

February 22, 1968

"George Washington's Birthday"

Dear Ward-Belmont Alumna:

Since the story about the Ward-Belmont reunion was picked up by the Associated Press (at our request) to be published in papers in cities where we thought there would be interested alumnae, we have had many inquiries about the plans which are being made. We have found from your questions (and some clippings which have been sent) that many of the main facts were deleted in the out-of-Nashville papers. But we are glad the idea got across to so many of you, so here are the facts.

The Big Day is March 21, 1968, and the place is Nashville.

Ophelia Colley Cannon, '32, and Rose Toney Hill, '32, of Morristown, Tenn. have been working for several months on plans for a reunion of the classes of 1931, '32, '33. When so much interest was shown, they decided to say, "Come one, come all."

The Ramada Inn on James Robertson Parkway will be headquarters for all out-of-towners with all alumnae making their own reservations. Reservations for the dinner at Belle Meade Club must be made no later than March 14th. A check for \$7.50 made out to "Ward-Belmont Reunion" and mailed to Mrs. Chase Delony (Jane Chadwell, '39), 3108 Forrest Park Avenue, Nashville 37215, will reserve your place for dinner.

Upon receipt of your check you will be sent an invitation from "Minnie Pearl" to be her guest at a luncheon at noon on reunion day at Harpeth Hall School. This is a preparatory school for girls which carries on many of the traditions of its predecessor. (They still celebrate George Washington's birthday with a dance program which naturally includes the minuet.)

There will be a "happy hour" and dinner at Belle Meade Country Club at 6:30. Transportation will be provided from Ramada Inn to the various events for those who need it.

We have no lists to work from and no money to use to publicize the event, so word must get around through those who will take the time to spread it.

We already have reservations from out of town in excess of 60 and the number increases daily. "Belles" are coming from California, Pennsylvania, and at least ten states in between. The years represented so far span from the first graduating class to the last, with a few from Ward's and Belmont as well.

Miss Morrison will be here and may even conduct a gym class!

Please do what you can to spread the word. Get your classmates together and join the fun. We hope to receive your reservation soon.

The chairman for the event is Sarah Bryan Benedict, '33, assisted by Mary Elizabeth Cayce, '28, and Virginia Brown Moughon, '34. Out-of-town chairman is Rose Toney Hill.