

### DuPont Program Features Novel of Belmont

The novel, "Dinner at Belmont," written by Dr. Alfred L. Crabb of Peabody College and adapted for the radio by Virginia Radcliffe, was presented on the DuPont Company's "Cavalcade of America" program April 11, 1949.

The broadcast was of particular interest to students and alumnae of Ward-Belmont since many incidents in the novel took place on the Acklen estate called "Belmont," which is now a part of the Ward-Belmont campus.

Published by Bobbs Merrill, "Dinner at Belmont" was adapted from historical facts of life in Nashville during the 1860's. Janet Blair, Les Damon, and Margery Maude were featured in the radio story.

In closing the broadcast the following remarks were made:

"All of it happened long ago. Today the tramp of armed and hostile men is heard no more in Nashville. But the mansion at Belmont still rises serenely above its tall hill; its ancient dignity has survived the changes of the years. For it is part of Ward-Belmont now, a college, where young girls from all parts of the nation gather in that great hall—the hall, where, in another time, other young people's dreams came true before the eyes of a First Lady of the Land—Sarah Polk of Nashville."

### Former Teacher Reviews Own Book

Miss Elizabeth Spencer, author of the recent highly appraised novel, "Fire in the Morning," came back to Ward-Belmont after four years to lecture to the members of the advanced composition class on creative writing.

Four years ago, Miss Spencer taught Spanish in the Ward-Belmont Preparatory School. Later, she took a creative writing course at Vanderbilt University. After a year of working on a Nashville newspaper, Miss Spencer returned to Vanderbilt for further study and then went to Mississippi to write "Fire in the Morning." She now teaches English at the University of Mississippi.

### MILESTONES Wins First Class Award

An announcement was made that the 1948 *Milestones*, the Ward-Belmont year book, was awarded a first class rating in a contest sponsored by the National Scholastic Press Association. Over one hundred and sixty colleges from all over the United States competed for the honors. In the junior college division, four books were awarded the All-American Honor Rating, and the rest were given first, second, and third ratings.

The editor of the 1948 *Milestones* was Carolyn Henderson, from Jackson, Missouri. Carolyn is now a student at Northwestern University and is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Miss Polly Fessey supervised and sponsored the work on the book and the printing was done by the McQuiddy Printing Company of Nashville.

### Grace Moore Club Sends Flowers

The Grace Moore Club of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, a musical organization founded on the inspiration of her singing, sent flowers to Ward-Belmont in observance of the second anniversary of Grace Moore's death in Copenhagen, January 26, 1947.

After attending Ward-Belmont in 1916, Miss Moore continued her study in Washington, D. C., and later in New York where her musical career began.

Miss Moore appeared in a concert in Nashville during the fall of 1945. One of her selections was dedicated to the Ward-Belmont girls and she received them backstage at the end of the program.

### Beauty Title Given To Former Student

The title of "Miss Perfect Profile" for 1948 was given to Sue Stevens of Des Moines, Iowa, in a style show at the University of Iowa. Sue attended Ward-Belmont in 1947-1948.

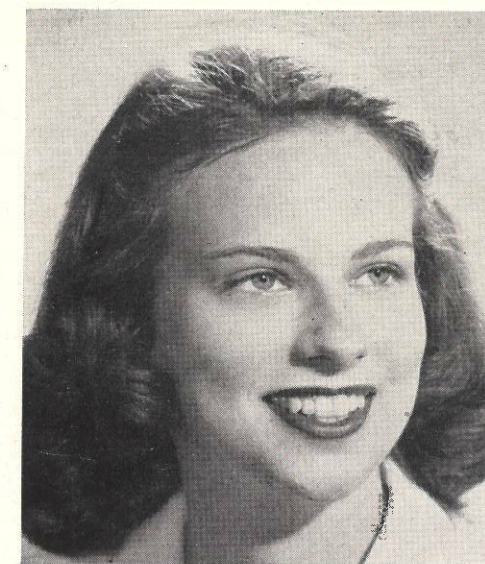
A pledge of Pi Beta Phi sorority, Sue was chosen as "Miss Perfect Profile" by a panel of university men after twenty-six other models had participated in the show.

### Honorable Mention by Atlantic Monthly



Two recent graduates from the college department of Ward-Belmont were given honorable mention in a composition contest for college students sponsored by the *Atlantic Monthly*.

In competition with 449 students throughout the United States, Jane Ellen



Tye, Harlan, Kentucky, was given honorable mention for a group of poems entitled "Poem Pictures."

Kay Bond, Lookout Mt., Tennessee, received the honor with a short story, "Spoon-style." There were 353 entries in this division.

### Alumna Assists With WSSF Benefit

Ophelia Colley Cannon (Mrs. H. R.), '32, in professional life Minnie Pearl of Grand Ole Opry radio fame, entertained at Ward-Belmont January 25, 1949, with a program for the benefit of the World Student Service Fund to aid students throughout the world.

Acting as master of ceremonies, Minnie Pearl was assisted by some of the Ward-Belmont students. During the program Minnie Pearl recalled her life at Ward-Belmont and sang some of the songs that were popular at that time.

The WSSF drive was sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. during which time the goal of \$1,000 for Ward-Belmont was reached.

