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With a mixed feeling of fear and pride we take over the "Salemite" — with fear, lest we not be able to manage the paper as our successful predecessors have done; with pride, for the responsibility is a great one. Our editorial policy has not been defined — we need time to adjust ourselves to the new position. We shall, however, attempt, in our meager and insignificant way, to carry forward the purposes of the college paper, to make it more than a diary; to focus all campus activities, all campus beliefs and thoughts and opinions into a concise and comprehensive paper, to concentrate on the news of the day and not the history, to have a keen sense of sound judgment, tempered with a sense of the humorous side of life. We want the "Salemite" read, and read with spontaneous interest and enthusiasm. We want it to reflect in an honest and clear fashion the life at Salem. With the prospects of next year, when we hope there will be even greater student co-operation than this year, we are hoping that the "Salemite" will "sail on" into a new era of success and triumph.

We admit that there are some defects in the system of the student government, and that these need to be overcome. Dr. Binford's statement, however, at the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association meeting, that it was "un-American and undemocratic" comes as a challenge to the whole situation. He must have reasons for making the statement, and any suggestions as to the improvement of the system or reasons for its abandonment are in order at this time, when such an organization in many colleges is rocking between partial success and absolute failure.

We believe that a student government can be made the most democratic and the most American form of government for college students if the organization is strong, and each individual feels the responsibility. There is undoubtedly room for improvement, and any new opinions or thoughts on the subject are welcome.

Don't forget that it is bad policy to leave all research work, and notebooks until the day before examinations. Make good use of these last two weeks — finish up each course in good fashion, in order that you might have that satisfying feeling of a "task well done".

The new Salemite office is a joy to the staff, and a source of pride to the editor. Though it is somewhat inconveniently located, the delight in having a suitable office erases all inconveniences. The publication has long felt the need of an office by itself, where members of the staff can work in seclusion and quiet, and where space could be had for filing and for working with the greatest comfort. It is certain that with a place of business primarily and only for the Salemite, the work connected with the output of the paper will be greatly minimized.

The work of publishing a college paper becomes more difficult each year, and the arrangement of a new office for the staff illustrates the forward steps taken by the college to make a better organization of student publications.

## Mr. Fred Bahson Speaks To Mathematics Club

### Some Practical Problems Discussed.

On Wednesday evening, May fifth, at seven o'clock, the Mathematics Club was particularly fortunate in having as speaker Mr. Fred Bahson, a prominent business man of Winston-Salem. He said that his entrance upon engineering work was entirely accidental since he had at first intended studying medicine. He is now engaged in work connected with the construction of factory humidifiers.

Mr. Bahson's talk was devoted entirely to the practical every day applications of mathematics which one comes across constantly in all kinds of business enterprises. In applying mathematics to business there must be accuracy to a certain extent but unnecessary work should be abolished. In working out the revolutions of the planets, it was formerly discovered that Mercury was forty minutes late in a one hundred year's run. This slight discrepancy was explained by Einstein's theory but such minute figuring would not be practical in business.

Mr. Bahson illustrated his talk by an account of some of the problems which he encounters in his work, as, for example, the necessity of knowing how many grams of water are necessary per cubic foot of air to supply the deficiencies of humidity. Other interesting illustrations were the computation of the velocity of water which flies from a revolving disc, and an evaporation test. He also showed how he keeps a complete record of his business and sales by the use of the graph.

The question of interest and discount, which is an important practical application, was discussed in an interesting way by Mr. Bahson. He especially urged that one should beware of those people who offer more than six per cent interest on borrowed funds. Many widows and orphans are penniless today on account of having been tricked into such a scheme. An interesting application of geometrical progression was that of the letters which one sometimes receives with the injunction to send a copy to five other persons and not to break the chain. Should this request be carried out through the eighth series, there would be more than a million of these letters, and the



Dean Shirley will give an organ Vesper Service in Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, May 9, at six o'clock. This will be the last organ recital to be given by the Dean before he leaves for Europe, and the organ promises to be full of interest. Visitors and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The Y store has replenished its stock of food, cakes, candies, etc. and is ready to serve the students.

## Meeting Of Home

### Economics Club

The Home Economics Club was forced to abandon their proposed trip to the Froidgairre establishment, and had a private business meeting in the Living Room of Alice Clewell building on Tuesday evening, May 5.

This time the president urged that each member pay her dues. She appointed a nominating committee composed of Rachel Davis and Martha Dorch. Plans were made for the party to be given for the seniors at a later date, and committees were appointed to make the arrangements.

## The Salemite Staff

### Occupies New Office

The new Salemite office has been occupied by the staff, and is in the process of being furnished. The walls have been painted white so that the room is lighter and more cheerful looking, and chairs and tables have been furnished for the work of the staff. There is a cabinet in which to file old copies of the Salemite, and separate files for the work of each member of the staff. A committee is planning the decorations for the room. The color scheme of yellow and white will be carried out in the curtains, the table covers, the rug, and other furnishings.

