

Dr. Broughton Honored At Special Chapel Service

On April 17, a special Chapel service was devoted to Mr. Russell Broughton in honor of his twenty-first anniversary at St. Mary's. Dr. Moultrie Guerry read several appropriate prayers from the St. Mary's Centennial Cantata, which Mr. Broughton composed in 1942. The officers of the choir then conducted the remaining part of the service.

In appreciation of his devoted service and interest, Sue Creech, in behalf of the choir and St. Mary's chapel, presented Mr. Broughton with a beautiful choirmaster's robe and hood. The insignia on the robe denoted his being a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists. The admittance into this guild is one of the highest achievements an organist can attain.

Jody Blackwell gave a brief biographical sketch of his personal life. Mr. Broughton was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. From his early youth, he was a great reader. His teachers were quite surprised at the number of books he had read outside class. He still reads as much as possible.

At Oberlin College Mr. Broughton received his Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Music. In 1928 he became a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists.

Having the highest grade on an examination participated in by organists from all over the country, Mr. Broughton won a scholarship in 1928 to study in France at the American Conservatory at Fontainebleau. He taught at Converse College, in Spartanburg, for five years, when Dr. Stone was also there. In 1940 he came to St. Mary's to direct the choir and teach.

Although he had previously composed numerous anthems and organ pieces, Mr. Broughton has taken a fresh start in composing in the last two or three years. Publishers are very much interested in accepting his compositions.

Cydne Wright then gave a short resumé of some of his works as a composer. Mr. Broughton is widely known as an outstanding

composer of church music. Often he can be heard in his studio playing and practicing his works. Having recently completed an anthem for Palm Sunday, he is now composing a Christmas anthem. Many of the anthems our choir has sung have been Mr. Broughton's works. One you might remember was "He Who Would Valiant Be". We use his work "These Things Shall Be" each year at commencement.

In just the past month one of his recent works, "Benedictus Est Domini" was selected to be sung in the Midwestern Choir Festival. His composition "My God and King" was chosen by the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina as an outstanding unison anthem.

In 1942, the year of the centennial of St. Mary's, Mr. Broughton was asked to write a cantata for the celebration, to be performed by the choir and glee club. He wrote the work to be sung by a chorus and soloist, accompanied by a string quartet with the organ and piano. The text was taken from various sources such as the Bible, works of sundry poets, and words that he himself wrote. The text was appropriately chosen, as may be seen in the chorus:

"Saint Mary's—honored mother,
Who for a hundred years hath
fed thy children
Bread of Wisdom,
Wine of Knowledge.

May thy maidens ever
Learn, as of old did Jesus,
through honest toil
From Nature's voice,
And the glorious pages of the
Book. Amen."

Next year will be the 120th anniversary of St. Mary's founding. A program is now being planned to present the cantata again.

Gretchen Craig sang two selections from the cantata accompanied by Sue Creech: "Wisdom is Radiant" and "St. Mary's—Honored Mother." The service ended with everyone singing the School Hymn. The entire student body feels a deep sense of pride in their devoted friend, Mr. Russell Broughton.

NEW BELLES EDITORS CHOSEN

The heads for the *Belles* staff have been chosen for 1961-1962. Nancy Heath, from Charlotte, who has been a feature writer for the *Belles* this past year will be Assistant Editor. Rosemary Adair, News Editor, and Betsy Nichols, Feature Editor, will head the two main divisions of the writing staff. The other heads who have been chosen are Lockhart Follin, Social Editor; Dee Tillery, Headline Editor; Ginny Simmons, Head Typist; Erwin Parrott, Alumnae Editor; Nancy Vance Ashmore, Photographer; Mary Peyton, Circulation Manager; Lucy Shand, Head Copy Reader; Jane Brooks, Exchange Editor; Marcia Sawyers and Tootie Blythe, Business Managers.

The new *Belles* staff will put out the last three issues of the paper with the help of the old staff. By doing this they will gain experience for putting out *The Belles* next year.

Bishop Frazer Speaks At Canterbury

On Sunday, April 23, Bishop Frazer spoke at State College with our Canterbury Club present. After Bishop Frazer's talk a confirmation service was held.

The week-end of April 15th proved very inspiring for students from St. Mary's, Carolina, Wake Forest, Duke, and several other colleges. A college conference was held at Camp New Hope near Chapel Hill. Bishop Frazer was the speaker and gave a very interesting and informative talk on "Paul's Letter to the Ephesians."

The Canterbury Club has elected for its president for next year Gretchen Craig. The club is planning a big year and would like to urge more people to take part in its activities. Every girl is welcome; even if she's an atheist! A typical St. Mary's girl now spends only a little over one per cent of her waking hours in religious activities. Attending a church school, we owe it to the reputation of the school and to ourselves to give up a little more of our time for religious purposes.

Students Asked To Be More Reverent In Church

We have all been taught since the day we began to go to Sunday School that we are the creatures of God and that the Church is His House. Yet many of us seem to forget these facts, and we carry on conversations about various trivial matters during the services. Church is not the place to discuss last night's date, so-and-so's new dress, or the beach party planned for next weekend. Remembering that Jesus loved us enough to humble Himself to live as a man on earth and to die for our salvation; we should certainly devote the little time we are required to go to chapel completely to Him. Most of all, let us be more reverent while we are in His house.

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Circle and Beacon Have Slave Sale

On April 18, the Circle and Beacon held their annual slave sale in which these honorary organizations sold their members to the student body. The Beacon and Circle made around ninety dollars on the sale which will be used to repair the hut. Gay Davis was sold to her hall, third Smedes for more than anyone else. Miss Jones was the auctioneer.

Certain regulations were set up for the slaves and their mistresses. First, the slaves can work only two hours at one time and they cannot scrub floors with a toothbrush. Also, the slave is allowed to work at her own convenience.

