

# The Salemite

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## WALKING CLUB PICNIC WAS GREATLY ENJOYED

It was a motley array that, picnic-bound, gathered on the back porch last Saturday. Promptly at four o'clock sixty or sixty-five girls, laden with mysterious looking bundles, with Misses Jackson and Talmadge, Dr. Rondthaler and Mr. Higgins as chaperons, set out for Happy Hill, leaving word for Dean Shirley, who was detained, to follow. About forty-minutes walk over the clay hills beyond the back campus brought us to our destination—a lovely spot christened by Miss Margaret Hagan as "Looking Glass Meadow," and quite familiar to the walking clubs of this year and years past. It is a rather narrow grassy meadow between wooded hills with a tiny stream winding along on one side, on whose banks we found forget-me-nots even in the autumn.

A few minutes rest was all that we needed, for rumors were afloat of bacon and marshmallows. A fire must be made and each one of us must have a stick with which to cook his own supper. So we spent several minutes scrambling over the hill for firewood and such culinary instruments as were necessary, while Dr. Rondthaler and Mr. Higgins made themselves useful by going for drinking water. Soon everything was ready and you may be sure that everybody was. How many baked faces we suffered for those slices of bacon, albeit smoked and scorched! How long we labored, ignorant of the ways of cheese, to make one morsel stay on our sticks long enough to roast! But perseverance always wins and soon there was not to be found a scrap of bacon or cheese, a pickle, roll, marshmallow, or apple.

Then someone suggested a song. Circling 'round the fire while the shadows lengthened, we sang under Dr. Rondthaler's efficient leadership such classics as "Ninety-Nine Blue Bottles", "There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea," "Scotland's Burning," "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Marvelous to relate, the songsters chewed the while the "Juicy Fruit" that Dr. Rondthaler had so generously distributed.

Intermittently a group in one section of the circle, which felt particularly hilarious, gave fifteen Raahs! for various members of the party. Finally we all stood to the tune of "Alma Mater" but no one wanted to go just then. Mr. Higgins filled in this gap in the program quite successfully by the introduction of a new kind of snake dance. (Any one desiring particulars, please see him).  
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## COLLEGE PRESS ASS'N TO BE HELD AT N. C. C. W.

October 28th and 29th are to be devoted to the semi-annual meeting of the Interstate-Collegiate Press Association, which, it will be remembered, had its birth last March at the suggestion of Daniel L. Grant, the 1920-21 editor-in-chief of the Carolina "Tar Heel." The first meeting proved such a success that it was decided to have meetings twice a year at the various colleges, with not less than two representatives from each student body as delegates.

The second meeting of the association was held at Davidson, while this year the members will meet at N. C. C. W., in Greensboro. Every college is expected to be represented, and it is hoped that this meeting will be very profitable for the southern college papers.

Misses Isabel Spears and Rachel Jordan will represent the Salemite.

The Home Economics Club held its first regular meeting on Wednesday night. After the constitution was read and approved election of officers followed.

Miss Olivene Porterfield—President.  
Miss Margaret Whitaker—Vice-President.

Miss Dorothy Sessoms—Secretary.  
Miss Elizabeth Leight—Treasurer.  
The club adjourned to meet on November 2nd.

REBA RUSS.

## WILDCAT MINSTRELS OFFER VARIED PROGRAM.

The Wildcat Minstrels, under the guiding hand of Professor Erwin, is doing some hard work to repeat its phenomenal success of last year. The finishing touches are now being added and the program is one which will prove highly entertaining and amusing to all. Professor Erwin says he has some of the latest jokes and jazz novelties up his sleeves, not to speak of some rare bits of fun in the clog dancing line and he believes Al. G. Fields himself would turn green with envy if he chanced to be sitting in the audience.

## BISHOP RETURNS TO Y. P. M.

Just when we had decided that Bishop Rondthaler was staying away "too long" he suddenly appeared on the scene and talked to us in Y. P. M. October 5th.

