal constructions. The designer perceived that in order to have a vehicle which possessed coordination throughout, she must obtain a feeling of harmony between the interior and exterior of her rare apparatus; consequently, while designing the interior, she was unable to exert her imagination as much as desirable. The sofas made of nylon covered foam rubber have a polygonic shape so that passengers can situate themselves in any way they desire. These are protected by crimson seatcovers made of the skins of animals prepared by tanning. At strategic places these covers are attached to the sofa by black watch plaid buttons, not to be confused

Sigma Pi Alpha Taps New Members

The St. Mary's chapter of *Sigma Pi Alpha*, honorary language fraternity, presented the assembly program in the auditorium on January 5. Betsy Wright, president of the organization, made a short speech on the purpose of the club, giving the requirements for membership.

After the talk the seven remaining members tapped nineteen students who have a "B" average in all academic work and a "B" plus in foreign language. They are Lemma Baucum, Anne Bonner, Carolyn Charles, Alice Clarke, Penny Fuller, Nancy Graham, Margaret Hamilton, Marianna Miller, Dottie Pierson, Sally Ruark, Sylvia Crumpler, Libby Gregory, Beth Kemper, Patsy Miller, Margaret Rainey, Patti Stringfellow, Kathy Theobald, Joanne Tripp, and Ginger Walser.

Tryon Palace Comes To Life

Two guests spoke to the St. Mary's Student Body on January 10. The subject of the Assembly program was Tryon Palace and its restoration.

The first speaker, Mr. Tarlington, reviewed the historical background of the famous building, and then introduced Mr. Morley J. Williams.

Mr. Williams is the man in charge of physical research and landscaping of the Palace in New Bern. His talk was based on ceramics of the Colonial period, and he pointed out that much broken china had been found on the Palace site. Such discoveries enable the researchers to tell much about the interior of the Palace before it was burned. Mr. Williams said that the restoration was developing very well due to large endowments. He invited all St. Mary's students to visit Tryon Palace when the restoration program has been completed.

The next Civic Music Concert will be held on January 18, 1956, at the Memorial Auditorium. The program will be entertainment by the Ballet Theatre of New York. These Civic Music Concerts are sponsored by the Civic Music Association of Raleigh.

with an undeveloped mushroom, that do not have buttonholes. The steering wheel is also painted with black watch plaid; thus, the harmony of hue is created between the interior and exterior through the congruent mixture of black watch plaid and crimson.

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