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Newest Books

Several books on modern poetry are now on display in the library.

The Idiom of Poetry by Frederick A. Pottle is based on a series of lectures delivered by the author at Cornell University in 1941. The lectures deal with the theory of poetry and are not interpretations or criticisms of particular poetry. The author uses a psychological approach, dealing with the mechanism of poetry. He discusses such subjects as "What Is Poetry?", "Pure Poetry in Theory and Practice," "Dogma, Science, and Poetry," and "The Moral Evaluation of Literature."

Poetry and the Modern World by David Darches is a study of the poetic phase which began with the decline of the tradition of Tennyson and ended with the poetry of the Second World War. The author connects each part of this phase with its intellectual and society background. Mr. Darches discusses Thomas Hardy, A. E. Housman, Gerard Manly Hopkins, T. E. Hulme, T. S. Eliot, W. B. Yeats, Cecil Day Lewis, W. H. Auden, and Stephen Spender. He also studies war poetry, Georgian poetry, the Imagists, and post-war satire. The book is well organized and sprinkled with wit.

Praise To Aids

Quite a few of the St. Mary's students work as assistants for various teachers. They all work very hard at their jobs and should be given much credit.

The library has five assistants: Tony Lonning, Carol Barber, Muffy Walke, Virginia McKimmon, and Betty Latta. These girls card and file, mend and shelve books in decimal order. They are also responsible for keeping the library a quiet place in which to work.

Sally Mustard is the biology assistant. Her work includes putting the lab instructions on the board and passing out all materials to be used in the lab.

Martha Custis and Ann Shepherd are Dr. Browne's chemistry assistants. Their responsibility is to prepare the labs for both the high school and college students.

Miss Richardson's office assistants are Jane Brady and Ann Hardin. Jane is responsible for the tardies each day, and Ann is in charge of all weekend slips.

The bookstore and mail assistants are Peggy Withers and Katsy Webb. These girls put up mail, sell stamps, and help Miss Brown in any way they can.

All of these girls have big responsibilities and should be given fullest cooperation at all times.

Cigarette Sales Show Loss

"Cigarette representatives, turn in your money!" That's the urgent plea of Kit Tiedeman, St. Mary's head cigarette girl.

Kit may be seen at most any time of the day, frantically collecting money, adding figures which refuse to balance correctly, or running down cigarette business at St. Mary's as a result of the student's lack of interest, appreciation, and responsibility. Five cigarette representatives have resigned since Christmas.

Maybe if the preliminary procedure of selling cigarettes and how hard Kit (and a few others) work for us were understood, the situation could be helped. The cigarettes are ordered wholesale from the Garland C. Norris Co. where they are charged to the account of the Belles. When the bills come, Kit takes them to Miss Jordan who pays them with the money lent for this purpose by the school. Of course, it is necessary for us to repay the school. This payment is made with the money collected by the cigarette representatives, who turn their money in to Kit.

The money from the profit of this cigarette business is saved for the purchase of a gift for the school at the end of the year. Last year's gift was some furnishings for the parlors in Penick Hall. As the financial situation stands now, the business is \$113.46 in debt. However, if all money is turned in now, a profit of \$37.46 will appear as a starting point for the school's gift.

Needless to say, as it is easily understandable, the selling of cigarettes will have to stop temporarily if the representatives don't pay their money to Kit immediately.

Bellamy Is Elected Queen

Twenty four years ago Cornelia Jane Snyder was elected May Queen at St. Mary's. Now in 1958 her daughter, Jane Bellamy, will begin over the May Day festivities which include a program presented by Orchesis, the theme of which will not be revealed until May Day. The traditional May Pole Dance will be a part of the day's program.

This is Jane's second year at St. Mary's. She hails from Wilmington where she was May Queen at her high school. Jane is an outstanding Belle. She is a marshall, hall counselor, and a *Sigma*. Her club activities include the Grand-daughter's Club.

Jane was presented to society at the annual Debutante Ball this fall and will make a beautiful Queen of the May.

Student Union Calendar

The Student Union on the State College campus welcomes all college students in the Raleigh vicinity to come anytime and take part in their programs and activities. Each month the Union has a planned program which is both educational and recreational. The Student Union's schedule for the month of February is as follows:

- 5 Registration for Bridge lessons
- 6 Bridge lessons — beginning at 7:30 p. m.
- 7 Bridge lessons
- 8 South Carolina vs State
- 11 Duke vs State
- 13 Bridge lessons
- 14 Anniversary Square Dance — also Platter Party
- 15 Valentine Dance—Maryland vs State
- 18 N. Carolina vs State
- 20 Bridge lessons
- 21 The Dublin Players will present *Shadow and Substance* at Rullin Hall—also Platter Party
- 22 La Salle vs State—the Dublin Players will present *Juno and the Paycock*
- 25 Audubon Screen Tour
- 26-28 Fine Arts Festival
- 27 Bridge lessons — Civic Music Concert
- 28 One act play festival — Platter Party

Twentieth Century Music

It is disconcerting to learn that the symphonic form of music is on a decline. Modern composers do not write symphonies. The reason is that symphonies are considered an art form perfected by men in the 1700's and 1800's and contemporary composers find that they cannot compete with Mozart, Hayden, or Beethoven. The last composer to make an advance in the symphonic form of writing was Gustav *Mohler*, who died in 1911. There have been good symphonies since then, but none of them have equalled the perfection of the classical composers. Perhaps great symphonic writing is a thing of the past.

Opera, however, still flourishes. It is one of the most enduring forms of musical writing. Originating sometime in early Greek History, the opera is given today not only in highly civilized societies, but primitive ones as well. Since opera includes such a wide variety of the arts—music, dramatics, dancing, and art work—it is most likely that it will last as long as people are interested in any of the arts.

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Students Await Senior Follies

The whispering which is buzzing among the seniors means only one thing—Senior Follies is not far off! The underclassmen thought the seniors were locking themselves in their rooms to study for exams, but they were fooled. Behind those locked doors the seniors made big plans for the follies which will be presented on February 13th.

No one realizes what talent Saint Mary's has until the seniors spruce up their hair, smear a little grease paint on their "Angelic" faces, and step into the spotlight on opening night. Since Saint Mary's is just one step from Broadway, every senior will perform her part perfectly, for she is sure this will be the big chance to make Broadway.

Brooks Newton, director of Senior Follies said yesterday that everything is coming along on schedule and that this year's Follies should be the best ever presented. Miss Newton praised the work of her head writers, Ann Shepherd and Chee Davis, and all of the co-writers. She also pointed out that the seniors should feel very fortunate in having such well known song writers as Tayloe, Edmunds, Ricks, Wagoner, and Cobb, along with many others. Many of the songs for the Follies are predicted to reach the "Bottom" ten by March.

Songs, dances (and what songs and dances) and many surprises are in store for everyone on opening night of Senior Follies.

Aims Of Circle Are Announced

The Circle is an honorary organization whose purpose is to promote a spirit of co-operation among the students. The Circle aids new students in adopting themselves to activities and school life at St. Mary's.

Throughout the school year, the Circle has various projects. This year, the Circle plans to sell coffee mugs with the St. Mary's seal. The members, also plan to sell stationary. The boxes contain 200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes.

In addition, the members write an article for the Belles. The article is taken from a diary of a girl who attended St. Mary's many years ago. The members of the Circle are in charge of the props used for the May Day Exercises.