

# The Belles

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## Students Hear Lecture On Far East & Philippines

On Tuesday night, March 11, Mr. Robert A. Smith spoke to the faculty and students of St. Mary's. Mr. Smith talked on the subject of the Philippines and the Far East.

He has been an editorial writer for the *New York Times* for over twenty-five years and has been a staff correspondent to the Philippines. Mr. Smith just returned from the Far East where he studied the touchy situation that exists there at present. He has written four books, *Our Future In Asia*, *Your Foreign Policy*, *Divided India*, and *Phillippine Freedom*, his latest publication.

Mr. Smith's vast knowledge of current events is remarkable. His statement that "Communism will fall from its own rottenness" was not only interesting but assuring and greatly welcomed!

St. Mary's was very fortunate in having a person of such wide experience and learning.

## SUPPORT REDECORATION OF HOLT BASEMENT

The Circle has proposed the decoration of Holt Basement as a recreation room for the entire Student Body. Of course, this project cannot be successful unless everyone is interested enough in it to help with the work and back all the proposals.

The Student Body has needed a place for recreation and relaxation for many years. There has not been a place provided so far. Holt Basement is not ideally situated, and yet it can be found satisfactory if it is viewed with the proper attitude.

There are many possible improvements which can be made and provided, but the success of these moves needs the entire Student Body backing them. A section of the Little Store can be put down there. Magazines, bridge tables, cards, and good furnishings can be procured. Perhaps an inside entrance to Holt can be made eventually.

Holt Basement is a wonderful place for this starting of our recreation room.

## LETTER CLUB HAS NEW MEMBER

Sybil Mathis from St. Augustine, Florida, became a member of the Letter Club on March 4th. Sybil is very active in Orchesis, hockey, and is an All Star Swimmer. She also sings in the choir and is an acolyte for our chapel services. She is a member of Sigma Pi and Y. D. C. and a Sigma.

## Library Has Display On Mr. R. A. Smith

The library has a display on Robert Aura Smith, who gave a lecture at St. Mary's on March 11. There are two books on display which were written by Mr. Smith. *Our Future in Asia* was published in 1940. The author discusses our stake in the South China Sea, our relations with the Philippines, with China, and with Japan. He also discusses Japanese aggression and our defense in the South China Sea. The book's object is to show the basis on which decisions must be made concerning problems in southeast Asia and the South China Sea.

*Your Foreign Policy: How, What, and Why*, published in 1941, was written because Mr. Smith realized how ignorant the average American citizen is of foreign policy of the United States. In this book, the author answers the questions of the people concerning foreign policy so that the answers may be understood. The book explains what foreign policy is and explains the machinery that makes the policy work. It also includes several basic documents of foreign policy such as The Pact of Paris, The Nine-Power Treaty, and the Monroe Doctrine.

## PROMINENT CELLIST RECEIVED WARMLY

Miss May Mukle, cellist, performed the assembly program on March 11th. St. Mary's students succumbed to the warmth of personality and technical skill of the player. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Edwin Ideler.

Miss Mukle, a very distinguished English cellist, has had an impressive concert career in Europe, Africa, and America. She has given performances for royalty, having performed for Queen Mary of England.

Miss Mukle's first number was a sonata by Boccherini in two movements. The second number was a group of folk tunes. Mr. Vaughn Williams, outstanding English composer, wrote these selections especially for Miss Mukle. The folk tunes were: Swedish, Irish, Chinese, English, Jewish; and a Negro Jubilee song.

Miss Mukle is sailing for England next week. She will then leave for South Africa for a concert. She may return to St. Mary's next season for a full length concert.

## Happy Birthday

April

- 15—Caroline Hamilton  
Octavia Phillips
- 16—Nan Bailey
- 18—Edith Kellerman
- 19—Cinda Henderson

## Jeannette Cross Wins As President Of Student Body

Jeannette Cross, who hails from Marion, was elected President of the Student Government for next year on Wednesday, March 12. Jeannette has been at St. Mary's for three years and this year she is President of the Junior class. She is a member of the *Stagecoach* staff, Granddaughter's club, Legislative Body, and President of the Y.W.C.A.

