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Pat Cowden

Wohlbruck Voted Best-Looking Beau

The three winners of the *Belles'* Best-Looking Beau Contest were picked from the selection of pictures submitted by the students.

Everett Wohlbruck is the winner of first place. He is the fiancé of Nancy Adams. Everett, a service man, is now stationed in Germany.

Neil Birch from Raleigh was picked for second place. His picture was submitted by Kathryn Webb. Neil is a sophomore at N. C. State and a *Sigma Chi* pledge.

The third place winner is Smith Bradfield, who was entered by Stuart Pegram. He is a *Phi Gam* at UNC.



Everett Wohlbruck, 1st place

Former President Passes Suddenly

[ED. NOTE: *The editors wish to apologize for not putting this article in the Belles at the appropriate time.*]

The president of St. Mary's Junior College from 1932 to 1945, Mrs. Margaret Jones Cruikshank, died suddenly after a heart attack in Fayetteville on December 26, 1955.

Funeral services were conducted by the Right Rev. Edwin A. Penick at St. Mary's Chapel. She was buried in Oakwood.

Mrs. Cruikshank was born October 13, 1878, in Hillsboro. She was a member of the 1893 graduating class of St. Mary's School and was valedictorian of her class. She studied at UNC for one year and then attended Columbia University where she received a B.S. Degree in Mathematics. In 1937 she was awarded an M.A. Degree in History from Duke University.

She taught mathematics at St. Mary's from 1897 until 1910 except for the years she was studying at Columbia University and UNC. Mrs. Cruikshank became president of St. Mary's after the death of her husband and remained in that position until 1945 when she retired.

Pat Cowden Chosen Maid Of Cotton

Patricia Anne Cowden, a former St. Mary's student and a resident of Raleigh, was selected the 1956 Maid of Cotton at Memphis, Tennessee, on December 26. Pat first competed in the North Carolina Cotton Festival in Clayton and from there went to the Memphis contest. She is twenty-one years old and was formerly a secretary at the Security National Bank in Raleigh.

As a result of her winning the Cotton contest, Pat received a replica of the Great Graval traditionally used by the Cotton Association, the Maid's mantle, a bouquet of roses, a new Ford convertible,

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Neil Birch, 2nd place



Smith Bradfield, 3rd place

Rhythm Kids Band Rocks Student Body

The Rhythm Kids from the Negro division of the North Carolina State School for the Blind "brought the house down" in assembly on February 7.

This band plays popular rhythm and blues hits. With the exception of the piano, all the instruments were either toys with kazoos on them or handmade in their workshop. John Hazell, a graduate of the school, and head of the industrial arts shop, introduced the numbers and the singers.

Tutti-Frutti First Hit

Frank Dawes started the program with the current bop tune, *Tutti-Frutti*. Lloyd Morris followed this with *Memories are Made of This*. Next Henry (Jasbo) Carroll sang *See Ya' Later, Alligator*. All three hits were accompanied by the members of the band.

Next a Girls' Trio sang *He*, followed by a reappearance of Frank Dawes singing *Sixteen Tons*. The final number, *The Great Pretender*, was by Willie McDougal, who is also the pianist. The audience showed such great appreciation for this number that it was sung three times.

The success of the whole program was expressed by a standing ovation by the entire student body.

Young Democrats Attend Kefauver Rally

The YDC met in the hut on January 24. Pat Sullivan, president, introduced Mrs. Mary McGee, past National Committee-woman. Mrs. McGee introduced John Jordan, the speaker.

Mr. Jordan is a past president of the Young Democrats. He is also Raleigh's Man of the Year as chosen by the Jaycees. Mr. Jordan is now chairman of the Jackson-Jefferson Day Dinner.

Mr. Jordan told the group how

to become connected with the YDC. He then explained the interests of the Democratic party and emphasized the importance of youth in the party. Mr. Jordan predicted that Adlai Stevenson would be our next president. He said that Harriman, Kefauver, and Stevenson would visit North Carolina.

After Mr. Jordan's interesting speech, the YDC members enjoyed a picnic supper.

Rally for Kefauver

A Democratic rally was held at the Sir Walter Hotel on January 27. Senator Estes Kefauver was guest of honor. The program consisted of a news conference, interviews, and a banquet.

At a meeting of the St. Mary's YDC on Wednesday, there was a call for volunteers to help with the meeting. The St. Mary's girls who helped were Sherry Lackey, Sara Mercier, Anna Thompson, Marianna Miller, and Pat Sullivan. These girls helped to register the delegates and sold *Democrat Digests*.

Young Republicans Resume Activities

The Young Republicans' Club which has been idle since before exams is preparing for action. President Dee Dee De Vere says that she, the other officers, and the forty members of the club will be meeting again soon with their advisor, Mrs. Jacobus.

The purpose of the YRC is to promote better understanding of the Republican situation in the United States and to stimulate interest in both political parties.

In addition to their intense interest in politics the officers of the club are very active here at St. Mary's. Dee Dee De Vere, the president, is on the *Belles* and *Stagecoach* staffs, a member of the Dramatics Club, Doctors' Daughters' Club, YWCA, Altar Guild, Choir, and is a *Sigma*. She is also president of the junior class.

The vice-president, Trisha Huske, is treasurer of the junior class. She is a *Sigma*, is on the *Belles* staff, and is in the Altar Guild, the Dramatics Club, and YWCA.

Secretary Katy Copp is also

secretary of the junior class. She is vice-president of the YWCA, a member of the Dramatics Club, the Glee Club, Orchesis, and the *Stagecoach* staff, and is a *Mu*.

Nancy Crow, a senior, is the YRC's treasurer. Along with this duty Nancy is a marshal, a Circle member, assistant editor of the *Stagecoach*, on the *Belles* Staff, and in the Dramatics Club, Orchesis, and YWCA. The *Mu's* claim her.

The YRC also has a historian, Catherine Dent. Catherine is vice-president of the Canterbury Club, and a member of the Choir, Orchesis, the YWCA, and *Sigmals*.