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DANCE TOMORROW

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## NEWTON INSTALLS MILLER TOMORROW; FLORIDA PRESIDENT TO DELIVER ADDRESS

### Stanford Scores Tariff Red Tape

News editor and Washington correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor, Neal Stanford, has described for Madison students and teachers the effort the Treasury Department is making to cut the red tape which is snarling imports into the United States.

Speaking before the regular Wednesday Assembly on Breeze Day, the well-known correspondent suggested that whatever the origin of the many customs regulations, they have constituted an "invisible" tariff barrier on top of whatever tariff wall existed. And, in the speaker's opinion, "they have played a greater part than generally realized in keeping European producers out of the American market."

The Monitor newsman elicited a great deal of laughter from his listener when he said: "Should the importer want to bring in gloves trimmed with bird feathers, to meet a sudden American feminine fancy, he has to prove that the birds from which the feathers came were tame, not wild."

Another interesting story told by Mr. Stanford to point out the snarled condition of the American tariff regulations was this: "There are other related rules and refinements that do their bit to block the entrance into America of many European times. For example, there is a rule, stemming from pure food and drug laws, that requires that imported cans of mushrooms must contain 16 ounces of mushrooms. That particular rule is not related to the question of their edibility or sanitary condition. But it makes it impossible to import mushrooms in anything but 16-ounce cans."

"The French mushroom canning business is set up to operate on a 15-ounce-can basis. And these cans bear labels clearly stating that they contain only 15 ounces of mushrooms. But under present rules they cannot come into the United States. They are not barred because the mushrooms are bad or the cans inadequately marked, but because someone in the distant past—either intentionally or accidentally—rules them out by ruling that only 16-ounce cans can come in."

Continuing, the able economist-reporter remarked: "It is things of this type in America's customs and import regulations that exasperate, frustrate, and block many a European exporter. These are the types of things that the treasury is working hard to revise and simplify, so that imports from Europe will be encouraged instead of discouraged."

### Guidance Director Visits Schools

A. K. Eagle, director of guidance and student personnel, during the past week visited high schools in Bristol and Radford as well as those in the counties of Scott, Lee, Wise, Dickenson, Buchanan, and Russell for the purpose of furnishing juniors and seniors with information regarding the curricula and extra-curricular activities at Madison College.



Photo by Wells Peabworth

### The New Chief Executive

### Townpeople Meet The Millers Tonight

Townpeople of Harrisonburg have been invited by the faculty of Madison College to meet President and Mrs. G. Tyler Miller and members of the State Board of Education at an informal reception this evening (Friday) at Senior Hall, between the hours of 8:00 and 11:00.

Invitations have been extended to all members of Rotary, Kiwanis, Exchange, Women's Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, Quota Club, and to the officers of all other civic and fraternal organizations in the City of Harrisonburg, including the local Parent-Teacher's Association and the ministers and governing boards of the churches with whom Madison students and teachers are affiliated.

Plans for the reception have been completed by the faculty committees, of which Alfred K. Eagle is chairman, and Miss Hope Vandever, Mrs. Dorothy Garber, Mrs. Bernice Varner, and Miss Mable Gladin are members.



Gov. William M. Tuck

### The Inaugural Exercises

11:00 A. M., DECEMBER 10, 1949

WILSON AUDITORIUM

Presiding

Mr. Robert Button

Member of the State Board of Education  
and of the General Assembly of Virginia

Organ Prelude—

Mr. George R. Hicks, Associate Professor of Music at Madison College

Processional—

Madison College Orchestra

Invocation—The Right Reverend Frederick Goodwin, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of Virginia

Selection—

Madison College Glee Club

Address—"An Appreciation of Samuel Page Duke, President Emeritus"—  
Dr. M'Ledge Moffett, Dean of Women, Radford College

Salutation—His Excellency William M. Tuck, Governor The Commonwealth of Virginia

Address—Dr. J. Hillis Miller, President, The University of Florida

Selection—

Madison College Glee Club

Induction of Mr. G. Tyler Miller—

Mr. Blake T. Newton, Chairman  
State Board of Education

Inaugural Address—Mr. G. Tyler Miller, President, Madison College

Benediction—The Reverend H. Conrad Blackwell, Pastor  
The Methodist Church, Harrisonburg

Recessional—

Madison College Orchestra

1:15 P. M.

RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON

### December 10, 1949

by Mary Virginia Warren

Mr. Miller, we send  
A pledge to you;  
Our love, our faith,  
Our efforts, too.

We give it to you  
With the hope sincere,  
That you find it's useful  
In the coming year.

For in every heart  
And in every way,  
Is a feeling of pride  
on this—Your day.



DR. J. HILLIS MILLER

### Governor Tuck Opens Program With Salutation

Chairman of the State Board of Education Blake T. Newton will induct George Tyler Miller as President of Madison College in inaugural exercises to be held in Wilson Hall auditorium tomorrow, Saturday, December 10, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Miller will be the third president installed at this state college for women, which was established at Harrisonburg in 1908 by the Legislature of Virginia. Immediately prior to his appointment as the chief executive at Madison, Mr. Miller served as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, with offices in Richmond, with a background of rich administrative experience in the educational field in Virginia.

#### Senator Button Presides

In addition to Mr. Newton's role in the ceremonies, Governor William M. Tuck will deliver the salutation; Dr. M'Ledge Moffett, dean of women at Radford College, will present an appreciation of Dr. Samuel Page Duke, president emeritus; and Dr. J. Hillis Miller, president of the University of Florida, will deliver the address. Robert Button, a member of the State Board of Education and of the General Assembly of Virginia, will preside.

Others taking part in the exercises will be the Right Rev. Frederick Goodwin, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of Virginia, who will deliver the invocation; the Rev. Conrad Blackwell, pastor of the Methodist Church of Harrisonburg, who will deliver the benediction.

George R. Hicks, associate professor of music at Madison College, will play an organ prelude. The Madison College Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Edna Shaeffer, and the orchestra, with Clifford Marshall conducting, will present selections.

