

Alpha Gamma Delta Sells Most Bonds

College Gets Three Lots In Campaign

On last Friday, December 10, the second business session of the campaign for Better Queens College was held. At this meeting three lots were donated to the College and the official report at that time was that \$92,955.92 had been contributed to the campaign.

For the past two weeks the Queens campus has been humming with busy workers. The administration and students alike have been working hard to make the "Greater Queens College Campaign" a success and they have reason to picture the fruits of their labor. Our alma mater will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in a beautiful setting, for by 1957 the dream of today will be a reality.

This campaign is not a hurried, high pressure drive; it is a steady and concentrated one that has the backing of the most outstanding business men in Charlotte and the untiring efforts of our president, Dr. Blakely. The executive committee of the program is led by Henry J. Allison, and the finance committee includes Eddie E. Jones, president of the Pyramid Life Insurance Co.; Torrence E. Hemby, president of the American Trust Co.; Ivey W. Stewart, president of the Commercial National Bank; Hunter B. Blakely, president of Queens College; and J. William Thomson, treasurer of Queens College.

The program of development will begin with the building of a new auditorium and a school of music and public speech. This will make a larger library possible and with the additional class rooms in the present auditorium will break the "bottle-neck" that is present today. The science building will also be remodeled and the additional room made available will relieve the congestion in the administration building, so that the growing college can have more space for offices and parlors. After this has been acquired the developing Queens College must have a new heating plant; a health center, which includes a gymnasium; new dormitories that will provide for 250 additional boarding students; a college library, which will measure up to the improved Queens; and a worshipful chapel, which will witness the faith and courage of present and future American leaders.

Group Actors Present Christmas Play

The dramatic interpretation of the Christmas theme, "The Lady of the Market Place" was presented by the Group Acting Department under the direction of Miss Ethel King, on Friday night, Dec. 10, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium.

The setting was the market place of a Mexican City where a group of women toiled for their meager living. Erected in the market place—her holy face an inspiration to passers-by—was a statue of the Madonna was Tomesetah. While and lowly" and tired and hungry persons who found solace in the Madonna was Tomimita. While resting at the Virgin's feet, she unfolded to Thayah, her little child, the glorious story of the Saviour's birth.

The cast included: Epeh, Sarah Virginia Neill; Mahrie, La Rue

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Carroll Glenn Gave Program On December 8

Carroll Glenn, violinist, gave the third concert on the concert and lecture series in the Queens College Auditorium on Wednesday night, December 8, 1943. Miss Glenn was born in Chester, S. C. At the age of 11 she studied with Edourd Dethier, Belgian violinist, at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. The talented musician was chosen as the outstanding young artist of the year by three national magazines, after playing in many concerts last year.

Miss Glenn selected the following program:

- I. Sonata in B Minor Bach
Adagio
Allegro
Andante
Allegro
- II. Concerto in D Minor. Vieuxtemps
Introduction
Adagio religioso
Scherzo
Finale-Marziale
- III. Melodie Tchaikowsky
Vocalise Rachmoninoff
Jeunes Filles au Jardin Monpou-Lzigeti
Etude Kreutzer
- IV. Zigeueriusen (Gypsy Airs) Sarasote

CARROLL GLENN



Origin of Christmas Customs Differs Greatly In Many Lands

Everyone is familiar with our own American Christmas customs of today, and their significance is a part of all our lives at Christmas-time. However, not all of us are acquainted with the sources and interesting evolution of these beloved observances; and their unfolding history is perhaps the most interesting part of them.

The exact birthday of Jesus Christ is not known, but soon after A. D. 200 the great feast in memory of his birth was being observed by the church on various dates. January sixth, March twenty-fifth, and December twenty-fifth were especially used. However, by the middle of the fourth century, the Western church was almost wholly celebrating it on December twenty-fifth; and the Eastern church soon followed. The exact reason this date was finally accepted is unknown, but to our day it has been preserved as "the birthday of the King."

