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LECTURES AT HISTORY CLUB**

*Early Methods of Transportation is Subject of An Interesting Address at First Regular Meeting of the Club For the Year 1924-25*

On Wednesday, September the twenty-fourth, at eight P. M., the first meeting of the History Club was held in the living room of the Alice Clewett building, with Miss Eleanor C. Chase presiding. The preliminary business consisted of the election of a secretary, to which position Marjorie Bretz, '26, was unanimously chosen, and the adoption of a constitution presented by the chairman.

Colonel William A. Blair, President of the Peoples' National Bank of Winston-Salem, gave the address of the evening, taking as his subject, "Early Methods of Transportation in North Carolina." As an introduction he made several remarks concerning the roads in the world in Egypt, Greece; in Peru, where the race of Indians called Inca centuries ago paved a road five thousand miles long; in huge blocks of stone covered with bituminous, a road with rows of trees and road flanking mountains on either side; in Rome, the mother of old empires, and her conquered provinces. In England, very particularly, remains of the early Roman roads are still to be found; and, in this connection, it is interesting to note that when Sir Christopher Wren was planning his beautiful church, he built down and down until he found the base of the old Roman road and on it he put the corner of his church, so safe and secure, and it remained. The first road law passed in England required that the brush be cut off the roads for two hundred feet back in order to prevent lurking robbers from pouncing on unsuspecting travelers.

In the early days of North Carolina, transportation was not a matter of very definite interest, for practically all settlements were made along the coast and whatever traveling was necessary was done by means of water—in log rafts, and for the purpose; or, as Colonel Blair very humorously put it, in the Indian fashion—on the Indian's back. The Indians, then, besides, were the first road engineers, and many of the good roads that still follow the trails which they made many years ago. In those days, all goods were brought to Wilmington by vessel, thence via the Cape Fear River to Fayetteville, and on wagons from there to Western North Carolina, Tennessee, etc. Each year the Indians planned a trip to the ocean. Colonel Blair told us of his witnessing the ceremonies on the coast of Massachusetts several years ago where a company from New Mexico had made the journey. One of their trails extended from the western part of the State, by High Point, Asheboro, Fayetteville, and Carlisle, to the coast of North Carolina, and it is this trail which is today one of the most beautiful highways.

In 1754, a band of Meravians settled in Bethania, some few miles from Winston-Salem; and a English settlement was begun about the same time near Guilford. There was later established between the two. The first plank road was built in Canada and were favored there because they could be easily closed off now during the winter. The idea spread to New York and southward to North Carolina. The same day that the road was char-

tered, it was also chartered the railroad and it soon became evident that much transportation of goods would be via the latter. The chartered road was to extend from Fayetteville to Bethania—one hundred and twenty-five miles in length, the longest plank road ever constructed—and rapid work began at the start.

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**A Sketch Concerning  
The MacDowell Club**

Within the next few weeks, every college student and member of the faculty will be asked to join one of the most enthusiastic clubs of the University—the MacDowell Club. This club was organized in 1919 with Dean Shirley as its first president and Miss Eleanor C. Chase as its first secretary. Its object is to stimulate an interest in music, art, and dancing as a means of social entertainment, and to give to the college girl the opportunity of acquiring a taste for herself with certain developments along these lines.

Many interesting lectures were on the program during the first three years of the club—lectures by Mrs. Edward MacDowell, Mrs. Maud Patterson Elliot, and Mrs. Lindsay Waterhouse. These proved extremely interesting and it was with special delight that the club greeted Mrs. MacDowell, the wife of the noted composer.

Every department of the club was interested in entertaining the members of the club, and the departments vied with each other, so to speak, in enlarging the aim of the club, and making the meetings more interesting. The English Department gave the Old English Yuletide Maumers Christmas Play; the Y. W. C. A. gave the National Dances in costume; and the Art Department gave an illustrated lecture on art.

Quite frequently the members indulge in a picnic. These are always enjoyable, for everyone is young again, and games and songs are enjoyed with zest and vim. In 1922, the club presented to the college a modern moving picture machine of the best sort. This was installed in Memorial Hall, and for two years pictures of every variety have been shown. For instance, such pictures as "The Tale of Two Cities," "Down to Sea in Ships," "Ponsel and Sam," "The Bachelor Daddy," and many others have been among those shown.

The president for the coming year is Mr. Higgins, who has long been a member of the MacDowell Club; and another enthusiastic member, Mr. Venable, is acting as secretary. The Board of Directors is chosen from the membership.

**Gift of New Books  
For the Library**

Miss Cora A. Harris, of Charlotte, North Carolina, has sent to the College Library the following books:

- "The Teaching of History and Civics."
  - "The New Voter. Teaching of History, Moral and Social Problems."
  - "The History of American People."
- This gift is indicative of the interest in the College Library and is likewise of the greatest service to the students of the college. Miss Harris stated in her letter accompanying the books that she intended sending, from time to time, additional books for the library.