#### Reception and Luncheon

Following the inauguration exercises in Wilson Hall, the participants and other guests will proceed to the reception in Harrison Hall lobby. Members of the receiving line will be: Governor Tuck, Mr. and Mrs. G. Tyler Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Hillis Miller, Dr. M'Ledge Moffett, Mr. and Mrs. Blake T. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis Skoggs, Dr. Edgar Gammon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Button, Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Dowell J. Howard, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Muse.

Hors-d'oeuvre will be served in Junior dining hall, after which the guests, as well as members of the college staff and faculty, will proceed to Blue-stone dining hall for luncheon. A string ensemble will furnish background music during the luncheon, and a quartet will sing.

#### NOTICE

If any organization or club on campus wishes to publish any announcements before January 13, 1950, the next week's issue of The Breeze will be the last until that date.



## All The Best!

From the bottoms of our hearts, George Tyler Miller, the students of Madison College wish you all the happiness and success in the world as our new President!

We are extremely grateful for the capable way you have taken hold of things administrative, and for the inspiration you have given us to make this, your inauguration year, the best session that Madison College has ever had.

Cordially we welcome to our campus the honored guests, educators and friends who have come to express their good wishes to President Miller and his First Lady.

## "Come What Come May"

Yes, "Life gets tedious" these days; we'll all have to agree—what has happened to those long past weeks in which we were going to write our term papers, or make up that extra assignment? "There just isn't enough time in existence to do all I've got to do," cries one forlorn little freshman.

Time. That seems to be the solution to all our problems. If we only had time. But even the woe-begone sophomore, who suddenly finds that she has twelve books to read before Christmas, will admit that if she had taken a little of the free time she had at the first of the year, things might not seem so hopeless now.

For us to create time is impossible, but we can take time. Take time to do the things we must; start putting first things first.

And even as our fingers turn to mere stumps and our eyes refuse to see another page, let us recall that familiar passage from *Macbeth*, "Come what come may, Time and the hour runs through the roughest day."

—M. V. W.

## Why Christmas Shop?

Only two more weeks before Christmas! It seems almost unbelievable that another year has gone by, and here we are again with only 'thirteen more shopping days'! But so it has! Most of us have at least begun that major activity of the pre-holiday period—Christmas shopping and "... what a task!" many have been saying.

Let's stop and check that last familiar phrase once more—a task. Yes, in many cases shopping for gifts is a task when those for which we shop are merely expected "courtesy packages" with no real sentiment or special feeling attached to them by us as givers. Somewhere around nineteen hundred and fifty years ago wisemen and shepherds brought the richest material gifts they could afford along with their most sincere love and affection to the Christchild. Ever since that first Christmas it has been a custom in the Christian world to exchange presents with loved ones and friends. A custom can become a bad one, however. When we allow ourselves to gripe and grumble about Christmas buying because those gifts we hunt are only considered "necessary", then we are doing our part to robe this age old custom in a shroud of 'matter-of-factness' and indifference. By our very doing we are holding in mockery the spirit in which those first gifts were given.

If our Christmas lists have become cluttered with such names for which it will be necessary to buy those so-called courtesy presents, then we should all sit down at once and revise them. Revised, the lists would include only the names of those persons to whom we can sincerely express our love and friendship in giving. Let's take 'the task' out of Christmas buying this year!

O.V.W.

## AMONG NEW BOOKS

by Eva Marie Shuler

**Father of the Bride**, by Edward Streeter, is a story of Mt. Stanley Banks, who had always thought of a wedding as a simple little get-together which usually resulted in two people becoming married. Starting out as a normal fellow, you will see him change to a bewildered, bedeviled and befogged wreck as he watches the rise of a marriage and the fall of his bank account. This book makes the reader live through the most dangerous per-

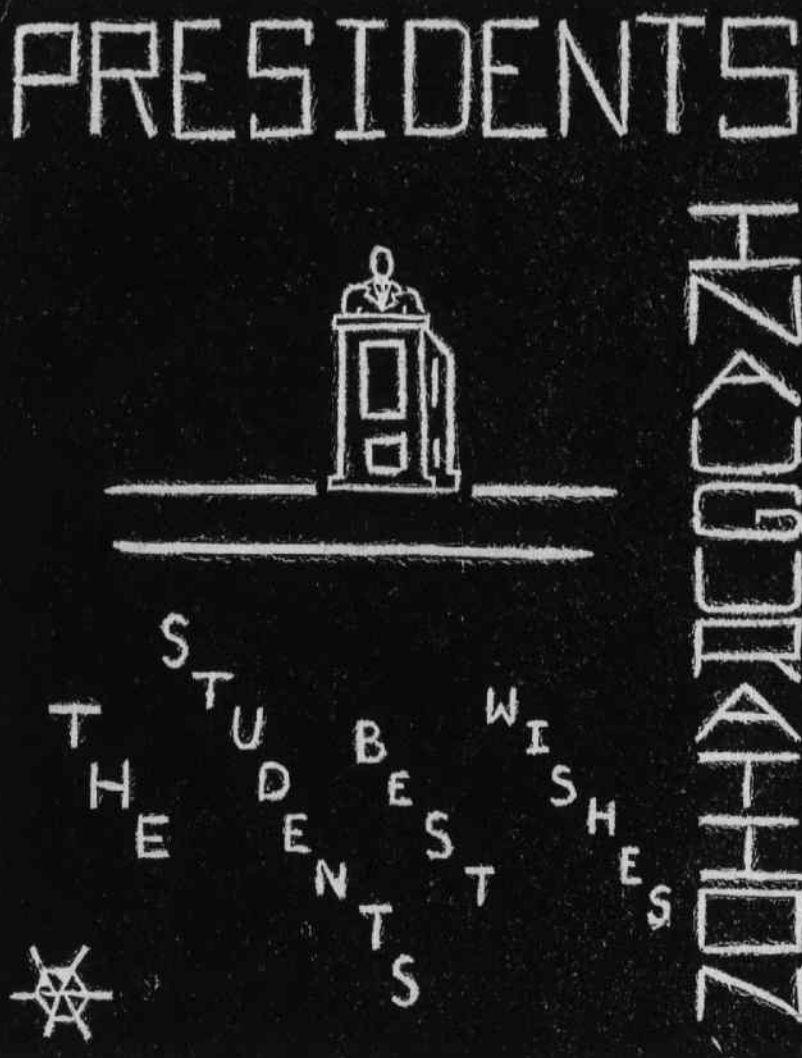
iod in a man's life, that of the courting, engagement and marriage of his daughter.

