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and
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WARD-BELMONT HYPHEN

*Reunion
Edition*

MARCH 21, 1968

968 Reunion Dedicated to Miss Morrison

**Mrs. John Barton,
Miss Catherine Morrison
Share Dinner Honor**

Honor guests at the all W-B Reunion Dinner will be Mrs. John V. Barton and Miss Catherine E. Morrison. Mrs. Barton came to Nashville from Texas in 1927 when her late husband became president of Ward-Belmont. She was a gracious hostess whose home was always open to the students and faculty. Mrs. Barton's charm and beauty were welcome additions to the campus and still today as in yesterdays, Mrs. Barton brings grace and warmth to the lives of many in Nashville.

Ward-Belmont Belles will come from 7 States to pay tribute to these two great ladies. Among the 900 guests will be two representatives from the First Class, 1913, Mrs. Roy C. Avery and Mrs. Hattie Houston; and two representatives from the Last Class, 1951, Mary Schlatter Stumb and Hazel Maxwell Rust.

Alumnae Secretaries who will be present are Jane Pulver, Los Angeles; Mrs. John Orman (Mary Jean Fisher); Mrs. Pat E. Arneson (Mary Ann Moore); Edina, Minnesota; Mrs. Condit Van Arsdale



Hundreds of Ward-Belmont Alumna Return to Nashville Honor Teacher

By LEILA D. PHILLIPS

"She has made us stand a little bit straighter and renew our faded resolutions. She has unfailing interest and offers inspiration to the finest ideals. Quiet authority, quick flashes of humor, understanding, fairness, wisdom and capability combine to make her one of our beloved and respected personalities. Unforgettable is her amazing faculty for remembering each girl's name, her interest and guidance in every campus activity from the first hockey game through George Washington's birthday, May Day and graduation."

Hundreds of graduates planning to attend the Ward-Belmont School reunion activities March 21 will find little difficulty in recognizing the faculty member to whom this tribute was

called Cohechee, from the first few letters of the words: Comradeship, Health and Cheer.

Miss Kitty

In the area of comradeship, certainly, Miss Morrison (in later years affectionately called Miss M. or Miss Kitty) was held in esteem by her peers, who sought and enjoyed her company. One former member of the physical education department commented, "we always had a department picnic on Tuesdays in Percy Warner Park."

Boarding students from the east coast to the west who were members of the Tri K Club (of which Miss Morrison was the beloved sponsor) found her to be a raconteur of note, making much of detail and filling each story with humor. Both at camp and in the club group, readings, of which she was a master, held

"with equanimity situations which occurred, that even in a long and varied career, she had not encountered before." She retired from this position much to the regret of actives and alumnae alike, whose pleasure at knowing or renewing acquaintance with her in this capacity added pleasure to the days in which they came in contact with her.

Acceptance of Change

An acceptance of change with cheer is particularly typical of Miss Morrison, who only in recent years took up residence in Sewanee with Miss Margaret Newhall, former Ward-Belmont librarian, now serving in a similar capacity at the University of the South.

Some of today's teen-agers, who have had the good fortune to know Miss M thumb-nailed her as "sharp as a button"—a

Faculty and Staff Members who have dinner reservations are Catherine E. Morrison, Margaret E. Jewhall, Doris Hawkins Orwin, Margaret Saunders, Jane Sehmman, Mrs. John W. Barton, Blanche Henry Clark Weaver, Mary Elizabeth Delaney McPhee, Robbie Millisen Shackelford, Frances Swenson McDonough, Mrs. James Marshall, Lucy Fountain, Jane Darling Eck, Katherine Kirkham Reid, Margaret Hargrove, Lorene Jacobs Potter, Bess Murphree, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Goodman, Ruthie Carroll Gibson, Oskie Sanders, Jessie Lee French, Alma Phillips, Mrs. Rogers Herbert, Sarah Jeter, Molly McEttrick McKnight, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Gray Lee, Mary Elizabeth Cayce, Betty Chadwell, Carolyn Kelton Rice, Charlotte Winford, Annie Havert Anderson (Mrs. Frank); Miss Mary Dean Clement; Orpha Desbitt Elder (Mrs. Earl E.); Virginia Carson Hofstetter (Mrs. J. B., Jr.); Marian Meriwether; Miss Dorothy Thompson; Ellen B. Wallace; Miss Katherine Winnia; Susan Russell Granfield (Mrs. Donn P.); Mildred Howard; Camille Nance Newerf (Mrs. Ken); and Gertrude Schroer Veatch.



MISS CATHERINE ELWYN MORRISON

College Days

by Ann Robertson '52

Editor's Note:

Shortly after Ward-Belmont closed, a freshman who would never get to be a Senior, began a poem recalling her days at W-B. The poem was tucked away unfinished until this week. The reunion activities reminded her of the poem. With a little polishing, the poem was completed. It is now offered in praise of this occasion.

My child, I want for you too
to have the love that once I knew
—of green and golden days
the love of college ways.

I remember, youthful heart,
my freshman year, a world apart,
—of the age old story,
school day blazing glory.

How my campus looked at night
lit by a hundred window lights,
—down Middle March stood I,
trying—not to cry.

How the hours ran to dawn
before we knew the night had gone
—we had so much to say,
so much that's passed away.

And on through the campus green,
club village warmly lay serene,
keeping all the glorious past,
in tradition safe and fast.

Oh, Acklen, built of southern pride,
Oh, Ward and Belmont,
side by side,
you stood a hundred years,
of honor, glory and of tears.

