

Girls State Held on Campus

In June Ward-Belmont was host to more than 250 girls at Volunteer Girls State which was sponsored by the Tennessee department of the American Legion Auxiliary to explain the organization of city, county, and state government.

The week was filled with study, discussion, sight-seeing, and political campaigning. Several people connected with the government were speakers during the session.

One of the final activities of the mythical state was the inauguration of the governor at the Tennessee state capitol.



Lucy Parnell Goes to Near East

Lucy Parnell, '40 Prep, who has taught biology at Ward-Belmont the past four years, recently accepted a position at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. She will sail September 1 on the Mohammed El Ali Kebir to begin her three year tenure.

In addition to teaching biological sciences to natives and Americans in the preparatory school of the American University, Lucy plans to take graduate work.

After graduating from the preparatory department of Ward-Belmont, Lucy received a B.A. degree from Randolph-Macon and will receive a master's degree and teacher's certificate from Peabody in August.

Lucy is a member of the Tennessee Academy of Science; Beta Beta Beta, a national honorary biological fraternity;

and Kappa Delta Phi, an honor society in education.

Choir Records Songs

Traditional Ward-Belmont songs and religious selections have been recorded by the choir under the direction of Mr. Sydney Dalton, head of the voice department. The album, which was published by the Recorded Publications Company of Camden, N.J., is entitled "Music at Ward-Belmont" and contains two ten-inch, double-faced records which can be played on automatic record changers.

A recording engineer with RCA Victor supervised the recording in the Ward-Belmont auditorium. Mr. Joseph Van Sickle, head of the art department, submitted the idea for the design on the front cover of the album. A view of Acklen Hall and words to the Ward-Belmont songs have been used on the inside cover.

Included in the album are the following selections: *The Belles of Ward-Belmont*; the *College Senior Class Song*; the *Preparatory Senior Class Song*; *Out in the Fields*, the poem of which was written by Imogene Guiney and the music by Christopher Thomas; *Heavenly Light*, with English text by Alice Matterlath, music by A. Kopylow, and arrangement by Peter J. Wilhousky; *Send Forth Thy Spirit*, written by Joseph Schuethy and arranged by Frederic Fay Swift; and *Blessing Glory and Wisdom*, written by Johannes Sebastian Bach, transcribed and edited by Clare Tillinghast.

The albums have been on sale in the school book store. Since the records are of non-breakable vinylite-filled compound and come in heavy cartons, they can be mailed without fear of breakage.

Alumna Triumphs at Met

Two seasons ago Anne Bollinger, '39, sang her first major role at the Metropolitan Opera House as Barbarina in Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*. Since then, she has toured with the Met and won acclaim throughout the country.

In addition to operatic performances, Anne has appeared in several concerts and radio broadcasts. One of these was International Harvester's program, Harvest of Stars, with James Melton. Last summer she sang in Guatemala during the opera

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CAMPUS CAPERS

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COMMENCEMENT SEASON OF 1950

The commencement season at Ward-Belmont opened Saturday evening, June 3, with the presentation of the Shakespearean comedy, "As You Like It," in the auditorium. The cast was composed of students of the speech department under the direction of Miss Catherine Winnia with Miss Carolyn Kelton assisting.

On Sunday morning, May 29, the commencement sermon for the college and preparatory departments was given by Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, president of Scarritt College.

A reception for the graduates, their parents, and guests was given by President and Mrs. Robert C. Provine Sunday afternoon on the south lawn of the campus. Members of the administration assisted Dr. and Mrs. Provine in receiving the guests.

Later that afternoon the senior and senior-middle classes took part in the traditional step-singing on the steps of the John D. Blanton Academic Building. On behalf of the school, Dr. Provine accepted a public address system as the gift from the senior class. The presentation was made by Martha Houston Reid, Corinth, Miss., president of the senior class. She then gave the class diary to the president of the incoming senior class, Diane Dorton, Crossville, Tenn. Miss Mary Ann Moore, alumnae secretary, extended an invitation to the seniors to become members of the Ward-Belmont Alumnae Association. As a part of the traditional event, the daisy chain numerals of the senior class were placed by the senior-middle class at the end of the walk facing the academic building.

Presentation of the 1950 *Milestones*, which was dedicated to Miss Margaret Newhall, was made that evening in the auditorium. Jackie Bumpous, editor, presented Miss Newhall with a book.

The All-Club Dinner for resident and college day students was given Monday evening in the dining room. At that time Dr. Provine announced the winners of several awards and presented the cups.

Carolyn Brady, Proctor, Ark., president of the Agora Club, received the citizenship award for resident students and the citizenship cup went to the Agora Club. Citizenship awards for the preparatory department had been given to the winners at the traditional picnic the previous week. Ann McQuiddy, Nashville, received the citizenship bracelet and the Eccowasin Club won the cup.

The Jane T. Morley Award, which is presented each year to a music diploma student showing advancement in her major field as well as an outstanding interest in other fields of music, was presented to Despina Valen of Middletown, Ohio.

Winner of the Theodora Scruggs Award was June Oliver, Dadeville, Ala. This award is given to the senior-mid who, at the end of the spring quarter, has collected a commendable personal library which has grown out of an interest in good reading.

The Mildred Genet Award, which is given to a senior boarding student for excellence in voice, was won by Phoebe Monteith, a preparatory student from Tunica, Mississippi.

The Fire Drill Award was presented to Lucy Ward, of Georgetown, Ky., fire captain in Heron Hall.

The address at the preparatory commencement was given by Dr. Henry Edmonds, Birmingham author, minister, and commentator, Monday evening in the auditorium. Dr. Provine and Mrs. Susan S. Souby presented certificates to seventy-eight seniors of the preparatory school.

On Tuesday morning, June 6, the college commencement was held in the auditorium with Dr. Edmonds as the speaker. Dr. Edmonds, a former pastor of the Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, holds the B.A., B.D., D.D., LL.D., L.H.D. degrees and has served as a member of the Southern Committee for Interracial Co-operation.

One hundred and fifty-two students in the college department were presented