

FRESHMEN WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Miss Florence Slater Lectures On "The Beginning of Life"

Former Teacher at Cornell Discusses Biological Subject; Illustrates With Pictures.

The speaker whom Mrs. Rondthaler introduced to an audience of Salem girls in Memorial Hall on Tuesday night was Miss Slater, former professor of Biology at Cornell university, who explained in a peculiarly interesting manner "The Beginning of Life."

In answer to her own question, "What is life?" she said that a "beautiful good time" is only a small phase of life. Scientists are always trying, vainly, to solve the mystery—which, in reality, is no mystery at all, since it is solved in the first chapter of Genesis. There we find that life is the breath of God.

God's plan in the first six days of Creation was the next topic which Miss Slater developed. In doing this she gave as an example of the first and lowest type of animal, the paramecium, which reproduces by division, thereby making each individual consist of parts of its ancestors. Originally, it seems, there was no death—since the parent instead of dying became two new paramecia. Therefore, "Death is an acquired characteristic," says a well-known scientist. Founding their belief on the results of many experiments the leading biologists agree that as soon as man learns the proper foods to eat and the best way to bring about the necessary elimination of wastes, there will be no death.

An improvement in animal life is first noted in the hydra, which Miss Slater described as being the first instance of fertilization. The individuals resulting from the reproduction of the hydra possess the characteristics of both parents.

"In a few thousand years," the speaker continued with her Bible story, "male and female" created life." She discussed briefly fish, the earlier snake, and similar animals in which the method of reproduction is greatly advanced.

Then Miss Slater spoke of the vast importance of love, in relation to race propagation. Plato explains sex-attraction by having attributed it to an individual "longing for completion." This instinct is present in all except the very lowest forms of life—which have no sex. It is interesting to learn that

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Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler Entertain at Dinner

Academy Students and Faculty Are Guests Saturday Evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler entertained a dinner Saturday evening honoring students and faculty of the Academy. Small tables were placed in the dining room, living room, reception room and library, all of which were artistically decorated in yellow and red chrysantheums. Tiny balloon girls marked the places for the guests.

After a delicious three-course dinner the party went to Memorial Hall to the presentation of "Lady Ursula" by the Pierrette Players.

Which were artistically given by Mesdames Ledoux Siewers and John McQuiston and Miss Marion Neely. Those of the faculty present were: Miss Chase, Mrs. Sandway, Misses Zachary, Horner, Weaver, Murray, Knox, Winslow, Byrd, Charles, Howell and Jarratt.

Home Economics Clubs Meet

Discusses Plans for Bazaar To Be Held Monday, December 5.

The Home Economics Club held a short business meeting Wednesday night, November 23, at 7:13 o'clock in the campus living room of the Alice Clewell Building. Plans were discussed and completed for the Home Economics Bazaar that is to be held in the lobby of Main Hall on Monday afternoon, December 5. The bazaar is an annual event of the club and this year's promises to be very successful as it will feature Virginia novelties and gifts, Salem Blatter Calendars and hand-made gifts donated by the club members, as well as Christmas candies and fruit cakes. Each member promised to donate a gift.

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"The Adventure of Lady Ursula" Presented

Delightful Romantic Play Given by Pierrette Players.

"The Adventure of Lady Ursula," presented on Saturday evening, November 19, by the Pierrette Players, under the auspices of the senior class, was probably the best production of its kind which has yet been given by the dramatic club.

The play was a delightful romance, by Anthony Hope. The setting was in the eighteenth century, presumably in England. The story is concerned with an adventure of the Lady Ursula Barrington, a charming and vivacious heroine, who, in order to save the life of her brother, dresses in masculine apparel, and thus garbed, approaches the haughty and reserved Sir George Sylvester, who has sworn never to receive a woman inside his house.

Ursula succeeds in preventing the duel which was to have taken place between Sir George and her brother, the earl of Haswooden, and after several interesting and somewhat amusing encounters with Sir George, she wins his admiration and finally his love.

It may truly be said, that without exception, the characters were

Hard Fought Contest Brings Victory to Class of '31

Banquet Marks Crowning Event of Celebration; Presentation of Cup; Naming Varsity Team.

Weeks of arduous training, vigorous and untiring practice, long pent up enthusiasm and expectation, reached a climax on Thursday, November 24, when the biggest annual events in the sports calendar at Salem took place, the Thanksgiving basketball games and banquet.

The contest between the four classes for the silver cup, which has gone to the class of '28 for the past two years, was hard fought and excitingly close from beginning to end. A large crowd of non-participants, both students and visitors, gathered at the basket-ball court at 5 o'clock to witness the games and added a great deal to the spirit of the occasion by their enthusiasm, expressed in songs, yells and vociferous cheers.