**The Egyptian**, by Mika Waltari is a book of real grandeur. Set in Egypt, it is told by Sinuhe, the physician to Pharaoh, and is the story of his life. It is the astonishing triumph of a great creative imagination. The author, Mika Waltari, is probably the most famous living writer in his native country, Finland.

**The Oasis**, by Mary McCarthy is the story of a hypothesis: people can be good and happy. The author dwells on the experiment of what would happen if a group of Americans were to live as they really wished.

**The Strange Life of August Strindberg**, by Elizabeth Spriggle, is a biography drawn from Strindberg's own letters and autobiographies and from the books written by those who knew him best. Much of the material in this book appears in English for the first time.

A display has been arranged in the glass cases on the second floor of the library, having to do with Madison College history and the life of Mr. Miller.



## MAD-CHAT

by Irene Munson

Midway there, to Christmas, that is, finds the campus all agog with preparations for one of the great events in college history—the Inauguration of Madison's third president. Students burdened with the usual, the forgotten term papers, the reviews, the before-holiday tests, and what-have-you, still manage to find time to help out in various odd jobs inevitable in any great undertaking . . . tomorrow will be the big day. 'Stu-gu' gals and other major officers will be on duty, 'Y' members will direct traffic, the Glee Club will sing, and many, many other more-or-less anonymous students will do their share to make our guests feel at home . . . Almost forgotten in the rush of college activity is the Panhellenic Dance, but by the time three o'clock on Saturday rolls around, it will again take the center of the stage as THE topic to chat on . . . If you can find time about then dash up to the gym and give the decorating committee some help—they'll need us all! Joe Gleese and his orchestra will play and the dance should be a fine one.

As we go to press we know not the result of the first men's basketball game of the year—but 'tis sure that no matter what the score they will have put up a great fight, and will continue to do so. Mr. Grabner, the new Math prof on campus, is their coach. Speaking of the boys' basketball squad; unlike the girls' teams, they are allotted no money yearly on which to operate, and must finance their own games as best they can . . . 'Tis said, there's a plan brewing, though, which would give us a chance to go to all the ten games (and they'll not be on Saturdays) for a season ticket of not less than seventy cents. That is, if a good many of the girls' will pledge themselves to buy a season ticket. This sounds like a grand plan to us—and certainly a necessary one. No one can afford (well scarcely anyone) the old thirty-five cents a game, nor can the men afford to have a team for free . . . Thinking of school spirit, there are a thousand ways to show it—not the least of which is going out for intramural basketball—right now. Later there will be other sports for the less energetic. But everyone should go out for some sport.

This week's citation for kindness goes to the group of gals (we won't say who) who washed the campus pooch the other day, just to be nice. Over in Ashby, we can chalk up one more you-know-what for Ashby 29—still with traps, too. Their total's

fourteen. The annual YW Kid Party will be held Monday night at suppertime, and 'tis the custom, as you know, to bring a toy with you to benefit some underprivileged child in the area this Christmas. Don't forget to get some little something the next time you amble downtown. . . .

The big chat topics that come next will center about Christmas—parties, and presents and sings . . . Thursday, the Y-sponsored program will be held, Friday, the annual Glee Club program and Saturday, the Glee Club program with the V. M. I. boys.

Before we cut ourselves short, we'll mention what fun everyone seemed to have at the Modern Dance Club's square dance last Saturday evening—though rather clumsy at it, the group had a wonderful time! With a little more practice (and another opportunity to do so) we should be a whole college of do-si-does . . .

## SHOWGOER

By Eva Marie Shuler

Milton Berle is starring in "Always Leave Them Laughing" for Warner Brothers which is coming to the Virginia Theater, Sunday through Wednesday. Berle, the fabulous entertainer, is known to millions throughout the country as a great success in night clubs, radio and television. He has been eagerly awaited by motion picture fans and now together with Virginia Mayo, Ruth Roman and Bert Lahr, he comes to them in this comedy film. "Always Leave Them Laughing" tells the hilarious story of a small-time comic, who rises to stardom. It marks the first time either the comedian or Miss Mayo has sung on the screen.

"The Red Danube", exciting story of post-war Vienna, is making its appearance at the Virginia Theater, Thursday and Friday. This new picture stars Walter Pidgeon, Ethel Barrymore, Peter Lawford, Angela Lansbury and Janet Leigh. The setting represents the outside of British headquarters in Rome at the close of World War II. The story is based on a novel by Bruce Marshall and a screen play by Gina Kaus and Arthur Wimperis.

Coming to the State Theater, Sunday through Wednesday, is the virile, exciting western, "Fighting Man of the Plains."

## ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK

by E. J.

To "reward long and faithful legislative service with appropriate benefits of security" Congress once approved pensions for its own members. So, Andrew J. May will get about \$280 all the time he's in prison and for the rest of his life when he gets out! What a laugh . . . "faithful . . . service . . .!"

Speaking of May reminds one of J. Parnall Thomas . . . think of all the fun he'll miss with the newest Hopkins-Wallace turmoil in Washington! And, poor thing, he's got to wait eight years before he starts drawing about \$290 a month in his government pension! He's too young!

The NEA says the United States needs 80,000 more teachers this year to provide "adequate" training for its elementary and high school pupils. While there are 20,000 more teachers this year, there are 750,000 more pupils; and, in addition, 88,260 of the 943,761 (roughly 1 in 10) teachers in the nation hold only emergency or temporary certificates, as compared with the prewar average of 2,500.

General Ike has endorsed the doctrine of Thomas Jefferson that the best government is the one which governs least. Yes, Dwight D. Eisenhower believes that too much emphasis is being placed on personal security at the expense of individual liberty. Says the Columbia University prexy: "We can recognize the degree we have changed when the definition of a liberal is a man in Washington who wants to play the Almighty with our money."