Even though Bishop cannot be with us every Wednesday during Bible class we are glad that he thinks about us, and comes back to us whenever it is possible.

## ABSENCE SYSTEM NAME APPEARS MISLEADING

As a name for our new regulations concerning class attendance, the "Absence System" seems misleading, because it puts stress on absence rather than presence; but then, what's in a name? The important thing is that we understand the where, why, and what of this system.

First, the where. In most of the up-to-date colleges and schools of the country there are in use practical regulations governing class attendance. When our faculty committee met to draw up rules for Salem, it made use of the best parts of many systems, adding some regulations that they thought necessary for our peculiar needs; so that these rulings have not been made in haphazard fashion, but behind each one we can see a committee of toiling instructors working for the benefit of every Salem girl. This is not a new system, but an old one much renovated, and the why of the new is easy to guess, being no more than the failure of the old. This failure was due in part to a lack of understanding on the part of the students and likewise to an insufficient and inappropriate penalty. It almost seems that our old "cut system" offered a temptation towards absence from, rather than an incentive for presence, in class.

And now, for our third point,—the what of the system, and our first subject, tardiness. There is no question as to whether tardiness is annoying, but it is certain that it is often excusable. Perhaps one just misses a car at the square, or needs to see Dr. Pfohl, or must go to or from Memorial Hall when the elevator is not in use, or has a mishap on the way. These certainly would be legitimate excuses, but the main point is: the teacher must be told of the excuse and must judge for herself its quality. In the case of excuses the old maxim holds fast, "Quality is better than quantity." "Two unexcused tardinesses shall be counted by the instructor as one absence. It shall be in the province of the instructor to judge the merits of excuses offered at the close of the class."

Regulations four and five should be taken as a unit. The object of these regulations is the prevention of absences from class on the slightest pretext; that is, a student, knowing, as she now does, that she has only a limited number of excused absences available, will weigh her desires for absence carefully before making use of them. During a given semester, a student in a two-hour course may have  
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## STUDENT-GOVERNMENT ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Owing to the failure of Miss Sarah Lingle to return, it was necessary to select another vice-president of the Student Council. Miss Nina Sue Gill, who has been a council member for three years, was given this position. The student body unanimously elected Miss Olivene Porterfield to fill the vacancy left by Miss Gill's promotion.

## QUEENS BLUES.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 14.—On Thursday, October 6th, the Student Government Council presented to the student body the honor cards. These cards were signed by all the girls as this honor system extends not only to the girls in student government affairs but in the class room as well. It is felt that this is a big step towards making Queens a one hundred per cent college.

The Better Library Movement which was instituted last year by the Queens Blues staff is progressing splendidly. The library was cleaned and re-arranged by the Freshman class and the Kappa Omicron Honorary Society has taken it in charge, as there is no librarian. The Kappa Omicrons are planning to catalogue the library soon.

## PLANS FOR SENIOR SPEAKING MADE.

The program for Senior speaking this year at Davidson gives promise of being the best in the history of the college. The festivities commence November 25th and run through November 28th without a break. Friday morning the Glee Club makes its debut under the direction of D. P. McGeachy and Friday afternoon the "Wildkittens" will do battle with Clemson's second team on the football field. For Saturday morning the Dramatic Club, under the direction of Professor Erwin, has a skillfully prepared program which will prove both interesting and entertaining.

## Just Missed Perfection.

First Cocky (on horseback)—"That cove ye've had wurkin' for yer arsked me fur a job this mornin'. Was he a steady chap, Ryan?"

Second Cocky—"He was. If he'd ha' bin inny stiddier he'd ha' bin motionless."—The Bulletin (Sydney).

## Easy Explanation.

"I say, Stalker," he said, "you remember yo utold me you had hunted tigers in West Africa? Well, Captain Smith tells me there are no tigers there."

"Quite right, quite right," said Stalker, blandly, "I killed them all."—London Opinion.