Pagan Festivals

Our Christmas festival may be old, but the customs and ceremonies associated with it are far older. Thousands of years before the Christian era, our pagan forefathers celebrated the Winter solstice as the birthday of the sun. The fathers of the church later gave this ancient festival a new meaning and made it one of the greatest seasons of the church calendar. Thus we have one possible reason for the selection of December twenty-fifth as the day for the Saviour's birthday.

The mid-Winter festival of the later Teutonic peoples of northern Europe was the gayest time of the year for them. They called the month Yule of Jol; and it is from them that we get some of our most beloved Christmas customs. Two of these, the Yule log and the boar's head procession are preserved today in some countries.

Yule Logs

The emblem of the Teutonic festival was the Yule log. This huge block of wood was lighted and brought in with ceremony on Christmas Eve. Its ashes were kept during the next year and were supposed to guard the house from fire and lightning.

The boar's head procession goes back even further than the Yule log. At Yule, the people sacrificed a boar, believing it would bring them good crops. They made a huge procession, then, through the village, parading this boar's head before the gods. This custom is still preserved by the Eng-

lish at Queens's College, Oxford.

Mistletoe and holly were associated with Christmas because they had formerly been used as the subject of various superstitions. The northern peoples believed mistletoe had marvelous powers. Branches of it were hung over doorways as charms; and it was never allowed to touch the ground, or its powers would be broken. Holly was used appropriately at Christmas because its prickly leaves were thought to resemble the Saviour's Crown of Thorns and its bright red berries, the drops of blood from His wounded hands and feet.

Christmas Tree

There are many stories about the origin of the Christmas tree, none of them verified. The German people have a tale to the effect that Martin Luther started the custom half a century earlier than the first written record of it in 1605. Luther, it is said, put candles on a tree to represent to his children the stars of Christmas Eve. As to what is actually known about the tree, it has been proven that the tree did not come into use until comparatively recent times and that its origin was Germany.

By the beginning of the nineteenth century, Germany had almost completely accepted the Christmas tree. Soon afterwards, the custom spread to the countries of northern Europe and thence to the United States. Although it is still not accepted in Italy, Spain, and Latin America, there is no question as to its importance in the world's Christmas.

But the heart of the celebration seems to be the manger scene, a miniature reproduction of the people, animals, and places important in the birth of Jesus. The Italians call it the presepio; and in France, the creche. This lovely custom is said to have been started by Saint Francis on Christmas Eve of 1224. It is thought that he arranged a stable in a corner of a village church near Assisi, real persons and real animals being the actors.

Christmas Carols

No great observance would be complete without its music, and Christmas has its own specially written songs or carols, as they have come to be called. Their name in France is noels; in Italy, pastorelles; and in Germany, Kristlied. They probably began in the

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Brown Elected As May Queen On December 1

Jean Brown, a senior from Troutman, N. C., was elected by the student body to reign as Queen of May for the coming year. Eleanor Lazenby Biggers was runner-up in the election and, therefore, will reign as Jean's maid of honor. The election took place on Wednesday, Dec. 1, during the chapel hour.

Jean is first vice-president of Boarding Student Council and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Eleanor is president of the Senior Class, a member of Honor Council, president of Alpha Kappa Gamma fraternity, and a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Twenty-four girls were elected from the student body to be members of May Court. Seniors elected are: Virginia Falls, Shelby, N. C.; Lou Wayland, Malden, W. Va.; Carolyn Wilson, Gastonia, N. C.; and Lib Henry and Catherine Patterson, both of Charlotte.

Junior Class representatives will be Annette McCall, Forence, S. C.; Margaret Ezell, Spartanburg, S. C.; Edna Adams, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Betsy Hodges, Grifton, N. C.; Betty McGill, Greer, S. C.; and Betty Barrentine of Charlotte.