Phi Beta Kappa's 173rd anniversary was celebrated this week at the College of William and Mary where the national honorary scholastic fraternity was founded in 1776.

One of the most interesting of all movie and stage personalities . . . Russian-born Marie Ouspenskaya . . . has passed on. She came to the United States in 1923 and made her first film in Hollywood in 1936.

Professor Gustav E. Muller, of the University of Oklahoma, asks: "Americans are obsessed with the idea of education, but are Americans educating their young or merely training them for success?" The philosophic prof charges that materialism is pervading our educational system from the kindergarten to graduate school. It is said that in his recently published "Education Limited," Dr. Muller offers a philosophy of education which differs sharply from the "progressive" system developed in this country in recent years.

According to the NEA, teacher salaries still lag behind the cost of living. The national average for 1949-50 is \$2,985. This is some improvement over last year's \$2,750. But this year's \$2,985 has an estimated prewar purchasing power of only \$1,760.

Serge Koussevitzky certainly has praised Olivier Messiaen's new 90-minute symphony, "Turangalila." Given its world premiere by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, under Leonard Bernstein, last week, the new work is considered by the eminent conductor (who retired as the Boston organization's head last spring) as "the most formidable, the most revolutionary composition since Stravinsky's 'Le Sacre du Printemps'! It has everything—new melody, new harmony, new instrumentation, new form!"

Average staff salary for teachers in New York in 1949-50 is \$3,975—in California, \$3,940—and in Mississippi, \$1,450.

Judging from the comments we've heard around the campus since the Monday night play, perhaps the Barter Theatre should do a little bartering for a good actor or two.

## THE BREEZE

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## Continued Growth Inevitable

Every institution is born and grows into maturity through the efforts and painstaking watch-care of individual men and women. This is true of a home, a retail store, and even of such a great movement as Christianity. It is true also of Madison College.

Madison's beginnings were planned and nurtured into early fulfillment by its first President, Julian A. Burruss. Dr. Burruss gathered about him a pioneer-minded faculty and was able in a limited period of ten years to set up a reasonably sufficient plant for an equally pioneer-minded student body. These students were imbued with, and inducted into, genuine professional preparation for teaching, a relatively new concept for Virginia teachers in the first decade of the twentieth century.

Then came President Samuel P. Duke. His vision during a period of thirty years procured legislation changing a small normal school to a teachers' college, and then to Madison College, in order that sound general education should accompany sound professional preparation. Through Dr. Duke's initiative and persistence the early plans for the physical plant were developed into the present magnificent establishment. But of even greater significance was the securing of a loyal and increasingly better equipped faculty, and the setting up not only of professional curricula in the various teaching fields, but also other curricula in pre-professional and general education. Madison came to be known for its sound scholarship and the spirit of service of its alumnae.

When it became necessary because of his long illness to name a successor, an able, young executive then holding the highest office in the public schools of Virginia, that of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, G. Tyler Miller, was called to carry on.



Already, by the time of his inauguration, his vigor, his insight into the problems of the college, and his democratic approach to these problems, have been amply demonstrated to both faculty and students. Perhaps the fortieth milestone will have special significance for Madison College as we have sometimes thought it did with individuals. At any rate, in the present co-operation, and harmony of outlook, of students, alumnae, faculty, and administration, it would be hard not to envision great things for Madison College as it enters its fifth decade. With continued adequate support, with continuous re-evaluation of its program, and with increased emphasis on the quality of personnel, there should be no bounds to the increasing educational and spiritual contribution that Madison College can make to Virginia and to the Nation. This is the message and meaning of the inauguration of President Miller!

Walter J. Gifford,  
Dean of College

### AIDES TO THE PRESIDENT



Carolyn Caricofe  
Assistant Secretary



Alma R. Flick  
Secretary

## Rudolph And Santa Announced By Y W

Saturday night in Singspiration Santa Claus and Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer, were announced by Martha Thomas, president of the Y. W. C. A. George Turner and Jean Douglas were elected Santa and Rudolph respectively. They were both presented to the students and each given a box of candy while the student body sang "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town."

The Christmas titles were elected by votes made in the form of contributions to the W. S. S. F. Drive held on campus last week. The W. S. S. F. Drive money will go to help the students in Europe who are without school supplies.

## Y. W. C. A. Sponsors Annual Kid Party

The annual Christmas Kid party sponsored by the Y. W. C. A. will be held Monday, December 12, in the dining halls, at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment will be presented in each of the dining halls; in Bluestone there will be carol singing led by Fae Wilson and accompanied by Elizabeth Jamerson, in Senior dining hall Peggy Carter will lead the group singing and her accompanist will be Reba Rosenbaum, Doris Davis will lead the singing in Junior dining hall and Dot Wainwright will accompany her.

Everyone is asked to dress as kids and bring a gift to place under the Christmas tree. The gifts will be given to some of the under-privileged children of Harrisonburg or within the county. In checking with the Welfare Department, there are a number of families who will not witness a merry Christmas day unless such contributions are made. Toys, books, clothing, and cash money make fine gifts. It is hoped that everyone will cooperate with this plan of helping those who are not so fortunate as we are at Christmas time.

## We Had The Chance

by Eleanor Ryman

It's 1970 . . . a devastating war has just broken out . . . the entire world is in flames. This is a war which is sure to kill or maim thousands . . . perhaps millions . . . of people on this globe. Suddenly we look into our past! Where did we go wrong? How might this catastrophe have been averted? Oh, we were so ignorant!

Ah, there's the rub! We were ignorant!

If only we had taken some interest in international relations, in world government, in the inter-relationships between the nations and the peoples of the world. It's too late now, but we had the opportunity once . . . the opportunity to study these problems, talk about them with our fellow students at Madison College. But, somehow or another, we never got around to it.

Now . . . our sons must pay the price . . . perhaps we will pay with our lives!

## CLUB ENTERTAINED

On Sunday, December 4, Miss Ruby Ethel Cundiff entertained the Ex Libris Club at a tea in her home.

At this social, the club members wrapped gifts that they had collected for a welfare family and decorated a basket. This basket, along with some fruit, will be delivered just before the holidays. It is a yearly project of the club.

