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Lunsford, Johnson Attend Convention

As we all know the United Daughters of the Confederacy is an organization consisting of women whose grandfathers, and great grandfathers and other kin folk took part in the War Between The States.

Each year the U.D.C. holds a convention in Richmond, Va. Sons and daughters of the members act as pages throughout the five day convention. Two of our St. Mary's girls, Linda Lunsford of Clarksville, Ga. and Lou Johnson, of Burgaw, N. C., both seniors attended this year as pages.

They left for Richmond November 10 and stayed through November 15. They had a busy schedule awaiting them during these 5 days.

First on the agenda, Sunday afternoon, November 10, Lou, Linda and the other girls assisted at Memorial Services at St. Paul's Church in Richmond.

Bright and early Monday there was a meeting of all the Convention Pages in the Roof Garden of the John Marshall Hotel, where the girls stayed. Monday night at 8:00 P.M. was Opening Evening. At this exercise the Pages were presented to the convention.

Tuesday at 12:30 P.M. there was a Children of the Confederacy Luncheon. Tuesday evening after the Processional, the Pages were excused to attend "The Pages' Ball."

The Pages play a big part in the smooth running of a U.D.C. Convention. They have many heavy duties during the business sessions of the Convention.

We certainly are glad to have two such fine girls from St. Mary's to attend the convention representing their home chapter of the Confederacy.

Newton Chosen

Ann Rountree, president of the Senior Class recently announced the appointment of Brooks Newton as chairman of the Senior Follies. In addition to this job, Brooks is an active member of the glee club, president of the choir, member of the Stage Coach staff and Granddaughters Club. She is a MU. In consideration of all her wonderful talents we know that Brooks will make Senior Follies the best St. Mary's has ever had.

Heading the theme committee is Peggy Currie. Her staff includes Barbara Houser, Doris Price, Ann Tayloe, Lou Johnson, Catherine Rakestraw, and Dorothy Hulick. Their job is to choose the theme for Senior Follies, which remains a secret until the big event takes place.

Additional committees will be chosen soon, and then long hours of practice begin.

Stage Coach To be Surprise

Since having had their pictures made for the **Stage Coach**, everyone has begun to wonder what this year's annual will be like. Of course everything about it is kept a big secret, and not one of the 103 staff members will give you even a little hint. The **Stage Coach** is one of the three publications at Saint Mary's, and it will be a great thrill when we receive our copy class day.

Sally Barnes is Editor-in-Chief of the 1956 **Stage Coach**, and she hopes that it is really going to be great. The heads of the committees are: Ann Lynch, Business Manager; Mary Bahnsen, Picture Staff; Kit Tiedeman, Snapshots; Judy Scott, Creative Writing; Nancy Atkinson, Senior Writers; Sallie Rembert, Art; Betty Van Wagenen, Copy Readers; Sally Lewis, Typing.

Religious Books Added to Library

The St. Mary's library has received several new books on religion which may be used in Dr. Guerry's Bible classes. Of interest would be two volumes concerning the recently discovered Dead Sea Scrolls, **The Dead Sea Scrolls**, by Millar Burrows, and **The Dead Sea Scriptures in English Translation**, compiled by Theodor H. Gaster. The former is an account of the finding of the scrolls and their history with a discussion on the people who wrote them, plus the translations of the most interesting scrolls and is particularly good for the content of the scrolls.

Volume 12 of **The Interpreter's Bible**, published by the Abingdon Press, includes a commentary on James; First and Second Peter; First, Second, and Third John; Jude; and Revelation plus general articles including articles on the Dead Sea Scrolls, history, and illustrations. This series of books will prove very useful in the interpretation of the Bible, of which Volume 12 is the last.

Another good commentary on the Bible is **The Abingdon Bible Commentary**, edited by Eisdlen, Lewis, and Downey. This is a concise, yet complete volume which is recommended by Dr. Guerry.

An understanding and knowledge of the great religions of the world—Christianity, Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Jainism, Judaism, Mohammedanism (Islam), Shintoism, Taoism, and Zoroastrianism—may be found in **The Wisdom of the Living Religions**, by Joseph Gaer. This book "shows how all the living religions, in spite of their diversity in form and ritual, agree in their essential ethics".