**Y. W. C. A. Cabinet  
Entertain Student Body**

*Attractive Program Including Original and Clever Stunts Presented Over by Marjorie Neely*

The enthusiasm of the entire student body was aroused by an attractive invitation which was given in chapel during the past week—an invitation to the Y. W. C. A. party. On Saturday night at eight-fifteen and Mrs. Roudsberry, Dean Ship, and members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet were receiving in the campus living room of Alice Clewett building, and almost every college girl was present in response to the invitation.

In a short time everyone had become acquainted, and much talked of "Salem Spirit" was evident to the new girls. The Freshmen opened with a bit of a home-sick feeling soon forgot to think, "There's No Place Like Home," and began to think, "There's No Place Like Salem." To add to the joy of the party, Margaret Hartzell and Linnie Ridge furnished music for the evening, while Ella A. party general popular selections.

The outstanding feature was a student concert. All those present grouped themselves according to the month of their birth. Marjorie Neely, spokeswoman of the evening, advised that each group give an impromptu start, and added that the group giving the best presentation would be awarded with a prize. The following is a list of the amusing and unique stunts; all of which deserve honorable mention.

- January—Ain't Gonna Cry No More.
- February—George Washington and the Cherry Tree.
- March—Modern Salem Jazz Band.
- April—Three April Fools.
- May—A Modern Church Choir.
- June—Coming to Salem.
- July—Signing of Declaration of Independence.
- August—Initiation of a Ford.
- September—Ain't Gonna Cry No More.
- October—Salem Jazz Band of 1770.
- November—Broadcasting reports of 1924 Presidential Election.
- December—The Night Before Christmas.

The judges awarded the prize to August, which stunt was a most amusing imitation of a radio set with a flat tire.

At the conclusion of the evening very attractive refreshments were served—alcohol, chocolate ice-cream in miniature flower pots topped with a piece of green. It is needless to say that the party was a great success, and the Y. W. C. A. cabinet is to be congratulated on its originality in planning.

**Miss Alice Keeney To  
Direct Alumnae Record**

Since the death of Miss Sallie Shaffer, the editorship of the Alumnae Record remains to be replaced. The personal attachment and devotion of Miss Shaffer to the record is also in prospect of completion of its address list on an adequate paid basis. The system of addresses, hitherto not very accurate or complete, has been transferred to an addressograph, which will make it almost impossible and promptness in subscriptions, changes of address, and changes of name.

The addressograph, which is reported as to be completed, will constitute a record will continue as before, with the constant effort of those in charge, to better the paper upon every opportunity. In particular, it is hoped that items of current, campus, and college interest may be reported as to be continued, but paper not only to alumnae, but to students in residence as well.

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF  
ORGANIZATIONS WEDNESDAY**

*Scientific Society to be Organized Under Direction of Science Department; MacDowell Club Clearly Presented by Miss Duncan*

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Two chief aims of the society are to aid in the maintenance of a high scholastic standard in all academic work in Salem college and to endeavor to secure the placing of science as major subjects in all the high school of the country. Interest in scientific subjects is to be stimulated through the agencies of lectures, exhibitions, and other presentations. The society shall co-operate with all scientific organizations, both national and local, in their endeavors to advance the cause of science in America.

The membership of the society shall be divided into active members and associate members. The active membership shall come from the three upper classes and shall not exceed the total of twenty-four members. A person, to become a candidate for membership, must have passed all her academic work up to the time of her application, including a specified amount of work in science. Other restrictions concerning membership, placed on the student are the pursuit of a course in science throughout her college career, the membership in only two other societies, and the passing of the courses for which membership is desired. Members of the Scientific Faculty may be associate members.

The MacDowell Club was presented by Miss Duncan, the retiring president. Miss Duncan gave a brief sketch concerning the formation and work of the club for the benefit of the new girls and the new Faculty. The club, formed five years ago, was organized by Miss MacDowell, who was a pupil of the MacDowell Club, and the membership consisted of both faculty and students. The club met once every month and gave projects which, sometimes presented a series of folk dances, or at other times stories in costume. The three presidents of the club have been Dean Shirley, Miss Yerrinton, and Miss Duncan. Miss Yerrington advised the plan of buying a new moving picture machine for the club and this idea was carried out with the aid of Mr. Higgins. The very best pictures have been presented and enjoyed for about a year and a half. It was a plan of the club that the membership fee of one dollar per year for each person should pay for the machine. Last year the membership fees were used for a two-year payment on the Endowment. Therefore, it is the aim and aim of the club to finish the payment on the moving picture machine during the current year.

At the expanded chapel hour last Wednesday, detailed announcements were made concerning the organization of a new club and the canvassing for membership of one of the older clubs.

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