Dr. McMullen, his family, and Miss Liles were also guests for the occasion.

### FROM THE FRESHMEN

We realize that we shall probably never again see any ceremony as significant as President Miller's Inauguration, December 10, 1949, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity of knowing him and of attending his inauguration. We want to wish him all success and complete happiness.

Betty Jean Tyson,  
President of Freshman Class

Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority will be entertained at a Christmas party given by the pledges on Thursday evening, December 14.

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## They Deserve A Big Hand



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Mr. Percy H. Warren, chairman of the general committee on the presidential inauguration, and his secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Frazier.

### WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY

On December 14 the music students will present an assembly program of Christmas music.

This will feature:  
Modern Dance Group directed by Mrs. Louellen Hewitt, accompanied by clarinet quartet and piano duet directed by Mrs. Sanger; Mr. Hick's chorus with Mary Louise Musser, soprano soloist; a men's chorus directed by Miss Gertrud Burau; carols arranged for flute quartet, organ, viola, and women's voices, directed by Mrs. Margerite Sanger, Miss Burau, and Jean Snedeger; Chamber orchestra playing works of Handel and Haydn directed by Professor Anderson; Jimmy Logan directing community singing accompanied by Dorothy Wainwright.

### FROM THE SOPHOMORES

The Sophomore Class wishes to express sincere congratulations to our new president, Mr. G. Tyler Miller, upon his inauguration. We do truly express our desire to cooperate with you in making this year and future years successful ones at Madison. Mr. Marilyn Miller,  
President of Sophomore Class

Le Cercle Francais had a Christmas party last Wednesday night in Senior Reception Hall. The entertainment included the singing of French Christmas carols.

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## CLUB PRESENTS FRIDAY CHAPEL

Le Cercle Francais will present a Christmas program in chapel on Friday, December 16. The program will include Christmas music, readings in French and a tableau taken from the Biblical story.

The program is as follows:

Organ prelude of Christmas hymns  
"O Come All Ye Faithful"—Chorus  
Introduction to program—Shirley Shorter

Christmas in France—Elaine Barbier

"Silent Night"—Chorus

Christmas scene with Christmas story read by Mildred Davis  
"O Holy Night"—Duet—Mary Lou Musser and Mary Margaret Purcell

Lord's Prayer—Joyce Cramer

The new Chamber Music Group will furnish music for the luncheon, Saturday, December 10. This is a newly organized trio consisting of Sue Weaver, violin; Mary Ellen Hilton, cello; and Elizabeth Woolfolk, piano. They play classical music and are available for school functions where semi-classical music is desired.

Good Luck,  
PRESIDENT MILLER

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## "It's Up To You"

Shall we have a men's basketball team at Madison? It is up to you. We feel sure that you all would like to see the "Dukes" in action again, "but without your support they won't get on the court!"

Last year the team encountered financial difficulties that we felt sure would not recur this year. But here we are, three days before the first home game and the same predicament confronts us. You may ask, "Why is this? How is it that after last year you are in the same kettle?"

It seems that the funds for this activity come from the campus fee which we all pay, but because the Men's Student Organization was not notified that an application was necessary to secure an allocation for these funds, none was submitted, and the funds went elsewhere. The "Dukes" are scheduled to play 10 games at home and 10 away. We have already scheduled W. & L. Bridgewater, R. P. I., Wilson, Montgomery, Shenandoah, Longwood and Mary Washington Vets.

Referees expenses of \$200 and a carefully budgeted travelling expense of \$100 force us to charge admission, which we had hoped to avoid. In order to avoid high taxes, we rejected the direct admission and seasonal ticket plans.

The best way to raise funds is by pledging donations. The plan would operate like this: If 1000 students would pledge 30c our \$300 would be assured; however, if only 500 students pledge, the amount would be raised to 60c per student. Since we do not know how many pledges would be obtained, we cannot set an amount for each pledge. The amount will probably be less than 75c. Where else can you get 10 evenings' entertainment for less than 75c?

That, Madisonites, is our proposed plan. Does it have enough merit to deserve your support? If you think it does, please clip and sign the following pledge and place it in the box in the P. O. Lobby.

—Hopefully,  
The "Dukes"

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to support the Madison "Dukes", the amount to be set at a later date, not exceeding 75c.

## M. C. Graduates Head Associations

Miss Ellen Miner, a Madison College graduate in home economics, class of 1940, now of Columbia, S. C., has recently been elected president of the South Carolina Home Economics Association. Miss Miner, who is a cousin of Miss Katherine Anthony, at present holds the position of educational director for the Carolina Light and Power Company.

Mrs. Luther Lee (Emily Lewis, Madison 1943) has been elected president of the South Carolina Dietetic Association.

Madison feels proud to have two of her daughters elected presidents of state associations.

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Dr. M'Ledge Moffett

## "Our First and 'Second' Ladies"

by Mary Virginia Warren

Charm, poise, vivacity, simplicity—Our First Lady. One has only to meet her to recognize these attributes. Her ready smile, friendly manner, in fact, her whole bearing, confirm her lovely "year-round Christmas spirit."

Elise Reaguer was born in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of William H. and Elizabeth C. Reaguer. There, with her brother and sister, Earl and Katherine, she spent her early life. Her family later moved to Culpeper, Virginia, where she entered the fourth grade. A graduate of the Culpeper High School, she attended Virginia Intermont College, specializing in music, and received her B. A. degree with a major in English and a minor in history and music, from Washington College.

Her first position was held at Bowling Green, Virginia, where she taught English and history and directed a small glee club. Moving to Front Royal, Virginia, she taught music in the Warren County High School on a part-time basis and later became music supervisor for Warren County, adding Rappahannock County in 1945. While there, her glee club was awarded distinguished and superior ratings in the

## SIX GIRLS JOIN DIAPASON CLUB

Six girls were initiated into the Diapason Club on December 5. The Diapason Club sponsored by Mr. George R. Hicks and Mr. Robert Waller, is an organization for organ students interested in promoting better music on campus.

The new members, as announced by the club president, Martha Jane Bradley, were: Shirley Porter, Carol Reid, Helen Watkins, Irene Ashby, Betty Miles and Dorothy Thompson.

