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Colonel Blair Talks At History Club

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Fayetteville end. First, came the necessary grading, and then the laying of runways situated the same distance apart as are the wheels of a wagon. These runways were planks three inches thick, eight or ten inches wide, and eight feet long. There was an abundance of good strong timber for the purpose, and the lower part of the road was built of pine, while the upper part was of fine oak.

The road was built to Salem instead of to Salisbury as was the original purpose, for Salisbury decided that on account of the railroad to be constructed, she would have no use for a road. As the road progressed, real estate jumped in value. When it reached Carthage, the land there doubled in value; and very soon Salisbury—then only a small village—recognized her error in not subscribing to the road. Winston had been started by this time and its citizens asked that the road be allowed to pass by the courthouse instead of by the originally planned Salem route. This was agreed upon. Mr. Francis Fries building a small plank road of his own where the road was to have gone. There was an enormous trade increase immediately. One woman sold three hundred dollars worth of blackberries in a season, and a lively trade sprang up in brandy and molasses.

This old plank road, following the path of the Indian trail, is the beginning of the great system of transportation in North Carolina whose roads are recognized among the finest in the world. From the mountains to the seacoast are wonderfully constructed highways, exciting the admiration of all nations; and, best of all, perhaps, by the side of these roads numerous schoolhouses have been built, illustrating the progress of education along with road building.

New Publication Office Ground Floor Main Hall

Through the efforts of Mr. Higgins during the summer months, THE SALEMITE and *Sights and Insights* staffs have been given a new office. The room is situated on the ground floor of Main Hall, immediately inside the first gateway, and was formerly the cabinet room of the Young Woman's Christian Association. A number of improvements in the way of varnishing, furnishing, etc., has made the place extremely attractive and, during the next week or so, further equipment is to be added. On either side of the door will be placed mail boxes for contributions to the publications, and Mr. Higgins has promised to provide manila files for the doorway.

Such a publication office has been an urgent need for several years; and now that it is an accomplished fact in place of a probability, better organization and better results will be possible. Thanks are due Mr. Higgins for his interest and labors in behalf of the two staffs.

BROADWAY THEATRE PROGRAM FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY

The Broadway Theatre offers a very good program of pictures for the coming week. Monday and Tuesday, William de Mille's latest picture, "The Bedroom Window," starring Mae McAvoy, will be shown. This is a comedy drama. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Thomas Meighan in a James Oliver Curwood story entitled, "The Alaskan," will hold the boards—this picture is a very current "catch-up" picture, set in Alaska and one of the biggest stars of the day. Saturday next week a melodrama, called "It Is The Law," will be shown at the Broadway.

"Rastus, does you all know dat yo' remind me of dem dere flying machines?"
"No, Mandy; how's dat?"
"Why, becuse youse no good on earth."—*Christian Advocate.*

POUVEZ-VOUS RIRE?

"Do you love me?" said the paper bag to the sugar.
"I'm just wrapped up in you," replied the sugar.

"You sweet thing," murmured the paper bag. * * *

"Have you an opening for a bright, energetic college student?"
"Yes, and don't slam it on your way out."—*Ex.* * * *

Teacher: "Now, Robert, what is a niche in a church?"
Bobby: "Why, it's just the same as an iche anywhere else, only you can't scratch it as well."—*Boston Transcript.* * * *

"You must find that impediment in your speech rather inconvenient at times, Mr. Briggs?"
"Oh, no; everybody has his peculiarity. Stammering is in mine; what is yours?"
"Well, really, I am not aware that I have any."

"Do you stir y' your tea with your right hand?"
"Why, yes, of course."
"W—well, that is your peculiarity; most p-people use a teaspoon."—*Ezekiel.* * * *

"I get Honolulu, Peru, Moscow, and Dresden on my wireless set."
"Do you keep the windows open or closed?"
"It makes no difference."
"Well, I keep my windows open and I get Chili." * * *

Said a bald-headed man to a waitress bold.
"See here, young woman, my coco's cold."
She scornfully answered—"I can't help that."
If the thing's chilly, put on your hat. * * *

"I'm sorry to have to do this," said little Johnny, as he spread the jam on the baby's face, "but I can't have suspicion pointing its finger at me."

Interesting Botanical Tract By Dr. Schallert

A tract entitled "A Botanical Collecting Trip Up Grandfather Mountain, June 16, 1923," was prepared by Dr. P. O. Schallert, instructor of Botany at Salem College, for presentation at North Carolina Academy of Science. It is a noteworthy piece of work, not only for the valuable botanical knowledge imparted and new species discussed, but for the beautiful description of the country covered on the trip. The doctor carries the reader with him up the rugged mountain side by blowing Rock to the high peaks of Grandfather Mountain. He reveals a distinct sensitiveness to minutest details. Little escapes his eye and as he passes each life zone on his way to the top of the mountain different species of flora are revealed.

Not often does one find a scientific report or essay written in the free, easy, conversational manner that Doctor Schallert uses in this paper. There is no need of saying he is a lover of nature—it speaks from every line. One feels the presence of the rugged out-of-door man who is the guide, the rich conversationalist, and, above all, the thorough botanist.

She—O Alky, you English are so slow.
He—Er, I'm afraid I don't grasp you.

She—Yes, that's just it.—*Brown Jap.* * * *

Little Mary was attending a class in French, and the teacher had ordered that no English be spoken during the lesson. The next day as Mary arrived, the teacher greeted her with:
"Bon jour."
Mary hesitated but an instant.
"Mah jong," she gravely replied.
American Legion Weekly. * * *

Teacher: "Who can describe a caterpillar?"
Tommy: "I can, teacher."
"Well, Tommy, what is it?"
"An upholstered worm."—*E.*

Contest For Art Editor Of Salem in Progress

On last Wednesday, September 24, the contest for Art Editor of THE SALEMITE was begun, and will extend through Tuesday of the ensuing week. All college students are eligible and the person submitting the most original and cleverly drawn illustration to be used as a head for the joke column will be selected for the position. The committee of judges consists of Mrs. Meinung of the Home Economics Department, and Mr. Higgins, Head of the Science Department.

All sketches and cartoons should be submitted to the editor of the publication before nine o'clock, Wednesday, October 1.

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