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## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PERVADES COLLEGE

### Main Building Girls Entertain Seniors at Christmas Dinner.

Dinners may come and dinners may go, but the Christmas Dinner given the Seniors Saturday night is one that will stand foremost in the heart and mind of every senior. It was a grand and glorious occasion indeed. Each Senior was led to the long table in the center of the dining room by a charming young escort. It was not difficult for the guests to find their places, as attractive Christmas cards solved the problem. About this time the most popular jazz of today was rendered by an appropriate wind orchestra. It was the center of the table, just at this moment, that received such admiration, for hanging over a most attractive Christmas tree was a large red bell with many decorations. At the beginning of the dinner, Miss Ruth Crowell, president of the Junior class, welcomed the Seniors most heartily, after which Miss Stipe, in a charming manner likewise greeted them. Miss Elizabeth Gillespie, president of Senior class, responded to these. A reading, "Twas the Night Before Christmas", was delightfully given by Miss Mavis Lindsey and during the dinner Christmas songs of good cheer were sung. Highly enjoyable talks were given by Dr. Rondthaler and Mr. Higgins.

Salem girls are known for their originality and especially in their thoughts of others. The Christmas dinner Saturday night is something new at Salem and the Seniors of 1922 are overjoyed that they are the first to be so honored. May it continue to be a time-honored event at Salem in years to come.

### JUNIORS DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED.

On Monday afternoon, December the fifth, from four-thirty till six o'clock, Miss Bessie Pfohl delightfully entertained the Juniors of Salem College at her home on Main street. The guests were met at the door by Misses Mary and Ruth Pfohl, and ushered into the reception hall. Various games, involving both the wit and memory, were played, and the time passed very pleasantly. As the afternoon drew to a close the guests were shown to the dining room, where delicious refreshments, consisting of frozen salad, coffee, and salted peanuts, were served. After a few minutes spent in conversation and the singing of Christmas songs, the guests departed, having enjoyed to the fullest the afternoon spent with so charming a hostess.

Besides the Juniors, those enjoying Miss Pfohl's hospitality were: Mesdames Nonremaker and J. B. Whittington and Misses Lula May Stipe, Constance Pfohl, and Margaret Albright.

## JUNIOR-FRESHMAN

One of the most beautiful weddings to be recorded in the annals of the "Mock Almanac" occurred in the church of St. Library at Salem College on Tuesday evening, December 5th, at 6:30 o'clock, when Miss Ima Green Freshman, alias Miss Elizabeth White, was united in marriage to Mr. Hesa Junior, otherwise known as Miss Mable Chinnis.

The church was never more beautiful than on this occasion, when it was decorated with ivy and many candles, the glow of which admirably eliminated the presence of the many antagonistic school books.

Prior to the ceremony Madame Martha Hassell, foremost opera singer of Salem, sang "O Promise Me" in tones clear and vibrant. Then, with the first strains of the wedding march, appeared the two small ribbon bearers, the little Misses Ruth Womelsdorf and Katherine Hughes, who carefully hemmed in the crowded congregation with ribbons representing the colors of the two classes. After these came the six groomsmen, Estelle McCanless with Mary Warren, Ora Cole with Queen Graeber, and Ermah Lemen with Peggy Wooten, who grouped themselves about the altar. Following these came the six lovely bridesmaids, each carrying a feather fan of a different shade. These were Misses Alice Rulfs, Elizabeth Griffin, Katherine Kincaid, Thelma Pillsbury, Juanita Sprinkle, and Nancy Arthur. Next in order, came the dame of honor, Miss Ruth Crowell, stunningly attired in a lace gown, with sash of palest pink chiffon. She was followed by Miss Alice Lyerly as Maid of Honor, lovely in a peach taffeta with feather fan to match. Following came the two small flower girls, the little Misses Catherine Armstrong and Esther Efid, who strewed the bride's path with delicate magnolia leaves of various hues. The last to gather around the altar was the small ring bearer, little Master Allus Dunklee, who carried the colors of the two classes on an exquisite satin pillow. He made a charming picture in black velvet jacket and flesh satin knicker.

The bride appeared on the arm of her father, gorgeously gowned in kitten's ear satin, daintily embroidered in seed pearls, and carrying a lovely corsage of ivy leaves and paper "Pud Griffin" roses. Suspended from a bandeau of orange blossoms hung an exquisite veil of finest curtain lace, at the bottom of which was a cluster of orange blossoms.

At the altar they were met by the groom and his best man, Mr. Andrew Blair Bristol, a cousin of the groom. As the weeping father gave his daughter to the groom, the whiskers became loosened enough to brand him as Miss Helen Coble, president of the Freshman class.

