

Stewardess Wins Trip Abroad

In competition with six hundred stewardesses of the American Airlines, Miss Phila Rawlings, '46, of Joelton, Tennessee, was named one of twelve winners of a trip to Europe.

The contest was sponsored by the American Airlines to stimulate winter overseas travel. Winners were chosen for initiative, effort, and the number of prospects submitted.

Miss Rawlings, who is based in Nashville, has been a stewardess with American Airlines since April, 1948.

After graduating from the college department of Ward-Belmont, Miss Rawlings attended Vanderbilt University and Peabody College.

Mrs. McBryde in Plane Crash

Mrs. F. M. McBryde, for many years manager of the Ward-Belmont tea room, suffered a fractured wrist and knee in the crash-landing of an American Airlines twin-engine plane a short distance from the airport in Memphis, Tennessee, June 22, 1949.

All forty-one passengers and three crew members miraculously escaped death when the Nashville-bound airliner crashed sixty

seconds after the take-off.

With Mrs. McBryde at the time of the accident was her granddaughter, Elizabeth Robinson, who received minor injuries.

Mrs. McBryde is a patient at the Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee.

Nashville Alumna Heads West Point WACS

In a recent announcement Captain Sue B. Trulock, '37, was named as head of the Women's Army Corps in the station hospital of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Captain Trulock, a veteran of six years, was among the first WAC officers to be sent to the supreme headquarters overseas. She was also among the first to be sent to Normandy after D-Day and Paris in September, 1944.

The next assignment of Captain Trulock upon returning to the United States in February, 1946, was the Personnel and Administration Division, Department of the Army, General Staff, where she remained until her present assignment.

Alumna Receives Honorary Degree

During the 59th commencement season of Elon College, North Carolina, Miss Lilla Belle Pitts, Ward Seminary, '04, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Music.

Upon graduation from Ward Seminary, Miss Pitts continued her study at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City. She did graduate work in music at Juilliard School, New York City; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; and private study in London and Paris.

Dr. Pitts is, at present, professor of music education in Teachers College, Columbia University. The author of textbooks and several magazine articles on music education, Dr. Pitts has served as visiting professor in a number of leading universities in the United States and has represented the musical interests of this country in foreign conferences. She has been the president of Music Educators'

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Miss Mabel Fletcher Is New Registrar

Miss Mabel Fletcher, who has been at Ward-Belmont since February 3, 1930, replaced Miss Sue Holmes as the Ward-Belmont registrar in September, 1948.

During her services at the school, Miss Fletcher has served under the various registrars and presidents as secretary and general assistant. For the past three years she has worked as the president's secretary.

A resident of Nashville most of her life, Miss Fletcher attended Peabody College. She taught English in the county schools for five years before coming to Ward-Belmont.

Exemplifying the very qualities which she expressed about Ward-Belmont, Miss Fletcher said, "The traditions and conventions of gracious living are imbedded in Ward-Belmont. I expect a lot of the girls, because they have lived up to those traditions in the past, will continue to take the spirit of Ward-Belmont to all lands as they go about from place to place. They shall take with them, through Ward-Belmont, the spirit of America's gracious living, for they are within themselves, gracious women."

Miss Morrison Conducts Tour

This summer Miss Catherine Morrison, head of the Physical Education Department, is conducting a European tour. Assisting Miss Morrison is Miss Patty Chadwell, '35, instructor of physical education at Ward-Belmont. Their itinerary includes England, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, and France.

In the party are the following alumnae and students of Ward-Belmont: Shirley Berger, Prep '49, daughter of Ruth Donohoo Berger, (Mrs. Sam W., Jr.), '29, Nashville; Amie Boyd, Prep '50, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Dudley Brown, Prep '49, Nashville; Lois Buford, '48, Charleston, W. Va.; Mary Tom Cantrell, '48, Etowah, Tenn.; Evelina Casey, Prep '46, Franklin, Tenn.; Leila Douglas, Prep '42, Nashville; Mary Farris, Prep '40, Nashville; Sarah Camille Farris, '49, Nashville; Gerry Pauley, '49, Wichita, Kansas; Martha Pierce, Prep '50, Nashville; Betty Lee Simms, '50, Charleston, W. Va.; and Marian Tilley, Prep '47, Lebanon, Tenn.

Charlotte Garred, daughter of Lottic May Rogers Garred, (Mrs. M. D.), Prep '21, Ashland, Ky., is also a member of the tour.

Ward-Belmont Represented In Nashville Youth Orchestra

According to Mr. Kenneth Rose, head of the violin department of the Ward-Belmont Conservatory, the school was represented in both the Nashville Symphony and the Youth Orchestra during the 1948-1949 season.

Eight students, some of whom were alumnae, played in the Symphony and five were members of the Youth Orchestra. Both of these organizations were under the direction of Mr. William Strickland.

On February 10, 1949, the Youth Orchestra featured two Ward-Belmont piano students, Charlene Turner of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and Sue Swinford of Nashville, Tennessee. Miss Swinford and Miss Turner studied with Dean Alan Irwin,