Jeannette's duties next year will be as follows:

1. To call and preside over all meetings of the Student Government Association and of the Honor Council.
2. To appoint seniors to act as chairmen of each of the classes until the class presidents are elected.
3. To appoint the student members of the Constitution Committee.
4. To draw up in conference with student officers and officials a slate of the faculty advisors desired by the various student groups, and to submit this slate to the President of the college.
5. To serve on the Legislative Body, *ex officio*.
6. To serve on the Hall Council, *ex officio*.
7. To assume direction of student matters not specifically assigned to other student officers.
8. Before the end of school to appoint members of the incoming senior class as counselors and vice-counselors for the coming year on the advice of the Counselor Committee.
9. At the end of the year to pass on to her successor suggestions and unofficial records that may prove useful to her, also any helpful records for the use of the next year's class presidents.
10. To assume the duties of the chairman of the Hall Council during a temporary absence of the chairman or to appoint a member of the Hall Council to serve as acting chairman.

## MISS HAIG'S STUDENTS PRESENT RECITAL

Piano students of Miss Haig gave a studio recital on Wednesday, February 26. Those that participated were: Martha Kirehheimer, Sue Sandlin Margant McKee, Johnsyne Massenburg, Jane Wooden, Mary Ann Powell, Pat Watson, Nancy Wall, Martha Martin, Mary Milam, Anne Stinnett, Emily Oulla, Carol Williams, Sally Lewis, Julia Ann Hunt, and Helen Jones.

A special student of Miss Haig's, Caroline Quick, received a five hundred dollar scholarship in music recently. Called the Margaret Coker Lawton Scholarship, it is effective for years of college. The require-  
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## Brice Will Serve As Council Chairman

Elise Brice from Spartanburg, S. C. was elected Chairman of Hall Council on March 19. Elise is a member of the Altar Guild, Y.R.C., *Sigma Mu* soccer and basketball teams, the props committee for May Day. She is a *Mu*.

Elise's duties will be as follows:

1. To call and preside over all meetings of the Hall Council.
2. To be responsible for the general functioning of the Hall Council.
3. To serve as a member of the Legislative Body.
4. To submit to the president of the association the name of the faculty member desired as adviser.
5. To appoint and supervise assembly and chapel proctors, and to make seating charts for chapel and assembly.
6. To serve on the Counselor Committee.

## LENTEN SPEAKERS

On Wednesday, February 26, St. Mary's had its first Lenten speaker, Rt. Rev. Richard H. Baker D.D., Bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of North Carolina. Bishop Baker talked about an athletic team which, pointing to a special contest, gets into condition for the great event. So the church has two high points for which it prepares: Christmas, preceded by Advent; and Easter, preceded by Lent.

One week later on March 5, St. Mary's welcomed Rev. I. Harding Hughes, chaplain here from 1942 to 1957. Rev. Hughes spoke on the cross of Christ—the vertical bar symbolizing faith, the horizontal representing service.

## BELLAMY REPRESENTS SMJC

The Azalea Festival in Wilmington the weekend of March 29 will be a gala time for many St. Mary's Belles. As in the past, our May Queen, Jane Bellamy, a native of Wrightsville Beach herself, will represent St. Mary's in the parade and at the Coronation Ball and teas in honor of the Azalea Queen and her court, composed of May Queens from North Carolina colleges, and visiting celebrities. Jane will be given a beautiful dress for the occasion.

Among the other activities for the weekend in addition to many private parties, are tours around Greenfield Lake, to Orton Plantation, and to Airlie Plantation. There is also a golf tournament.

Beauty is of course the theme of the Festival—in both flowers and lovely girls. The famous movie star Esther Williams will be the Azalea Queen. Girls from the Wilmington high schools will compete for the Teenage Azalea Queen.