While Miss Elizabeth Parker softly played "To a Wild Rose", on the violin, accompanied by Miss Harriet Uzzle, the Reverend Elijah Hanes read the impressive class color ceremony, in which he bestowed the colors of the Junior family upon the Freshman family, with vows for the Juniors and Freshmen to love, honor, and

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY TENDERED FACULTY AND SENIORS BY MAIN BUILDING GIRLS.

On last Saturday night Main Hall was the scene of a lovely party, when the Main Building Girls were hostesses to the College and Academy faculty and college Seniors. The guests were greeted at the north entrance by Miss Lula May Stipe, house-mother, and Miss Ruth Crowell, president of Junior class. Upon entering, one indeed felt that Christmas had already made its arrival, because the decorations on every hand filled the atmosphere with the true holiday spirit. The central decorative feature was the Christmas tree which stood, unusual in its brilliant beauty, in the middle of the hall.

While eagerly awaiting for old Santa to appear, everyone made merry with songs and dancing. In the midst of the jollification a breathless pause announced the arrival of the delayed guest. Santa Claus with his usual smile greeted the crowd heartily and then turned straight to the task of distributing the many useful gifts which adorned the tree. Each of the guests was remembered with some appropriate gift—the Seniors receiving an enormous and attractively arranged basket of fruit. After the excitement from viewing and admiring the gifts had partially subsided, delicious refreshments, consisting of ambrosia and fruit cake, were served.

At a late hour the guests departed, each voting this occasion the most enjoyable in the history of the custom.

## OPEN SESSION OF ENGLISH FORUM.

In the library from five to six o'clock on Thursday afternoon, December 8, 1921, the English Forum class held an open session. This meeting was devoted to the presentation, by members of the class to sophomores, freshmen, and all others who care to come, of reports on the disarmament conference, which has been called by President Harding at Washington. Especial emphasis was laid on the Far Eastern question in regard to disarmament.

The speakers and their subjects were:

Chairman—Edith Hanes.  
Hughes' Points—Alice Lyerly.  
Personnel of Conference—Sadie Penry.

Disarmament and the State of Europe; Victorious Countries—Miriam Vaughn; Vanquished Countries—Katharine Denny.

Open Door Policy—Mozelle Culler.  
Inside the Open Door—Bessie Pfohl.  
Are We Giving Japan a Square Deal?—Mabel Chinnies.

White Australia—Bright McKemie.  
Why Japan Would Be Mistress of Seas—Rachel Jordan.

This was a new phase of English work and much interest and appreciation was shown by the audience. The speakers evidenced a thorough knowledge of the subjects under discussion and careful preparation for their reports. It is hoped that another like session will be held soon after the holidays.

## CHRISTMAS VESPERS

The most beautiful of the services of the college year are the vespers which are held in Salem College library on Sunday before the Christmas holidays. According to custom the Seniors have charge of this occasion, which is always marked by its dignity and reverence.

This season they were especially impressive and beautiful. On one side of the library was a large tree under which were gifts for the mission school children. Placed to the left of this was a miniature town of Bethlehem with its surrounding hills, valleys, streams, and winding roads. A short distance from the village was the manger in which the Christ-child lay. Just entering the stable were the three wise men, while above the door shone the guiding star. On the green hillside adjoining shepherds watched their sheep. The library was softly lighted with numerous candles.

The audience assembled at four-fifteen and were ushered to their places by the Senior marshals. Immediately the Seniors dressed in white and wearing their caps and gowns, formed in line, carrying candles and singing "Adeste, Fideles" as a processional. Those present then joined in the singing of several Christmas hymns, after which the Seniors sang a beautiful anthem. Dr. Rondthaler read a touching poem which was written by a Southern college girl and whose theme was the birth of Christ. As is customary, he also read the Christmas story from the Bible and then told it in a most reverent and impressive way. A new ceremony was added to the last part of the service. Before the singing of the last songs, the Seniors, assisted by members of the Sophomore class, gave every one present a candle which was lighted from one central candle, and which represented Faith and Hope. It is hoped that time will make of this symbolical ceremony a custom.

Christmas Vespers give a more reverent spirit and a deeper significance to the season, and do much to bring home to us its true meaning.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

The Y. W. C. A. Christmas bazaar has become an annual event. On Monday afternoon from four to six o'clock the bazaar for 1921 was held in Main Hall.

The ability of Salem girls both to prepare delicious refreshments and to use the needle skillfully was uniquely and artistically displayed.

The Japanese novelties, which attracted so much attention last year, were very much in evidence again and added their share to the attractiveness and profit of the bazaar.

An interesting sum was realized for the Blue Ridge fund.

Begin to make your plans to go to Blue Ridge in June. Salem wants a delegation of twenty girls.