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One of our subscribers handed us the query "Why Not?" which appears prominently on our first page.

It seems to be an outbreak inspired by righteous indignation because of which we will be sorry if one hears the rumors abroad of the device practiced by many students in preparing for books and papers in class work, by say nothing of the disregard for the rights of others in the well-known misuse of reference books in the library. The "clever" devices invented and hoisted in the art of breaking rules and escaping the consequences would alone justify the accusation that the daughters of Salem, if not the daughters of Eve, inherited guile from the serpent.

We like to think that the daughters of Salem will be the most forceful influences in the communities in which they live after leaving Salem. We should like to think that they will be a force for righteousness. Can this be if the Salem girl is not in her proper "square" in her student days?

It seems to us that of Salem should take the matter in hand now that we should institute an act of Salem an honor system so operative that every man's school in the United States should take off its hat to us, ethically as well as socially.

Let us act! If the imitation has been made which our spirit, we must do something, or blush to think that we belong to the debased half of humanity!

The Salemite invites discussion, suggestion and inspiration in these pages.

Certainly every girl in school has heard at least some echo of the campaign for pep and almost everyone has been exceedingly interested in it. We thoroughly approve of the campaign and lend our enthusiastic support toward its success. But we wonder if all the girls who talk about pep could give a satisfactory definition of the word. It consists not of one quality but of many. Pep is wholehearted co-operation with the spirit and activities of an organization with which one may be allied. Pep is expressed in words, not in words alone; deeds must follow the words and prove them to be true. Pep is eagerness; pep is fervor; pep is devotion. Perhaps the best-mentioned quality is the most important of all, because without it, eagerness and devotion might wane. But with devotion, pep becomes a lasting thing whose value may not be reckoned. It is not a mere outward manifestation, but an inner state of mind which influences all one's activities and becomes a part of one's character.

As a natural companion of pep we introduce class spirit. Class spirit is patriotism in miniature. Sometimes a person, through lack of contact with other schools, may fail to grasp entirely the meaning of college spirit, but class spirit may be understood by everybody—

from the newest freshman to the oldest senior. There is always rivalry between classes and one may support his own class in many varied ways in order to get ahead in his studies, and always with sincerity, loyalty and steady allegiance. Believe us, you are always most for her, attend her meetings, back up her officers. Be an enthusiastic Freshman or Sophomore or Junior or Senior. Believe that yours is the best class in school and show that you believe it.

With the recent agitation for class spirit there is the ever-present danger of hostility between classes. Class spirit is an important part of college life and is a wholly desirable attribute, but it should be enthusiasm for one's own class without animosity toward another. One may be a loyal adherent of a cause and still be broad-minded enough to see good in an opposite viewpoint. Class spirit is an excellent and essential to the fullest participation in college activities, but it should never be allowed to degenerate into unbridledness. Keep your class spirit full of wholesome-ness and pep, but let it hold nothing of rancor or of bitterness.

"I have too much work to do," is the cry we hear on all sides, day in and day out. "I am too busy already. I'm sorry I can't do what you ask," is his reply to any request for even the simplest performance duty in club or organization. There is no way nothing of small amounts of outside work asked for now and then. Practically every student has a lot of work to do, and there is a great hoard of activity on the campus than we have ever seen before. It is possible that every single student is forced to spend all his time on academic work to the exclusion of all class interest and co-operation? We are practically certain that courses have not been planned to occupy every minute; and that there must be a certain amount of exaggeration in the plea, "I am too busy."

The first snow of the season this week, although slight, signified that winter has come in good earnest. There is nothing like exercise to combat his chilling breezes and to tough the out-door man who looks dreary, the person who covers over a radiator will suffer much more from the cold than the one who braves the weather and keeps his body warm by his own efforts. For those who engage in no organized sports, biking is one of the most pleasant means of getting exercise. A long hike on a cold day is the best way to get warm and cheerful. We know, and we recommend it highly to all who are tempted to remain indoors on frosty days.

## PREPARATION

Now the year is growing older  
And the weather's getting colder  
As Thanksgiving time draws near  
All the teams are training tramped  
Through energy exercises  
With a purpose that's quite clear.  
As the day approaches faster  
Each is striving to be master  
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### INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS AT SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

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time the disease was very common in the Orient. A Japanese may in fact be disturbed at the large number of men who suffered from beriberi. He began a systematic investigation which resulted in a more varied diet, with much fruit for the sailors. The eradication of the disease was accomplished when unpolished rice was substituted for polished rice.