Tuesday, December 6, members of the Diapason Club and their sponsors, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Waller, took a trip to Hagerstown, Maryland. The students were guests of the M. P. Moller Organ Company for lunch at the Alexander Hotel, after which they made a tour through the factory.

state contests. In 1946, 'Our Lady' taught public school music in several schools in the city of Norfolk.

On July 25, 1947, she was married to George Tyler Miller and moved to Richmond, Virginia, where she lived until November 15, 1949.

"I think Madison is perfectly wonderful—what I've seen of it. I've been so busy, though, I haven't seen much of it as I would like," said Mrs. Miller. "I haven't done very much, I'm afraid. My biggest claim to distinction is 'Little Elise.'"

Anyone seeing Elise Browning Miller can readily understand this, for no one is able to resist such a captivating child. From her chubby, little face and shy, yet friendly smile, to the tips of the tiny shoes protruding from her little blue overalls, she's a perfect doll.

We also note a tone of pride in Mrs. Miller's voice as she speaks of "the boys", Bill and Ty, Jr. the elder, is a student at V. M. I., while Bill is a senior at Thomas Jefferson in Richmond.

We need not wish you success, Mrs. Miller, for in your lovely personality and friendly spirit, you have won the battle.

## NOTICE

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Mildred Bluett,  
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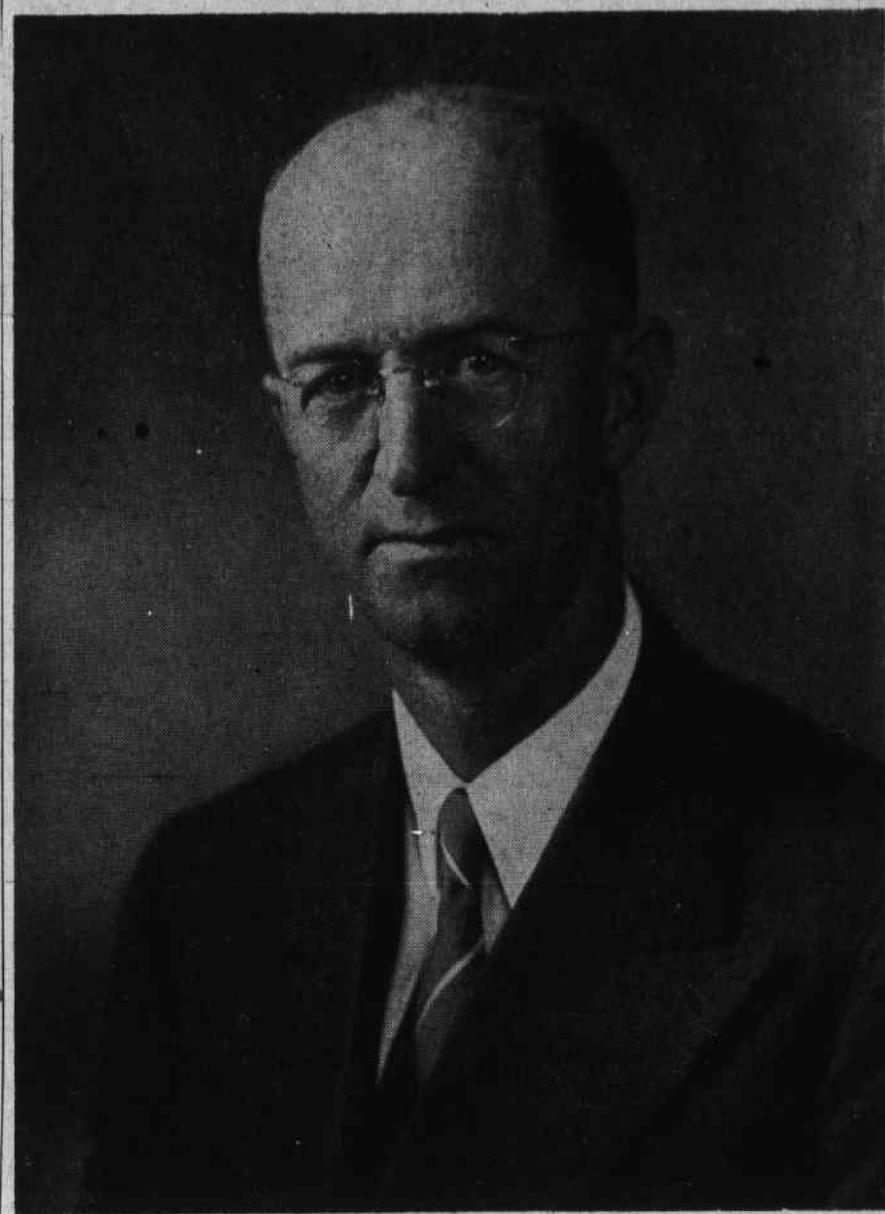
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## SUMMER JOBS

Any students interested in obtaining summer employment in a camp should see Mr. Eagle, Director of Guidance, before December 20. Positions are listed as follows: camp directors, assistant camp directors, program directors, assistant athletic directors, business managers, dietitians, assistant dietitians, dining room waitresses, and counselors, including arts and crafts, camp craft dramatics, horseback riding, junior counselors-in-training, music, nature, pioneer, or outpost camping, and riflery.

## IMPORTANT

Mr. Gibbons requests that day students who own cars park them off campus Saturday so as to leave parking space on campus for guests.

The girls of Alpha Sigma Tau who are attending the dance this weekend are having a banquet in the Green Room of Julia's Restaurant preceding the dance. The banquet is for members and their dates.

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## We Think

by Bess C. Bryant

Question: What, in your opinion, has Mr. Miller's presence contributed to our campus?

The students have begun to know and admire Madison's new president in the short time that he has been here. Mr. Miller has become a favorite topic of speech in most of the "sessions" too. When asked the "Question of the Week," some of the students had these answers:

Carrol Kennette: Mr. Miller's friendly, understanding, and enthusiastic spirit has brought to Madison just the spark that it needed.

Ruth Anne Agnor: Mr. Miller seems to be just what we've needed here on campus. He certainly has the interests of the students at heart, and everything we've heard has shown that he is all for us and the betterment of our life at Madison.

