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St. Mary's Welcomes New Chaplain, Mr. Baird

In the Chapel services to be held Sunday, the students will meet their new chaplain, Rev. Robert Baird, for the first time.

He comes to St. Mary's from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bennettsville, South Carolina where he was minister for eighteen years.

Born in Opelika, Alabama, he attended high school in Charlotte, North Carolina. He graduated from Davidson College. After receiving his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Virginia Theological Seminary and his Master of Sacred Theology Degree at Sewanee, Mr. Baird was ordained by Bishop Penick of this diocese.

Since then, he has served at St. Thomas' Church in Sanford, N. C. and at St. Barnabus' Church in Dillon, S. C. In 1949 he went to St. Paul's.

The following editorial was written by the editor of the *Marlboro-Herald-Advocate*, the Bennettsville newspaper, upon learning that Mr. Baird was leaving:

"Not only members of his parish, but hundreds of people in our community will miss Rev. Bob Baird, who is leaving St. Paul's Episcopal Church here to accept a position as instructor and chaplain at St. Mary's Junior College in Raleigh.

Throughout his eighteen years here, Rev. Baird has served as a good shepherd to his flock and his calm nature has comforted many others in time of illness, sorrow, and distress.

Mr. Baird has given notable leadership during his ministry at St. Paul's. While here, the new parish house was constructed, the church was renovated, a kindergarten was begun, and the membership of the church has grown.

In addition, he has also given of his time and ability willingly in serving the community through numerous civic endeavors.

But, perhaps, Mr. Baird's influences have most been felt as he brought the message of Christian faith to the people of this county.

Families facing crises of all sorts found Mr. Baird's calm assurance of great benefit. His gentleness and compassion brought peace to many distraught individuals.

'A truly good man,' 'a wonderful influence,' and 'a great source of comfort' have been phrases used in describing Mr. Baird.

We wish to take this means of expressing our gratitude to him for all of his contributions to our community . . . and for having made our lives richer by passing our way.

We cannot help but feel that he will find a place of real service at St. Mary's Junior College, where his parish will now be the hundreds of girls who are enrolled there.

To Mr. Baird and his family, we say, 'Thank you' and 'Good Luck.'

Wife of the new chaplain is the former Barbara Lee Spears. They have three children: Bobby, 13; Jean, 9; and David, 7 months old.

New Tennis Club Formed on Campus

The newly organized Tennis Club was formed around a nucleus of girls who played varsity tennis last year. Last year's Tennis Team played in the Women's Tennis Day sponsored by The University of North Carolina and were represented by Betty Davenson and Weegie Martin playing singles and Dale Lambdin and Cissy Fitzpatrick playing doubles.

The Tennis Club was formed with the purpose of gathering individuals who are interested in playing competitive tennis and who are willing to put the time into the preparation that this type of tennis requires.

Tryouts for new members of the Tennis Club were held on Thursday, February 9. After this

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Mrs. Williams explains Chinese Art in Assembly.

Dr. Han Suyin to Speak on China

On February 15, St. Mary's will have as a guest lecturer Dr. Han Suyin, noted author and doctor of medicine. Dr. Han is the daughter of a Chinese engineer and a Belgian; she is a British citizen, lives in Malaysia, is married to an Indian, has a Jewish son-in-law, and has a medical degree from the University of London.

Because of her background, she possesses a rare insight and offers us a rare opportunity to share her views.

During the past seven years Dr. Han has been to China, traveling widely behind the "Bamboo Curtain" and throughout Southeast Asia. Her name means "clear voice of the Han people" and as a *persona grata* in both the United States and Communist China, she uses this voice to express the views of one "always between two worlds."

Her first book, *A Many Splendored Thing*, was the beginning of an unusual literary career. She has now published *The Crippled Tree*, the first volume of a five

volume series on China that will be called *My House Has Two Doors*. This work is part autobiography, part history, and part biography. In her past non-fiction works and her novels, a deep feeling is revealed for the country of her birth.

A remarkable scope of knowledge, along with a real attempt at complete objectiveness, is shown in her writings. The Asian half of her Eurasian character predominates at times, however.

As have many other authors, Dr. Han had an extremely unhappy childhood, and by sheer determination has been able to mold for herself a happy life. A person of this much vitality and versatility promises to be a most provocative speaker.

In preparation for Dr. Han's lecture the history department is conducting a special study of China.

In addition, the entire student body will be given a series of assembly programs on the various aspects of Chinese culture.

Tates Sponsor European Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Tate will be touring Europe this summer escorting a trip planned by the Meridian Travel Service, Inc. They will act as chaperones and will also conduct the guided tours.

The trip will last 51 days from June 6, to August 5. During this time twelve countries will be visited by the tour members. Some of the places that will be visited are London, Rome, Heidelberg, and Copenhagen.

The tour will consist of students and will possibly be co-educational. The price of the trip has been lowered to \$1,975 as a result of recent rate changes.

'Medea', a Greek Tragedy, will be Presented in March

The next play to be presented at St. Mary's is *Medea*, a Greek tragedy. It will be given March 9 and 10.

Medea will be played by Anne Garwood; the Nurse is Lucile McKee.

The Chorus is composed of: 1st Woman, Libby Keller; 2nd Woman, Lilibet Freeman; and 3rd Woman, Harriet Collins. Alice Smith will play the part of the Attendant.

Mr. Nichols is portraying the part of Jason, and Mr. Connelly is Creon, the King.

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