It has been found that the lack of vitamins in the food forces the animal or human being to get its substance from its own tissues. As the stores in the tissues of the muscles is exhausted, there results a breaking down of the nerve tissues.

It is an established fact that scurvy and beriberi are caused by a deficiency of vitamins and it is from experience with these diseases that the vitamin theory has arisen.

### Class Basket-Ball Teams

**Senior**  
Polly Hawkins—Right Forward  
Margaret Welles—Left Forward  
Elizabeth Parker—Jump Center  
Elizabeth Hall—Side Center  
Jean Abell—Right Guard  
Louis Woodard—Left Guard  
Ella Bullock—Substitute  
Frances Young—Substitute

**Junior**  
Elsie Barnes—Right Forward  
Elizabeth Brooks—Left Forward  
Elsie Shuler—Jump Center  
Mary Alta Robbins—Side Center  
Anna Southard—Right Guard  
Ellen Griffin—Left Guard  
Conce Fowler—Substitute  
Laura Thomas—Substitute

**Sophomores**  
Ella Raper—Right Forward  
Mary Buckner—Left Forward  
Isabel Smith—Side Center  
Ella Bell—Right Guard  
Ruth Poff—Left Guard  
Anna P. Shaffer—Substitute  
Conce Fowler—Substitute  
Laura Thomas—Substitute

**Freshmen**  
Estelle Lawson—Right Forward  
Dorothy Schaller—Left Forward  
Elizabeth Dooling—Jump Center  
Susan Luckenbach—Side Center  
Dorothy Fischer—Right Guard  
Ella Bullock—Left Guard  
Altha Badenoch—Substitute  
Pearl Martin—Substitute  
Mary Audrey Stough—Substitute.

### Salem Entertains

**MUSIC SUPERVISORS**  
Guests Conducted Over Campus and Buildings; Buffet Supper Served.

The music supervisors who attended the conference held in the city during the past week were delightfully entertained Wednesday afternoon at Salem College. Dr. and Mrs. Ramlshaker greeted the guests at the door of Main Hall. They were assisted in receiving by Dean E. A. Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vardill, Miss Lucie Dorn, Miss Hazel Reed, Miss Ruth Deane, Miss Grace Keeney, Miss Caroline Thibault, Mrs. Annex, Miss Louise Cox, Miss Laurie Jones, Miss Anna Smith, Miss Harriet Cavanah, Miss Myrtle Jones, Miss Briezt, Miss Mary Cash, and Miss Harriet Gresler.

At five o'clock the guests were received by students of Salem College and conducted over the campus. After seeing the Alice Clewell Building, the president's house, and the beautiful lake campus, they were conducted to the Home Movie Studio where they were received by Dr. and Mrs. Poff. They also made a visit to Memorial Hall where they inspected the musical equipment.

At five-thirty they were invited to the porch of Main Hall to be met at a concert given by the Moravian Band, directed by Mr. B. J. Poff.

At six o'clock all the guests were conducted to the library where a most delicious buffet supper was served. The library was beautifully decorated for the occasion with a profusion of chrysanthemums and ferns. Over two hundred guests were present.

### A Sketch of the Salem Graveyard

The sun shone on the graveyard, the same sun and the same graveyard that was there one hundred and fifty-eight years ago. The walk, called an avenue, extending along the side of the graveyard, is separated from it by a brick wall. A picket fence, covered with ivy, stands on the brick wall. There are five different entries from the avenue, over which are wooden arches, supported by brick columns, inscribed with Bible verses. On the far side, a deep ravine whose sloping sides are covered with trees, separates the Moravian graveyard from the city cemetery.

This graveyard, unlike most graveyards, has flat tombstones. There are no slabs or monuments, but only long rows of white tombstones. The graves are arranged in rows and the same number of rows are in each plot. These plots are separated by walks some shaded by cedar trees. These trees of the towering limbs might have been here for a hundred and fifty-eight years ago. The married women are not buried beside their husbands, but are buried in a separate row. The single sisters have a plot to themselves. The children and also the unmailed infants have their own plots. On the tombstones of these infants, usually only the word *Infans* is inscribed. The real old tombstones in this graveyard are turning black with age, were in serried by hand, therefore they are very old.