Officers Elected

The glee club held election of officers recently. The new president is Sue Sandlin, secretary is Helen Jones, and the librarians are Ruth Whitley and Dana Borden. There was a good turnout for the club, and it is going to be a very good group. It is certainly lucky to have Mrs. Hafley back as its accompanist.

There are big plans in store for the year. Besides assisting in the Christmas program, the glee club will combine with the State College glee club and give a program in the spring. The possibility of putting on a Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta is also being considered.

The glee club did many things last year to make the school proud of it. They sang for a men's church group, gave a Christmas program, appeared on television, gave a program at Fort Bragg, sang at the dedication of Penick Hall, and gave the commencement program. A lot of hard work went into all these activities, but under the direction of Miss Cate the glee club did well.

The Belles hopes that everyone will support the glee club this year. It takes hard work to give a program that people will enjoy. The girls who are in it deserve a lot of credit. St. Mary's will again have a glee club to be proud of this year!

Miss Wilkins Visits Saint Mary's School

St. Mary's was honored to have Miss Georgia Wilkins of Columbus, Georgia pay a visit to the campus. She roamed the grounds looking at all the improvements that have been made recently. Her main interest, however, was seeing the Penick Hall parlors, for Miss Wilkins most generously contributed the money that made these lovely decorations possible.

Miss Wilkins left St. Mary's at the end of her junior year in 1900. She remembers the days when St. Mary's was just Smedes, the Rocks, the chapel, and the library building. Although much of the outside appearance has changed, the spirit and the friendliness of St. Mary's girls remains.

Miss Wilkins' grandmother and mother also attended St. Mary's.

We all appreciate Miss Wilkins' spirit of generosity. She said, "I consider it a great privilege to do things for St. Mary's; St. Mary's meant so much to me." Almost every individual here has felt either directly or indirectly the influence of Miss Wilkins, especially the girls in new Penick. We can all realize how fortunate St. Mary's is to have the support of such a wonderful person, and we wish to express our deep gratitude for her contribution to the improvement of the school.

Orchesis Plans

Christmas Program

Orchesis is presenting "Santa Claus Land" for their Christmas program in December, and are now in the midst of getting dances, music, and costumes ready.

There are five dances which represent the night before Christmas at Santa's home. Two dances are by toys, one by elves and reindeers. Santa and his wife also take a round of the house.

Santa Claus is portrayed by Memrie Moser and Mrs. Santa by Virginia Allen. They will choreograph their own dance. The elve's dance is choreographed by Chee Davis and Edith Alston. They are Anna Thompson, Millie Fary, Dottie Yeamon, Elizabeth Blake, Judy Scott, Octavia Phillips, Hadley Morgan, and Corleton Savage. Mory Dale and Nancy Page Hopkins are choreographing the Reindeers, who are Jessie Allen, Jane Brady, Cinda Henderson, Winnie Lightfoot, Frankie Wands, Linda Lunsford, and Bard Gatling.

The toy dances are "Jack in the Box" by Dot Hicks and Eleanor Bullock and danced by Michael Gardner McDaniel; "Dolls" by Joy Little with Catherine Backstraw, Sybil Mathis and Nancy Coston and "Toy Soldiers" by Dot Overback with Jenny Whitehurst, Bibi Walker and Catherine Potter. The dolls and toy soldiers are combined and make up one dance.

The setting is by Anna Thompson, chairman and Judy Scott, Hadley Morgan, and Dottie Yeamans. Costumes are by Octavia Phillips, chairman and Cinda Henderson, Corleton Savage, and Frankie Wands.

Mrs. Baily is assisting all the girls and is the main backbone along with Jo Burguwyn, President of Orchesis. Everything falls back on them, but they are doing an exceptionally good job.

Staff Clarifies

Petitioning Process

The question of getting a petition passed has been asked by many students. In order to clarify this point, the **Belles** staff has decided to print an article explaining this procedure.

First of all, a petition drawn up and signed by at least six students, is given to a legislative body member. She in turn submits this to the petition committee where it is recorded in the proper form. Next the petition is given back to the legislative body where it is read and studied thoroughly. The body either passes the petition or rejects it. If it is passed, then it is carried to Dr. Stone. He then either passes or rejects it. If he passes it, then the petition goes into effect the day it is read to the entire Student Body.