Claudia Carmen: Mr. Miller's personality and friendly attitude to the students has given the college a really good atmosphere. He seems to have the interests of the students always in mind and I'm sure that he will contribute a lot to Madison.

Gyneth Arthur: I think that he just looks like someone that you can talk to and he is proving himself to be just that.

Wendy Mulder: He has allowed us to shoulder more responsibilities and given us more freedom, thus making Madison more like a college than a high school.

Betty Ann Pence: His presence has brought about a better cooperation between the students and the administration.

Elise Bellenot: He has certainly created good will among students as well as faculty. And he has such an air of friendship about him that it causes good feeling!

Mildred Davis: Mr. Miller, in the short time he has been with us, has made the students feel that he is a real leader who is interested in their welfare.

Jayne Pierce: Just what we have been looking for! He's very friendly and has made this year much more interesting. I just think he's wonderful!

Yes, Mr. Miller, you seem to be "filling the bill" in a grand way in the opinion of the Madison students.

## VACATION

President Miller has announced that the Christmas vacation will begin at 11:50 a.m., Tuesday, December 20, 1949, rather than at 4:20 p.m. as announced in the catalog. Classes will be resumed at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 4, 1950.

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It is with happy anticipation that we approach the day of the inauguration of President Miller.

Congratulations are due both President Miller and Madison College. The State Board of Education is to be praised for securing the leadership of a man so eminently qualified to head Madison College.

I am glad to add my sincere good wishes for President Miller's happiness and splendid achievement at Madison College.

Hope Vandever  
Dean of Women

## APPRECIATION

The chairman of the general committee on the presidential inauguration, Mr. Percy H. Warren, expresses his gratitude for the wonderful cooperation his committee received from everyone connected with the college during the period of planning the inauguration exercises.

The members of the Men's Student Organization wish to congratulate our friend and president on this memorable occasion for his excellent work in the external affairs as well as the internal ones of this, our school and home. We wish you continued success and happiness in your relationships here. Best of luck!

Ronald Burton,  
President of the Men's  
Student Organization

Joanne Matthews, a pledge of Zeta Tau Alpha, is pinned to Arthur Davis, Jr. of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Washington and Jefferson College.

Congratulations,

PRESIDENT MILLER



## "... But I . . ."

by Ollie Vee Walpole

Throat parched, speech slow, hair disheveled, and with my coat hanging loosely from drooping shoulders, I managed to part my lips just enough to utter a rasping "—no, I . . ." before I was met with another bombardment of persuasive phrases. "—but, you see—" I valiantly tried again, lifting a weakening hand in explanation—but all in vain.

The heat of burning flood lights (not unlike that of a desert sun) beat down upon my fevered brow all around me, in front, back, before, stared faces, Faces, FACES—some smiling, others intently serious while still others seem to look into space afar off . . .

Forcing a pitifully weak smile to break the ghost-like pallor of my face I tried to get up, only to be drawn back again by some unexplainable magnetic force.

"—But I just can't—" I stabbed in desperation before being interrupted again. "I'm sorry, but I don't—" I started once more floundering about as a dying man blindly fighting against the inevitable.

Sensing my last possible chance, I decided to catch my 'associate' in a moment when she stopped to take a breath, and in doing so I was able, at last, to murmur my last words before collapsing to the floor—

"No, No, No, I don't want any pictures!!!"

## EUROPEAN HIGHLIGHTS

The Passion Play at Oberammergau . . . the first performance will take place in May, with the spectacle continuing through the summer.

Salzburg Music Festival . . . probably the most famous of summer music festivals . . . held between the latter part of July and the end of August.

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## Rehearsal Schedule

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Dec. 12—Mon.—4:30—Pinnocchio

Dec. 13—Tues.—4:30—Christmas Assembly dance

Dec. 15—Thurs.—4:30—Divertissement

—7:00—Milhaud

—8:00—Percussion

Dec. 19—Mon.—4:30—Pinnocchio

The Modern Dance Club sponsored the "Square Dance" held last Saturday night after the movie in Reed Gymnasium. It is hoped that the dance was enjoyed by all who attended and in the near future a similar program may again be presented.

## MASS MURDER

Neal Stanford, Wednesday Assembly speaker this week, in a recent message in The Christian Science Monitor, points out that the Nuremberg trials have outlawed genocide as a wartime practice, but that nothing has outlawed it in time of peace. He then explains the acceptance of the convention outlawing genocide by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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## Reverend Bowers Teaches Spanish

by Bess C. Bryant

Reverend Wayne H. Bowers of Charlottesville is the new Spanish teacher at Madison. He fills a vacancy created in the staff by the illness of Dr. F. Q. Martinez.

Originally from Chambersburg, Pa., the professor is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. After post-graduate work at Harvard University, Rev. Bowers did theological study at Union Seminary in New York City.

The retired minister has served pastorates in Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. He was a missionary to Spain from 1913 to 1928. Not content to be idle, the missionary began teaching Spanish at the University of Virginia in 1946 and taught there until June of 1949.

A family man, the new professor has five children and nine grandchildren. Rev. Bowers was married to Margaret Cameron of Irwin, Pa. in 1911.

Since he has traveled in Europe and over the United States, the Spanish professor has had many experiences of interest. His hobbies include chess and piano.

At present, besides his three trips a week to teach at Madison, Rev. Bowers is acting as supply pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Roanoke, Virginia.

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## "White Christmas" Theme For Dance

"White Christmas" is to be the theme of the Panhellenic Dance tomorrow night in Reed Gymnasium, announces Juanelle Mottern, chairman of the Council.

Joe Glease, with his orchestra, will furnish the music for the affair. His is the same group that played at the men's dance last year.

Decorations for the dance will follow the theme in colors of blue and white with outdoor winter scenes, predominant in the scheme.

The annual dance, which will be formal, will begin at 8:30 p.m. with the figure being planned for 9:30 p.m.

The receiving line will include the chairman and chairman-elect of the Council, the sponsor Mrs. Bernice Varner, and the six presidents of the Greek letter social organizations on campus.

