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## WELL KNOWN SPEAKER AT ST. MARY'S

Miss Virgilia Peterson, well-known lecturer, author, and book critic, spoke at St. Mary's on Thursday, December 7.

Miss Peterson, a native of New York, was educated at the Westover School in Connecticut, at Vassar College, and at the University of Grenoble in southern France. While she was in France, she met Prince Paul Sapicha of Poland, whom she later married. She was living in Austrian Poland during the early days of World War II.

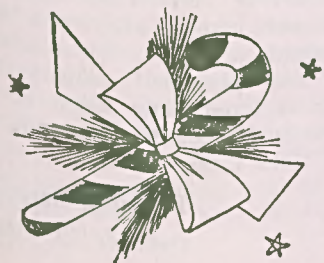
Miss Peterson is well-known to literary audiences as moderator of the TV program "The Author Meets the Critic," through her radio program "Books in Profile," and through her regular reviews in the *New York Herald's Tribune's* "Books." Miss Peterson herself has written two books, one a best-seller called *Polish Profile*, and a very recent autobiography, *A Matter of Life And Death*.

The books that Miss Peterson commented upon were McCullers' *Clock Without Hands*, O'Connor's *Edge Of Sadness*, Salinger's *Franny And Zooey*, Steinbeck's *The Winter Of Our Discontent*, Bedford's *The Faces Of Justice*, Gary's *Promise At Dawn*, Lewis' *The Children Of Sanchez*, Schorer's *Sinclair Lewis*, and Teilhard de Chardin's *Phenomenon Of Man*. All except *The Faces Of Justice*, *The Children Of Sanchez*, and *Phenomenon Of Man* were on the Best Seller List for the week of December 3.

## WANT TO BE MISS RALEIGH?

The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce is planning its 1962 Miss Raleigh contest, which will be held in February. Any St. Mary's student — not necessarily a resident of Raleigh — who will be eighteen by September of 1962, is eligible to be a contestant.

Anyone who is interested in participating or any organization which would like to sponsor a representative see Miss Robin Fuller in the Alumnae Office for further information.



## JUNIOR CLASS HAS PROFITABLE WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



The Junior Class held its annual White Elephant Sale on Wednesday, December 6. Gee Canada, who is vice-president of the class, organized this money-making project. Promptly at 9:15 p.m. throngs of girls crowded into the gym and began throwing, grabbing, and inspecting the articles for sale. There

was a table of food, several of jewelry, several of clothing, and even one "free" table. The Cold Cuts entertained the crowd, and afterwards Mr. Shellans held an auction. The project proved to be both profitable and enjoyable. The class made a large profit of around \$140.00.

## Mr. Tate's Daughter Christened

Anna Brita Tate, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John U. Tate, was christened in the chapel at St. Mary's Junior College Sunday, December 3. The godparents were Dr. Mabel Margaret Morrison and Professor and Mrs. James C. Ingram.

Mr. Tate, the father of the baby girl, teaches English at St. Mary's. He has been a member of the faculty since the fall of 1957. Dr. Morrison is a history teacher at St. Mary's, and Professor Ingram is Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina.

The chaplain, Moultrie Guerry, said that since he has been here, he has christened only two children — Anna and her sister Lisa.

The christening came as a climax of the sermon based on the *Phenomena of Man* by Teilhard de Charden.

## Students Will Have Opportunity To See Famous Operetta

An unusual opportunity awaits all St. Mary's students on December 15! For the first time in many years because of exceptional vocal talent *Amahl and the Night Visitors* will be performed on the St. Mary's stage. This well known operetta, written and composed by the contemporary artist Giam-Carlo Menotti, is annually seen on the professional stage, but is seldom staged live for a collegiate audience. The poignant story has its setting at the time of the birth of Christ. Amahl, a crippled boy, and his mother live in the depths of despair and poverty and seldom know from where their next meal will come. The climax of the story is a miraculous visit by the three kings, who are on their way to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child. The outstanding consequences of this visit leave the audience filled with empathy with the stage actors.

Portraying Amahl is Gretchen Bode, a senior at Cathedral High and also a special voice student at St. Mary's. Nanne Chalgren, whose outstanding vocal talent is well known on our campus, plays the roll of Amahl's mother. The three kings, Melchoir, Balthagar, and Kasper are portrayed by Dr. James Edwards, William Stephenson, and Bill Allen. These men are well known in Raleigh for their exceptional voices. The twenty shepherds who add a touch of humor and animation to the play are students who attend St. Mary's and N. C. State. Among these timid shepherds are Sharon Finch, Martha Wright, and Dick Mitchell, who overcome their shyness and perform dances which are, indeed, fit for kings. Karen vom Lehm, the stage manager, and Georgia Roux, chairman of the set committee, add to the realism of the play through their many qualified services.

Under the excellent supervision of Mr. Charles Billings, the dramatic director and a former Carolina Playmaker; Miss Geraldine Cate, the musical director; Mrs. John Kovach, the choreographer; and Carolina Myers, *Amahl and the Night Visitors* will certainly be an operetta full of excellent drama, superb vocal talent, and unique dancing.

## Christmas Banquet To Be Held On December 19

On Tuesday, December 19, 1961, the traditional Christmas banquet will be given for the student body and the members of the faculty. This annual event adds just the right touch to the Christmas spirit and is a favorite occurrence in St. Mary's preparations for the holidays. The dining room will be prepared to enhance the celebration with soft candlelight and festive decorations. Every girl will be expected to wear clothes similar to those worn at the Thanksgiving banquet: a dress appropriate for church and heels will be fine. Through the efforts of Mrs. Della Truitt and her staff this banquet will be given as a wish for all to have a very merry Christmas.



## See Channel 5

The Raleigh chapter of St. Mary's Alumnae Association will be represented on the program "Time Out" on Channel 5 on December 18, 20, and 22.