The separation of the offices of "Sights and Insights" and the "Salemite" will be more convenient for both staffs. There will be a place to keep the papers and records of each separate from the other, and the staff members will have more room to work. Also, the offices may be furnished more individually, according to the needs and tasks of the staffs.

United States mail would be held up.

Mr. Bahson amused the members of the club very much by working out a chess board problem. When this game was invented in Persia, the king asked the inventor what reward he desired. The latter said that he wanted only one grain of wheat for the first square, two for the second, four for the third, and so throughout the chess board. Working out this problem by means of logarithms, the result was found to be over three hundred and thirty-two million miles of box cars of grain, which is almost three times as far as from here to the sun. Mr. Bahson concluded his entertaining and instructive talk by an interesting explanation of the use of the slide rule.

## Misses Helen Griffin And Evelyn McGehee In Recital

### Delight Audience With Piano And Vocal Numbers.

On Friday evening, April 30, the graduating recital of Miss Helen Griffin, soprano, took place in Memorial Hall at 8:15 o'clock. The stage was artistically decorated for the occasion with ferns and flowers. A large audience was present and showed its appreciation and enjoyment of the program by its hearty applause after each number.

The recital was unusually delightful, not only with regard to the program itself, but also in its charming presentation. Miss Griffin opened the program with the aria, "Lascio chi è piangere" from Handel's "Rinaldo", which she sang with artistic skill. Her Italian enunciation was excellent, and her phrasing was musical in every respect. The following number — the well-known Schubert "Ave Maria" — was sung with individuality and expression.

Miss Griffin's second group, consisting of selections from Brahms and Grieg, proved very interesting and showed her interpretative powers to good advantage. Her last group, however, was most popular with the audience and resembled the lovely quality of her voice in a most charming manner. Her final number, "Sunbeam," by Ronald, was especially well-liked. Miss Desha accompanied her with artistic skill.

Miss McGehee opened her program with the brilliant "Carnival Scenes" of Schumann. Her rare ability as a pianist was in evidence from the first. She played with deep conviction and with perfect command of tone and technique. Her interpretation was all that could be desired from an artistic point of view.

In the beautiful C sharp minor Nocturne of Chopin, her tones were clear and bell-like, and she played with remarkable finish and skill. "Ondine" by Ferrai, was interpreted with individuality and charm, while the Schubert-Liszt "Hark, Hark! the Lark" was played with exquisite brilliance and vivid effect.

The final number on the program was the Beethoven Concerto in C minor in which Miss McGehee was assisted by Mr. Vardell at the organ. The

## Open Forum

### Fellow Students:

The question of exemption from examinations is one that is of interest to every student, whether in high school, college, or university. Almost every student dislikes to take an examination, and the fatal examination week is the time of the year to which every student looks forward with dread and anxiety.

I believe that the attitude of students toward an examination makes such a test unfair. How can any pupil write an intelligent paper after spending the greater part of the day before — and usually the night before, also — in wild and distracted cramming? Or is such a test fair to the person who has "plodded" throughout the year, but who becomes frantic on the day of the examination, and falls entirely from fear? Then, there is the class of students who do not study all year, but by cramming for the examination, "get by with it".

Furthermore, exemption from final examinations would be an incentive to students to study throughout the year. I believe, that if a pupil knew that, by studying faithfully every day and by making a high average he could avoid taking the examination, study and work would become joy and pleasure instead of toil and boredom.

Ruth Marsden.

## Lillian Newell Assistant

### Business Manager

The Salemite staff takes pleasure in announcing the election of Miss Lillian Newell as Assistant Business Manager for the year 1928-1929. Miss Newell has filled very well the position of president of the Freshman class, and the staff feels itself indeed fortunate in securing her services.

The grandeur and brilliance of this composition offered a striking climax for the entire recital. Miss McGehee's performance was one of decided skill and brilliance.

The ushers for the recital were Misses Alpha Shaner, Rosa Caldwell, Janice Warner, Catherine Edgerton, Elizabeth Brooks, Virginia Griffin, and Adelaide Wright.

## Colonial

MONDAY—TUESDAY

## "FIFTH AVENUE"

A GORGEOUSLY GOWNED STORY WHICH APPEARED IN THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

Also Pathe Comedy "A RAINY KNIGHT"

WED. & THUR.

Douglas MacLean

—IN—

"THAT'S MY BABY"

Also PATHE COMEDY

FRI. & SAT.

Buck Jones

—IN—

"THE FIGHTING

BUCCANER"

Also "ADVENTURES OF MAZIE"