

WARD-BELMONT HYPHEN

REUNION EDITION

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WARD - BELMONT BELLES MEET AGAIN

Six hundred and fifty Ward-Belmont belles from thirty-five states are in Nashville for the second all-class reunion. Almost all classes from 1918 through 1951, the last class, are represented. If there were a prize for the person who traveled the greatest distance it would be awarded to Alma Dunford Litzsinger from Ferndale, Washington. A second prize would have to be divided among the twenty belles from California.

The wonderful evening at Vanderbilt Plaza was reminiscent of the opening day of school when friends met--the hugs, the squeals, and the laughter. Classmates were gathered in every corner, catching up and reminding each other of those W-B days. As the class of '51 discussed that traumatic year, they remembered that Mary Walsh Harrell had received the last diploma from Ward-Belmont. Noncie Reed Bradley's friends still were laughing about the time her bloomers fell down during a gym demonstration, and Minnie Pearl was taking the good-natured kidding about portraying "Dickie the Lionhearted" in the Senior skit. Edith Robertson was reminding everyone that her high school class of 1936 was celebrating the 50th anniversary of its graduation from W-B. The four Sudekum sisters--Viola Baulch, Marie Woolwine, Sara Stengal and Betsy Johnston--were telling tales about their years at W-B. The

reminiscing that continued until the wee hours was responsible for the many sleepy-eyed belles this morning.

The fun continued as the group moved to the Belmont campus for lunch and tours. Even though the campus had changed, many beautiful memories were stirred. The tour through Minnie Pearl's Museum was a highlight of the afternoon.

The reunion formally concludes with an evening in Harpeth Hall's McMurry Center. The center is named in honor of Idanelle Sam McMurry ('43) who followed Mrs. Susan S. Souby as Harpeth Hall's second headmistress. Tonight the skits and songs will take the "girls" back to those glorious days when they were enjoying some of the most wonderful years of their lives. There will be laughter and tears and memories. Without doubt, "the glorious spirit of old W-B will linger forevermore."

WELCOME TO HARPETH HALL

The Harpeth Hall School is indeed privileged to participate in the 1986 Ward-Belmont Reunion, and it is a special honor to have part of the program on our campus.

The education of women is just as important today as it was during the Ward-Belmont years. We at Harpeth Hall do not take this task lightly. As we provide direction for the young ladies in our school, we rely upon our Ward-Belmont heritage and try to incorporate many of the ideals and characteristics which made Ward-Belmont a great and meaningful institution.

Have a wonderful reunion!

David E. Wood
Headmaster

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MISS MORRISON CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY

Miss Catherine E. Morrison is the only faculty member who taught at Ward-Belmont from its beginning until it closed. She knew and remembers all of her girls. Miss Morrison celebrated her 100th birthday on March 15 of this year. She is blind and in declining health. Later this month she