

ONE SENIOR'S VIEW

Whenever I have a free moment of my own, I love to spill out all my troubles and all my dreams to some willing listener. One of my favorite spots is in my room by the side window. I lie on my bed and gaze out at the weeping cherry tree that grows close by. Sometimes, I won't give any hint of what is really on my mind. It is not always easy to put into words what one wishes to say. Even when one knows the words, it is not easy to say them. At times like that, when I am tongue-tied or tied to silence by something I do not wish even God to know, I just lie there on my bed and think about the cherry tree. Its long tendrils are covered with soft pink blossoms in the spring. In the summer they are clothed with green, and in winter, bare, but still graceful.

It used to be a honey-colored cocker spaniel that heard all my hopes and problems of the day. She finally died of old age, and I had to find another listening soul. This time it came as a big faded-blue teddy bear that had only one eye. It lay upon my bed day and night and guarded all my secrets well. Smaller children of the family have taken him over as a toy, so he is as good as dead. Now it is my weeping cherry tree that stands as sentry for my dreams. Realizing that I will soon be leaving home, I have an old black notebook that holds my scribbled thoughts to take the place of my cherry tree when I must go.

You may think it is awfully silly to have such friends as these. True, none of them can tell me what they have done during a day, or laugh, or sing, or play. I would not wish to be with my weeping cherry tree instead of people for the very reason that it cannot share. However, I know my cherry tree will never scold me for my wrongs, never scoff my wildest dream. It will never gossip all I have said and done, never laugh at my heart's latest desire. Best of all, it will always be there beside my window if I need it.

Frances Bingham

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM
OUTLINED

For the first time at Smithfield High School a summer school program will be offered to students who are interested in "make-up" courses or "new" courses or courses of an "enrichment" nature. This program is an opportunity for any student to strengthen his weakness and to enrich his preparation for college or occupation. Summer school will be in session from June 16 through August 4, with July 1 and July 4 as holidays. Only one course may be taken.

Interested students should secure a registration permission slip from their principal to present at Smithfield High School on the registration dates-- June 9 and 10--1 to 5 P.M. These are the only dates and hours that a student may register.

Students have been given an opportunity to indicate interest in certain courses. If anyone has not done so, he should contact Mr. Sloan immediately.

KATHERINE JOLLIFF TO STUDY IN ENGLAND

Katherine Jolliff will spend several weeks in England this summer while studying drama, Shakespeare, and creative writing. These courses will be taught by the staff of Corolla-in-England at the University of Reading, thirty-six miles west of London.

Katherine will have two forty-five minute classes in each subject each morning. The afternoons are devoted to tours. She expects to visit London, Stonehedge, Windsor Castle, and other famous places in England as well as visiting Paris, Madrid, and Scotland.

The trip from July 10 to August 30 will be a fine experience for her, for she plans to major in drama in college.