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1960 - 61 SESSION DRAWS TO A CLOSE

The commencement program for 1961 at St. Mary's officially begins with the enactment of "Pygmalion" by George Bernard Shaw. The St. Mary's Dramatics Club will present this play on Friday, May 26, at 8:15 p.m., in the college auditorium.

The morning of May 27 will be devoted to the Sophomore Class Day Exercises. This event will begin at 10:30 a.m. All classes are invited, but the Freshmen are especially urged to attend, for the planned program will offer a few surprises for them. At 4:00 p.m. the Senior Class Day Exercises will start. Likewise, the Seniors have planned a very interesting and amusing program.

Sunday, May 28, at 7:50 a.m., early morning communion in the chapel will be administered for the last time during the 1960-61 school

year. At 11:00, during the regular worship hour, the Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by the Right Reverend Thomas H. Wright, D. D., Bishop of East Carolina. His daughter Hannah Wright is one of the graduating seniors.

From 4:30-6:00 p.m. the President will honor the graduating students and their parents with a tea in his home.

The traditional step-singing will take place at the front of Smedes Hall promptly at 6:00 Sunday night. At this time, each of the four classes will sing songs with special dedication.

On Monday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m. the long awaited graduation exercises will be held in the auditorium. Addressing the graduating classes, will be the Right Reverend M. George Henry, D. D., Bishop of Western North Carolina.



Bishop Henry

Counselors For 1961-62

Thirty-eight juniors have been selected as counselors for 1961-62. These appointments were made by Cornelia Hines, president of Student Government, and Courtenay McDowell, chairman of Hall Council. The following girls will serve as senior counselors next year: Rosemary Adair, Tricia Armstrong, Nancy Vance Ashmore, Jackie Baublitz, Jody Blackwell, Sarah Broadhurst, Jane Brooks, Nanne Chalgren, Daphne Connelly, Winston Conner, Brooke Davila, Lockhart Follin, Nancy Gouger, Cinda Grantham, Nancy Heath, Cornelia Hines, Burnley Kinney, Mary Larsen, Sally Leach, Courtenay McDowell, Jane McKenzie, Vicki McKenzie, Julie Martin, Maudie Moore, Betsy Nichols, Ann Niemeyer, Erwin Parrott, Bee Pitt, Lucy Shand, Ginny Simmons, Margaret Smith, Lucy Southall, Dee Tillery, Evelyn Topping, Julie White, and Frances Wiebel. The counselors for the day students will be Penny Ives and Joanna Jeffries.

It is an honor for these students to have been selected to be counselors. They will assume their duties several days before the beginning of school next September. They will be responsible for keeping order on their halls and for being around all the time, so that, if anyone has a problem, they will be available.

Congratulations counselors!

Beacon Takes Four New Members

The principal purposes of the Beacon are "to promote among the high school girls a better school spirit, more cooperation, and participation in extra-curricular activities." On the basis of these aims, four new members were inducted on Tuesday, May 16. They are Sally Stevens, sophomore; Betty Gayle Sanford, freshman; Jean Winborne, freshman; and Marguerite McKee, a freshman. These girls are all outstanding members of their respective classes, and they deserve hearty congratulations for this honor.

ANNUALS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Everyone is anxiously awaiting May 27, Class Day, for the annuals to be given out. The dedication and the theme have been carefully guarded secrets all year long, and tomorrow will be the long awaited day of their announcement. Everyone is especially eager to find out who were elected the most outstanding seniors and the senior superlatives. This year's annual promises to be a very interesting one, for the whole annual staff has worked both long and hard to make it "the best Stagecoach ever."

Speakers for graduation 1961 will be the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, D. D., of the Diocese of Western North Carolina and the Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D. D., of the Diocese of East Carolina. Both Bishops are well acquainted with St. Mary's. Each has a daughter who will be graduating, but, incidentally, the mothers, grandmothers, and sisters of both attended St. Mary's.

Bishop Henry, who will give the Commencement Address, graduated from Chapel Hill with his B. S. in chemistry. He was teaching chemistry at the University while working on his Masters' when he decided to go into the ministry. Bishop Wright, who was at that time chaplain at U.N.C., took him to see Bishop Penick about the priesthood. Bishop Henry graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary and had his first parish in Tarboro, North Carolina, where the Rt. Rev. Gray Temple, now Bishop of South Carolina, was his assistant. In 1943 the Henrys moved to Charlotte where the Bishop started Christ Episcopal Church. In 1948 he was elected Bishop and was consecrated in Trinity Church in Asheville. The following year Bishop Henry preached the Baccalaureate Sermon for graduation at St. Mary's. And in 1953 Elizabeth Harding—Betsy—the fourth of the little Henrys was born. Anna Cay also has two brothers: Matt, who is thirteen and Kenneth, who is a freshman at the University of the South, Sewanee.

Bishop Henry's last talk at St. Mary's was at chapel in October of last year when the Board of Trustees was meeting. This October, Bishop Wright talked to us while the Board met. At that time he had recently returned from Japan and the Far East where, as Chairman of the Overseas Committee of the National Council of the Episcopal Church, he had been touring the mission field. Bishop Wright is also Treasurer of the National Council.

Bishop Wright went to college at Sewanee and then to Virginia Seminary. Early in his career he was Chaplain at Chapel Hill, Virginia Military Institute, and at Washington and Lee. He was also in San Antonio, Texas, for a time and in San Francisco, where he was Dean of the Cathedral. This year Bishop Wright was the speaker at the Alumnae Luncheon May 6. An interesting anecdote came out in the Association President's introduction of Bishop Wright. It seems that Mrs. Smith (the former Margaret Darst) introduced Mrs. Wright to the Bishop at her home in Wilmington. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of the late Bishop Darst of Wilmington. The Wrights, all six of them, now live in that very house. In addition to Hannah, there are three boys: John, who is ten; Jim, a junior at Virginia Episcopal School; and Tom, who is at Princeton this year, but who will be leaving June 6 to study in France on a Carnegie Scholarship.