Mary McGill of Greer, S. C., and Frances Pound, Mary Clark, and Elsie Blackman of Charlotte, will represent the Sophomore Class in the court. Freshmen representatives will be Lois Wilson, Baltimore, Md.; Jean Throthmorton, Reidsville, N. C.; Jane Carter, Lumberton, N. C.; Lucy Pate, Gibson, N. C.; Alice Parrish, Georgetown, S. C.; Doris Nunn, Greer, S. C.; Mary Louise Whitmire, Asheville, N. C.; Connie Slicer, Arlington, Va., and Eloise Dent of Charlotte.

Girls Pledged To Sororities Terminates Rush Week

Rush week at Queens was held the first week of October with the following girls pledged:

Alpha Eta Sigma, local sorority, pledged the following girls: Bobbie Black, Bradeene Blackmon, Mary Ann Bullock, Kitty Cooper, Mildred Dobson, Margaret Hardwick, Elizabeth Helms, Jeanne Hudson, Fletcher McNeil, Rachel Nanne, Virginia Niven, Louise Painter, Louise Pigg, Valeria Roberts, Laura Sanford, Annette Seymour, Jean Shuford, Betty Sink, Jeanne

Phi Mu Second As Bond Sale Comes To Close

During the past eight weeks the Queens College campus has been the scene of a contest between the five national sororities, the Athletic Association Council, and the local sorority, Alpha Eta Sigma, and the Student Christian Association to determine which group could sell the most war bonds and stamps. The winner, announced Saturday by Miss Mary Inglis, adviser of the War Service Committee, was the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

The War Service Committee, with Becky Nickles as chairman, sponsored this drive. The goal was to buy a "grasshopper jeep," for the sum of three thousand dollars. This goal was not only reached but surpassed, with approximately three thousand, one hundred dollars being raised. Of this sum, the winners raised \$877.15. The second place winner was the Phi Mu sorority, with a total sale of \$578.00 worth of bonds.

Members of the War Service Committee include Becky Nickles, chairman, Mary Lee Flowers, Betsy Hodges, Pat Patton, Ann Perry, Edna Adams, Thelma Martin, LaRue Allison, Lib Henry, and Annette McCall.

The Alpha Gams were guided toward a successful climax by Elizabeth Porter, president of the sorority. This is one among many honors bestowed upon the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. Last year at commencement they were awarded both the scholarship and leadership cups. This fall they were presented the scholarship cup for having the highest scholastic average in the Gamma province of their sorority, which covers thirteen states.

The award will be made in chapel Wednesday, Dec. 15, by Miss Inglis.

Boar's Head To Be Carried Tomorrow

On Wednesday night, Dec. 15, all boarding student members of Queens College will celebrate the traditional Boar's Head Dinner. For a number of years, everyone at the College has looked forward to this merry ritual with great anticipation, and this year, we are looking forward even more to this token of good cheer and genuine holiday spirit that the dinner will bring.

In the hall of Queens College, Oxford, for centuries the Christmas Day custom of ushering in the Boar's Head with caroling has been observed. With much pomp and grandeur the members of the college have taken part in this Christmas feature since 1340. Bearing as we do, the honored name of Queens College, it is our tradition, too, to have the Boar's Head Service at our annual Christmas dinner.

So for another year, we usher in our Christmas holidays with the beautiful and picturesque ritual of the Boar's Head dinner. And in our joy and merriment, let us not forget the many others who will not celebrate Christmas this year amid peace and plenty. We can show that we are not forgetting them by wearing our defense stamp bouquets on Wednesday night.

Throckmorton, Doris Turner, and Geneva Underwood. Ruth King, a pledge last year, was also initiated during the services.

Alpha Gamma Delta listed the following pledges: Sue Anderson, Melba Bailey, Martha Dixon, Ellen Freeman, Emily Harton, Margaret Nell Harrill, Virginia Jackson, Carol Kerchner, Peggy Kimrey, Mary Ella Klutz, Katherine Lee, Ann McGirt, Peggy Jean Miller, Flora

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