The first person to be buried in this graveyard was an old Indian. His grave is placed near the entrance to the Middle Gate. The inscription on his tombstone, inscribed over a century and a half ago, is now all obliterated. The inscription of John Henry Bomer, Salem's poet, as he was called is buried in this graveyard. Lines referring to his famous *April* and *Eighty-two* poems, are inscribed on his tombstone.

JOHN HENRY BOMER  
Born in Salem, N. C.  
January 31, 1843.  
Died in Washington, D. C.  
March 6, 1903.

*Had gentler of undertaker who caught  
His name from the whispering pines.*

Samuel McClary, the mysterious stranger who died in Salem and whose relatives were located by a message from the "spirits," is buried here. On his tombstone are written these words:

To the Memory of  
SAMUEL McCLARY  
A native of South Carolina,  
formerly a respectable merchant  
of Charleston.

He was born in the district of Williamsburgh in the year 1702.  
And died at this place  
On the 6th September 1821  
Aged 99 years.

*Oh! Friends at home and kindred  
dear  
If chance should bring you here  
Remember that his Louisa  
Redeemed this grave with many a  
tear.*

September 10, 1861.

Here in this graveyard, every Easter morning the Bibles of the Early Morning Estate Services, for which the Moravians are famous. The Bibles, which are placed where he stands, is also the plot reserved for his burial ground. This graveyard has a more cheerful and a more beautiful aspect than most graveyards. The green grass which covers the graveyard is brightly trimmed. The bright colors of the flowers, which are on the graves at all times of the year, add beauty to the place. No flowers are planted here, thus the turf is unbroken.

An atmosphere of peace pervades the place. The stillness is broken only by the chirping of the birds. The noises of the street a block away seem attenuated by distance, the shadows and light filter through the links of the old cedar tree and stop to rest on the white tombstones. The solitude and peacefulness of this graveyard is the impression that here, at last, one may rest in perfect peace.

—Dorothy Frazer.

### Regular Meeting of the Pierrette Players

Discuss Lord Dunsany's Plays; Frances Young Reads "The Tent of the Arabs."

The Pierrette Players held their regular meeting Thursday evening in the campus living room of Alice Clewell Building. The committee on plays announced that three one-act plays, *The Maker of Dreams*, *Suppressed Desire*, and *Enter the Hero* had been selected for the stage on January the seventh. Dr. Willoughby gave a brief sketch of each play.

After the reading of the business was transacted, an enjoyable program was given on the life and work of Lord Dunsany, an Irish playwright, in the fact that he gave an interesting resume of his life. She contrasted him with other Irish playwrights, in the fact that his characters were fantastic and highly imaginary, and his scenes usually laid in some oriental country which the author had never visited. She commented upon the simplicity of his style, which is one of the chief characteristics of his work.

Miss Frances Young then read one of Lord Dunsany's plays, *The Tent of the Arabs*, which was very enjoyed. A general discussion followed after which the meeting was adjourned to meet again on December the fourth.

### Final Volley-Ball Games Played Monday

Upperclassmen and Freshmen will Settle Championship in Season's Last Game.

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### Sophomores Lose Game To Their Sister Class

Close Contest in Which Score Runs Twenty-seven to Twenty-three in Favor of Seniors.

The Seniors and Sophomores played another pep basket-ball game Monday afternoon, November 17. It was an equal struggle full of suspense and one whose outcome was hard to foretell. During the first half Polly Hawkins scored seven points and Margaret Welles four points for the Seniors and Ella Raper scored seven and Mary Buckner three points for the Sophomores. The Seniors and Sophomores were worked up to an intensity which made it hard for either side to stop. Then Polly Hawkins began scoring and the opposing team were baffled in their attempts to stop her. She won twenty points for her team. To this score Margaret Welles added three points, making a total of twenty-seven points for the Seniors, while the Sophomores scored thirteen during the last half, making their score total twenty-three.

### Who's Who and Where?

Myrtle Valentine spent the weekend with her sister who is teaching at the University of North Carolina.

Mary Lee Taylor, Charlotte, S.C., and Elizabeth Light went to Davidson College on Saturday.

Elizabeth Bizzell visited friends in Greensboro during the weekend. Mrs. O. H. Light and her family spent the weekend-end to be with her mother, who was injured in an automobile accident.

Eva Flowers was the guest of friends at N. C. C. W. during the past weekend.