Mr. Lloyd Hathaway, Director of city playgrounds, refereed the game, while the indispensable officers of time-keeper and score-keeper were held by Dr. Rondthaler and Mr. Higgins, respectively.

The first teams matched were the Sophomores and Juniors. The latter fought gamely, displaying excellent sportsmanship, but the superior training and team work of the Sophomores resulted in a score of twenty-two to four in their favor.

The contest between Seniors and Freshmen created the highest pitch of enthusiasm and suspense. The comparative calmness and coolness characterizing the match between Sophomores and Juniors gave place to a fever heat of alternate hope and despair as the almost perfectly-matched teams fought point by point for the college championship. The issue of the spirited contest was continually in doubt until the first one side and then the other scored a goal. The time-keeper finally put an end to the suspense by calling time when the score stood twenty-one to twenty in favor of the Freshmen. The latter team displayed remarkably strong team work and vigor. The excellent individual and collective skill and sportsmanship of the Seniors have long been known in the athletic world of Salem. They proved themselves as good losers as winners.

The last phase of the contest was marked by a fresh outburst of excitement and emotion, as Sophomores and Freshmen were matched in the final contest for the silver cup. In spite of fatigue due to previous exertions, they fought extremely vigorously. The final score if eleven to seven in favor of the Freshmen brought the game to a close, and gave that team the college championship and coveted Welfare Cup.

The crowning event of the great lay was the traditional banquet at six o'clock, at which the members of the four teams were guests of honor. The dining room was artistically decorated with yellow and white crepe paper and running ivy. In the middle of the center table around which the teams were placed was a large ship forming a unique centerpiece, symbolic of Salem's motto: "Sail on Salem." The attractive place cards carried out a similar design.

The guests were greeted by Dorothy Frazier, President of the athletic association.

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DOROTHY FRAZIER
President Athletic Association

ANNE HAIRSTON
Head of Basketball

Varied Program Given In Expanded Chapel

College Quartet Sings; Virginia Welch Leads Songs and Cheers.

On Tuesday, November 22, at the regular Expanded Chapel hour, Dr. Rondthaler introduced a new feature at Salem, the College quartet which is composed of Lilyan Newell, Margaret Johnson, Sarah Bell and Hilda Hester. The quartet which has been trained by Miss Dosha, sang two numbers, which were enthusiastically applauded by the students.

Dr. Rondthaler turned the meeting over to Virginia Welch, college cheer leader, for a Pep Meeting. The college songs and yells were given and the Academy was called upon for its song and yells. Each class cheer leader then led her group in the class song and yells. Much class rivalry and spirit were

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remarkably well presented by the members of the cast. The Lady Ursula Barrington, whose personality dominated the action of the play, was very successfully interpreted by Frita Piery, who thoroughly understood the difficulties of her role, and did them full justice. While the first and last scenes in which Ursula appears as a woman were done with praise-worthy skill, the other two scenes in which she is disguised as a boy, and which demanded a more complex form of acting were much more artistically and convincingly presented. The third act, particularly, brought out the fine points of Miss Piery's ability.

The part of Sir George Sylvester was portrayed with exceptional finish and understanding by Letitia Currie who has gained a high reputation among Salem talent, as a clever and entirely successful delineator of masculine roles. This, however, was the most difficult role which she has yet attempted, but her performance on Saturday eve-

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Thanksgiving Program At Y. W. C. A. Vesper

Special Talks and Music Characterize Student Program.

Y. W. C. A. vesper service on Sunday evening consisted of a Thanksgiving program given by members of the student body. Sarah Tarlington presided and the service was opened with the reading of the Thanksgiving Litany as found in the Moravian hymn book. Adelaide McAnally then gave a short talk on "Thanksgiving Day at Salem," and Charlotte Sells spoke on the joy of being thankful for everyday blessings and of striving to have in one's life as a Thanksgiving offering to God, "Fruits of faith," spoken of by Paul. The program was interspersed with the singing of Thanksgiving hymns and the beautiful old hymn, "Prayer of Thanksgiving," by Edward Kremser, was sung by the Y. W. C. A. choir. As a closing hymn, "Come Ye Thankful People Come," was sung by all

Science Club Enjoys Instructive Program

Interesting Discussions of Anæsthetics and Silenium.

The regular meeting of the Societas Scientiarum Salemiensis was held on Friday evening in the Science lecture room. An interesting program, presented by Margaret Holbrook, Elizabeth Dowling and Rebecca Petway, was enjoyed by the members and many visitors of the society.

Margaret Holbrook spoke on the subject "Anæsthesia and Anæsthetics." She stated definitely the meaning of the terms used in the title of her discussion and then traced the history of the science of anæsthesia and anæsthetics back to ancient times. It was noted that Homer spoke of the anæsthetic effects of opium, the East Indian pitcher plant. In the sixteenth cen-

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