Chairman of the various committees for the dance are: **Decorations and Publicity:** Bette Batts; **Flowers:** Georgia Hoskinson; **Figure:** Shirley Quinn; **Invitations:** Pat Mann; **Orchestra:** Natalie Bowman; **Chaperons:** Florence Perkinson; **Clean Up:** Juanelle Mottern; and **Theme:** Nancy Butterworth.

## DEMONSTRATION BY STOHR DECEMBER 14



On December 14 Miss Edalene Stohr of the field staff of the Chicago National Live Stock and Meat Board is giving a demonstration of meat preparation for the home economics food classes. The demonstration will last from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 and will be held in Maury 22.

Miss Stohr's demonstration is designed to help the homemaker with their meat problems and menu planning. The methods used in the demonstration are results of intensive studies in home economics laboratories all over the country.

The demonstration that Miss Stohr presents is given in an interesting and entertaining way. She is always glad to answer questions pertaining to any part of the demonstration.

### FROM THE SENIORS

As the Senior class began its last year on Madison campus, it saw a new president assume the guidance of its college activities. He was put to the test of meetings, speeches, receiving lines, and student relations and has come through smiling. We are proud supporters of G. Tyler Miller!

Fern Waters,  
President of Senior Class

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## DANCE PLANNERS



Officers of Panhellenic Council: (Front) Clinton Ann Johnson and Juanelle Mottern, Chairman; (Back) Shirley Quinn and Irene Blair

## Better Watch Out!

by: Grace Armistead

Golly—ly . . . the yuletide season is really in full swing here on ye ole Madison campus. Already decorations of all shapes 'nd sorts are popping out in the dorms and numerous other places on campus—why there're stockings 'nd bells 'nd Christmas trees 'nd Santa Clauses in Johnston dorm. If the time was had to roam around to the other dwelling centers on campus there'd sure be a lot more decorative ornaments found.

. . . 'nd say, talking about dreaming—there's a terrible lot of it going on about this time o' the year. If ya, doubt it, just cruise through the dining hall lobby, past a few dorm windows or most any place around 'nd you're sure to hear faint whispers of "I'll Be Home

For Christmas"—"Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" and many others. Happy thoughts of a jolly holiday season with lots of goodies 'n sweets, parties, and well . . . just being home are among the more important interests round 'nd about.

Yes indeed, these ole Madisonites have sure got Christmas in their bones—can't seem to get it out of their bones either. Gracious!—why only yesterday rumors were flying advising everybody to write their letters to Good Saint Nick. Now . . . if you haven't gotten that letter of yours off—better do so at once 'nd you'd also better be a good boy or girl from now til Christmas. "Santa's making his list and checking it twice"—so-o-o-o you'd better watch out!

## CZECH STUDENTS HUNGRY

The most frequent complaint heard among the students at Charles University, Prague, Czechoslovakia, is that of hunger. The ration diet today in Prague is not sufficient for the average Czech, to say nothing of the American young person. (There are eight U. S. students studying there under scholarships.)

It is advisable for students to supplement their regular ration with regular food packages from the States.

## NOTICE

The last payday for the 1950 Schoolma'am will be held in the P. O. lobby December 13. Students must make an initial payment of \$2.00 or pay full \$4.00 before Christmas in order to have an annual ordered for them. This payday will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m.

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## The Spotlight . .

by Bess C. Bryant

If you've been wondering what that noise was in Reed Hall while you were having classes and even late in the afternoon, you can stop. It seems that Madison students have gone all out for basketball and are really finding it fun!

Sixty-six girls have started practicing for extramural playing and the varsity team will be picked from these. They practice at 4:30 on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday of each week and are working hard so that M. C. can have a really good team this year.—And the boys' team has the gym on Monday nights to practice.

On the intramural circuit, each dorm now has at least one team and has begun its practice games. Physical education majors are coaching these teams.

Did you know that RIDING was coming to Madison? Letters for permission have already been sent out to the parents of all students and soon the dream will be a reality.

And bowling is here! Trying for a strike every Friday afternoon at 4:30 in the Arcade Bowling Alley are a bunch of gay—but sore afterwards, some say—Madisonites. Dr. Rodgers, Miss Hartman, and Miss Ulrich are lending their talents to coach the girls. It only cost fifteen cents for an hour and a half of good recreation so why not learn to bowl, girls? It's really fun!

## CALENDAR

Saturday, December 10

7:30 p.m.—Movie: "John Loves Mary," Wilson Auditorium  
8:30 p.m. Panhellenic Dance

Monday, December 12

6:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m. Kid Party, all dining halls  
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Freshmen sign out for Christmas

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 p.m. Pi Omega Pi meeting  
4:30 p.m. Freshman Orientation, Wilson Auditorium  
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Upperclassmen sign out for Christmas  
8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Schoolma'am Payday, P. O. Lobby

Wednesday, December 14

6:30 p.m. AST initiation, Panhellenic Room  
7:00 p.m. Math Club meeting, Senior Hall

Thursday, December 15

8:00 p.m. YWCA Christmas Pageant, Wilson Auditorium

Friday, December 16

9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Greyhound bus tickets on sale, Harrison Hall

Saturday, December 17

7:00 p.m. Glee Club Christmas program, Wilson Auditorium  
1:30 p.m. Movie: "June Bride," Wilson Auditorium

## Modern Dance Group Presents Program

Members of the Modern Dance Club and junior and senior physical education majors participated in a dance program held at Harrisonburg High School on Wednesday, November 30 at 2:00 p.m. The program included various techniques and dances, with choreography by the students. The gymnasium served as the auditorium and the audience was composed of all the girls in the school, excused from class. The pianist for the group was Norma Dukes.

The senior physical education majors made their appearance in folk dances and received a great applause from the audience, because of the liveliness of the dances. The first was the "Irish Lilt" and the next was an "Oxendance." The Physical Education majors performing were Shirley Pickrel, Kittie Travers, Henry Lanier, Betty Bosserman, Lois Early, Fern Waters, Bob Powell, Jo Bowman, and Kitty Blakemore. For the closing number, Lois Early and Betty Bosserman presented a "Mexican Hat Dance."

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