Oh, Ward and Belmont, may you
stand, forever shining through our
land, of green and golden days
the love of college ways.

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Sewanee, Miss Morrison is the sole link with what was once Ward's Seminary and what became Ward-Belmont School for Girls and what since 1951 has been "gone with the wind".

But the ideals which were part of the heritage she gave each day and boarding student (and she came in contact with everyone from 1913-1951) have not gone out of style, nor will they. It has been the feeling of many of those who were fortunate to have close contact with Miss Morrison that truth, strength, and goodness are as typical of her as the comradeship, health and cheer which are also strongly associated with her.

In fact, for a number of years Miss Morrison, first a member of the Ward-Belmont physical education department and later its head, the late Miss Emma I. Sissons, first head of the physical department and later dean of Ward-Belmont and the late Mrs. C. N. Bryan, school registrar, operated a camp at Fryeburg, Maine. It was appropriately

part in this relationship of comradeship which never overstepped the limits of respect and which at times held Miss Morrison a little remote because of an awe inspired by the authority which she commanded. This awe gave way to an increasing affection and deepening esteem as years passed.

Distance does not seem to destroy these bounds of affection, either, for many girls who knew Miss Morrison in the 20's, 30's and 40's still drive hundreds of miles out of their way when they are near Tennessee to make a visit to her home in Sewanee. But the expected occurs—she calls them by their full maiden name and welcomes them back with warmth, friendliness and some laughter as they recall some unique experiences they shared.

Switching from a school which only in recent years allowed dating on an unchaperoned basis to a co-educational institution when she became house-mother of the Kappa Alpha Theta chapter house at Vanderbilt University, she handled

today's generation whom it is claimed resist the kind and quality of authority, for which Miss Morrison stood professionally and in her personal relationships with the girls. Another commented, "You know, she always draws us younger people into the conversation. She has something to say to me and wants to know what I am doing. And she doesn't forget what I told her last time." In her academic days as well as now, Miss Morrison knew girls and knew them well; she was concerned about them and rarely wrong in pigeonholing them.

As true today in March 1968 in anticipation of the first all-class Ward-Belmont reunion as it was in 1926 when written by a devoted student in The Milestone, the school annual, is a dedicatory phrase which sums up much that is felt by so many about such a wonderful person, "Because of the trust she has placed in us, because of the standards she has maintained for us, and because of the ideals she has given us, this Milestone is dedicated."

The Glorious Spirit

Caswell Stuart McRae from Wilson Arkansas was 95 years young on the first day of February. She sent along her very best wishes to all and reminisced a bit about her memories of Ward's Seminary.

From the Waldorf Astoria Tower came a letter from Jean Faircloth McArthur (Mrs. Douglas) to say that she could not be present for the reunion but give "her warmest greetings to all the girls. "Give my best 'aloha' to all my friends" comes from Betty Jo Dowdle who is teaching at the University of Hawaii. Across the Potomac inside the White House, Bess Clements Abell found a moment to send "warm and affectionate best wishes to all".

"How I would love to see Miss Morrison," exclaimed Marilyn Perkins Bonie from the banks of Buffalo Bayou in Houston. Mrs. W. R. Parker also regretted that she could not come but she added a note to say "I was the first girl to register in 1913 for Ward-Belmont. Dr. Blanton thought I should have a certificate but of course I don't so you will just have to take my word."

The dining room hostess (1948-1951), Miss Elizabeth Coates wanted the girls to know that she has pictures of the May Queens of 1921 and '22, Clotilde Brazelton and Sarah Morgan (Ala.). These belonged to Winnie Mae Coats '22.

Miss Alma Hollinger is reported to be living at Rose Hotel, Sebring Florida and would be so happy to hear from any W-B friends.

A note from an interested gentleman reported "please send a reunion invitation to Miss Kathryn McLaughlin in Mamaroneck, N. Y. She attended Ward's Seminary some sixty years ago."

BAY MINETTE, Alabama Chamber of Commerce to the Nashville Chamber:

"Dear Sir: send us any information you can find on the Alumni Reunion at Ward-Belmont College."

"After reading the article in the Birmingham News I felt first like one of many "lost sheep" and then elated over the prospects of renewing old acquaintances . . . but I can't come" . . . Sara Ann Williams Piper '48.

W-B Archives To Be Kept At Harpeth Hall

Limited space has been set aside at Harpeth Hall for an Archive in which to preserve yearbooks, newspapers, pictures, and other material related to Ward's Seminary, Belmont College and Ward-Belmont.

Mrs. Joseph Handley, Opie Craig '39, will be in charge of collecting this material. She has almost all the yearbooks from Ward-Belmont. The books from the earlier schools are missing and of course are being avidly sought. Please contact Opie Handley before sending any material. Send her a list of what you wish to contribute and Opie will respond. Her address is 3420 Hampton Ave., Nashville, 37215.

1968 Reunion Dinner

Mistress of ceremonies—Minnie Pearl
assisting Mary Alice Cayce

Blessing sung "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Following dinner RECOGNITION and DEDICATION

Rose Toney Hill

Faculty and Staff Recognition
Minnie Pearl

Acknowledgements of Appreciation
Sarah Bryan Benedict

SCHOOL YEAR ROUTINE—Minnie Pearl

Class Recognition Day
Gym class directed by Miss Cayce
Minuet group directed by Miss Chadwell

May Day-directed by
Elizabeth Cornelius Collins

Step Singing—Madeline B. Terry, Ruth Carlin
Byron, and Elizabeth Gray Lee

Buses return to the Inn at 9:30 p.m. March 21, 1968 following dinner.