

The Salemite

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The Christmas vacation begins at one o'clock on Thursday, December 16th and lasts until nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, January 4th.

Already we are counting the hours, and almost the minutes, before we start on our journey home. But however thrilled and excited we are over what is before us, let not be so completely overcome that we forget our holiday hasn't already begun. Make these last few days at Salem really count for something and you'll enjoy your holiday all the more.

The Salemite wishes every one of you the merriest Christmas ever and everything good for 1921.

Nothing portrays the attitude and spirit of a student-body better than does the college paper, and even the college itself is, in a great measure, judged by its publications. Therefore the college paper should not only be published by the student-body for the student-body, but by the student body for the public.

The Salemite is young. In order that it may become the best paper possible in the shortest time possible, it needs the careful attention and cooperation of everybody. If it is to be a true college paper, it must represent the thought, carry with it the spirit, and portray the attitude of the students as a whole, and not of the editorial staff alone.

The Salemite is in its formative stage. The first few months of its life will determine its future. Will it form good habits, or bad; will it do credit to our alma mater, or will it not? It's up to you. It's your college and your paper. If you think, or read, something good, write it up, sign your name, and that of the magazine from which it is taken, if it is copied, and send it in. If you wish to express your opinion on any subject relating to college life, do it through the Salemite.

The contribution box, conveniently placed near the fountain in Main Hall, is at your service. Feed it, and watch the Salemite grow and become a true and creditable representative of Salem College.

This is when the slackers, or you might call them the latkers of "pep" are exposed. They are the girls who give up their difficult subject. The spirit that sticks on and struggles on with that subject is the same spirit that fights the game to the finish and it is the spirit that makes the loser the winner. Don't give up; "pepism" is worth pessimism anyday. Stick on; you need the grit to grind. It is contest—not conquest—that counts.

E. T., '24.

THANGSGIVING OVER

Now that Thanksgiving is over we must turn our athletic interests to other fields than basket-ball. Practice for the track meet will begin shortly, tennis teams must be chosen, and hockey must surely have its supporters. Hockey is a comparatively new sport at Salem, and there is need for talent here. Also "hockeying" is a good way to obtain felt decorations for one's sweater.

There is no reason why there should not be as much enthusiasm over other sports, as over basket ball. Let's each make up our mind to go out for one of these sports.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Each recitation you miss costs you one dollar or more in actual money? The student at (Salem) has an average of eighteen hours of class-room work a week, and there are thirty-six weeks in the college year. Taking out holidays and examinations, the total number is six hundred hours a year. As the average student spends six hundred dollars a year, every recitation costs her a dollar; when she loses a recitation through lack of preparation, or inattention, just so much good money is wasted.—From article in Davidson College Magazine.

No matter how much is said about the athletic and social benefits of college, the indisputable fact remains that one comes to college primarily for the advantages she expects to get from the class room. Sometimes this seems to be lost sight of, in the rush of outside interest, but this is a wrong point of view, as nothing is worth while that causes you to get behind in your class-work.

FANNIE BLOOMFIELD ZEISLER

In spite of very unfavorable weather on the night of November 15th a large audience filled Memorial Hall to hear the greatest woman pianist before the American public—Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler.

Madame Zeisler is an artist of splendid technique, beautiful, forceful tone and great musical intelligence. Many critics compare her with Paderewski in her power to move and hold an audience.

E. G., '22.

The next musical event at Memorial Hall is the concert by Zimbalist, the great Russian violinist, on the evening of January 6th, 1921. He is the husband of Alma Gluck, who will also appear here in recital at a later date.

Rosenbacher's — "The Christmas Store"

Thousands of Select "Gift Things" to Choose From at Very Attractive Prices. Make Selections in Person or by Mail.

SOME FACTS ABOUT N. C.

The General Education Board of North Carolina at its meeting last week in Asheville, brought to public notice quite a few startling facts about education in our state. A survey of school conditions has been made, and the results show astounding backwardness along educational lines. It is a fact that the average 7th grade pupil reads like a 5th grade pupil in other states, and that he is as a rule two years older than the 7th grade pupil in any other state in the union. That puts him four years behind. And that's not all, either. Of course the trouble at the root of this is lack of trained teachers, and poor equipment. Only twenty per cent of North Carolina teachers hold a certificate, showing they have satisfactory teachers' training. And how can teachers be trained when 2,000 applicants were turned away from colleges and training schools last year? If the equipment of all the colleges in North Carolina were immediately doubled, there would not be accommodations for the students who have already applied for next year.

What will be the remedy for this state of affairs? That depends on what the citizens of North Carolina want to do about it. We can afford good schools and teachers; we can't afford not to have them.

S. L., '22.

KNOW YOURSELF

Are you living up to the reputation of a real Salem girl and in this connection Salem and Southern are synonymous. Southern girls are known and admired the world over for their wholesomeness, their beauty, and above all, for their good manners. Girls, do you realize how much depends upon you? On the 16th we must leave here with the real Salem mark—not an artificial one. It is a sad fact that every day Salem girls are becoming less worthy of their name—and this effect is due to very trivial things. It can't be that some of us are so absorbed with a problem in Math. or the like, that we do not see a teacher or older person until we bump heads with them; that we forget to open doors and allow them to enter first; that we forget seniors as well as instructors have a right to due deference. It is pure thoughtlessness. We, every mother's daughter of us, have been taught different. To say "Oh, I forgot!" is no excuse. The Salem girl's greatest sin is the sin against her elders; and her catechism (the rule book) should include the following commandments:

1. When an older person, instructor, or senior enters room, rise and remain standing until said person is seated.
2. Always open door and allow

3. Do not push and crowd at Post Office.

4. Always pass food to the head of table first and do not begin eating until all are served.

5. Allow the head of table to lead the table out of dining-room followed by juniors, sophomores and freshmen respectively.

6. Stop eating or any kind of manipulation while some one is making an announcement in dining-room.

7. In all public places always remember: "I am a Salem girl and supposed to be A1 material."

8. Continually bear in mind that compliance with these commandments should be the outward manifestation of inward gentleness.

S. U. S.

Have you noticed the attractive posters which have been distributed around in every nook and corner of Salem College for the past five weeks? Did they cause you to stop, straighten your shoulders and take a new grasp upon the world? The S. U. S. campaign, which the Hygiene class has conducted with marked success, is over, but the benefits of it are everlasting. Even the Freshmen who came to Salem in September with shoulders stooped, have taken a new lease on life, and have fallen in with the plan to better their postures.

Have you noticed the two silent guards at both doors in chapel every morning, who seem to take you in, from head to foot? They are representatives of the Hygiene Class, who have noted the postures of every room company, in order to judge for the S. U. S. prize.

Every year we hope to have a S. U. S. campaign. They tend towards a healthier, happier, and better looking student body. To have an AI college we must first have AI students, and to do this we should constantly bear in mind that we must always S. U. S.

E. C., '23.

CHAPEL SATURDAY MORNING

At chapel service Saturday morning, December 11, the music will be given by the string section of the college orchestra, led by Miss Webb and Miss Talmage, with Evelyn Smith at the organ. The program is as follows:

Processional: March of the Priests from "Athalia"—Mendelssohn.

Hymns: Come All Ye Faithful; It Came Upon a Midnight Clear; Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem; Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.

Processional: March—Scotson Clark.

Tuesday, November 23, 1920.

"Red Letter Day for Sophs."

Twenty-one down to Bible Reading from Main Soph.