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## SMITH WINS STRAW VOTE

### Epochs of Music Is Subject For First Music Hour

Dean Vardell Gives Interesting Lecture in First Music Hour of Year

Last Thursday at the first Music Hour of the year Dean Vardell gave a very interesting lecture on the "Epochs of Music." In discussing this subject he first mentioned Palestrina, the greatest of the early church writers, who prepared the way for the works of Bach. The first and greatest of the classicists. The compositions of Bach are so good that they have lived and will continue to live for many centuries. In illustration of these works Mr. Vardell played the "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" from the "Well Tempered Clavier." This collection, which consists of pieces in every possible major and minor key, was composed by Bach to prove that on one key board it was possible to modulate from one key to another without returning the instrument.

During the latter part of the eighteenth century manners were greatly stressed. The men were very gallant and courtly in their knee breeches and bright colored coats and the ladies were charming in their hoop skirts and powdered wigs. It was the day of the stately minuet and we can imagine these men and women dancing to the

beautiful melodies of such classic writers as Haydn and Mozart. These composers looked for beauty, form and polish, and as a result they produced the sonata form. Their works, Mr. Vardell illustrated by the "Adagio" from Mozart's "Sonata in F."

At the end of the eighteenth century came the French Revolution and in the midst of it one of the greatest of the composers, Beethoven. He revolted against the rules set down by the old masters, desiring freedom of expression and, therefore, in his music we find depth and an utterance of his own spirit. He was the last of the classic school and the first of the romantic school. His "Sonata Pathétique," illustrated all that was said of him.

After Beethoven the flood gates of emotion were literally swept away by the works of such men as Schubert, Schumann, and Chopin. Dean Vardell illustrated their type composition by Chopin's "Ballade in A Flat."

Debussy and Strauss have been recognized as the leaders of the new

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Al Smith, Democratic Nominee for President, who was given a majority of 30 votes in the straw vote at Salem College Friday.

### Democratic Nominee Is Salem's Choice For President

Voting Runs Close; Smith Wins By Small Majority

Alfred E. Smith is Salem's choice for President of the United States. If he carries as enthusiastic a majority in the national election, his success and continuous popularity are assured. Even the excitement of the May Queen election died away in the heat of the political battle. Never before has Salem been so much alive to national questions. The straw vote has caused more serious thought about any outside interest than anything that has touched the college in a long while. Several talented orators and practical politicians have been discovered. Many an obscure little girl has won overnight prominence because of her political fervor.

The drive itself was finished on Friday morning with several stump speeches in front of Main Hall. Not even the pep meetings before Thanksgiving games have ever been quite so peppy as this political gathering. Whether it is the accepted thing at such meetings to give fifteen "rahs" for the candidates or not, Governor Smith certainly received his share. Miss Mary Brewer, the first speaker, was introduced by Miss Dorothy Ragan, the efficient Democratic chairman. Miss Brewer reviewed, very graphically, the address of Mr. Ingle which was delivered on Thursday evening at a Republican mass meeting. Miss Brewer did not attempt to refute Mr. Ingle's arguments, but asked Miss Faulkner to do so. And did she? Quite extravagantly, in spite of a few little Republican hisses incited by Miss Lindsay. Miss Faulkner defended Governor Smith's views on prohibition, farm relief, child labor and immigration and discussed his fitness to deal with international problems. Just as the bull rang Miss Lindsay attempted to take the stand in favor of Hoover. Since the Hooverites were in the

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### Debating Society Chooses Subject

Smith and Hoover to Be Discussed

The Sigma Omicron Alpha was organized October 5, 1928, by a group of students interested in the cultural aspects by debating. In pursuance of the aim of this organization to promote interest in and familiarity with current problems of today, the club selected *Smith and Hoover* as the topic of its first debate.

The following officers were elected: Pres., Margaret Hauser; Vice-Pres., Grace Martin; Sec. and Treas., Elva Lee Kennerly; Faculty Advisor, Mr. R. W. McDonald.

The students who have evidenced their enthusiasm in becoming members of the Sigma Omicron Alpha are: Elizabeth Marx, Betsy Ross, Mary Ayers Payne, Mildred Enochs, Essie Hendricks, Dorothy Ragan, Laila Wright, Margaret Brewer, Edna Lindsey, Isabelle Cox, Daisy Litz, Isabelle Dunn, Katherine Mc Cabe, Lucy Currie, Katherine Schlegel, Margaret Breneche, Laura Conrad, Jane Harris, Beulah Zachary, Doris Kime, Mary Johnson, Athena Campourakis, and Frits Firey.

### DEAN VARDELL GIVES RECITAL

The Y. W. C. A. vesper service on Sunday evening, October 14, was a twilight organ recital given by Dean Charles G. Vardell, Jr. Dean Vardell played in his usual artistic and skillful manner. The interesting and varied program was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. It was as follows:

Prelude from "Parsifal".....Wagner  
Minuet.....Jean Baptiste Lilly  
In Paradisum.....Du Bois  
Largo from "String Quartet".....Tschakovsky  
(Arranged for organ by Parkhurst)  
Hungarian Hymn.....Remenyi

### Dr. Rondthaler Speaks On Coming Election

Value and Importance of Voting Is Stressed

Dr. Rondthaler, who was the speaker in the expanded chapel service on Wednesday, October 17, related some very interesting facts in regard to the approaching election. He first discussed the importance and value of voting. The exercise of the ballot, he said, was next to religion the most sacred and important thing in which we engage, yet over forty per cent of men and women in the United States who are entitled to vote neglect this privilege. The act of voting is one of dignity, seriousness and gravity, and contributes to our personal responsibility of patriotism and loyalty.

He next discussed the system by which the president is elected. It is a shock to many of the new voters to learn that they do not elect the president but electors, who in turn elect him. These electors are given the power and privilege of making their own choice. Several times in the history of the United States it has happened that the majority of the people vote one way and the majority of electors vote another. This may happen again in the approaching election!

Dr. Rondthaler next spoke of the three great issues which come with every election—namely, the party, the platform and the candidate. Ours is a party government, yet few of us know what each party stands for and what it has meant to the progress of the nation. The candidate is not the only feature of an election as some people seem to think. Every election embraces these three issues, and all voters should endeavor to inform themselves concerning these important facts. Those citizens who vote are not honoring their claims to citizenship until they have acquainted themselves with first, the candidate, second, the platform and third, the party.

### Sigma Omicron Alpha New Debating Club

Definite Plans Being Made For Early Debate

Salem's newest organization is neither athletic nor social in nature. The entire campus, for the past two or three weeks has been fairly overwhelmed by gold and horseshack clubs in the making. These, of course, are the very best of their kind and Salem is extremely fortunate in adding them to her list of sports. But to have a well-rounded group of organizations the social must be mingled with the spiritual, the athletic with the intellectual. Therefore there was general rejoicing, when one day last week Margaret Hauser announced in chapel that a debating club was to be organized. The absence of a debating society of any sort at Salem had often been a source of wonder and discussion among the students.

Debating is the type of work in which pleasure is mingled with study. It is, of course, hard work and a task requiring a great deal of research work and study. But, on the other hand, who does not enjoy to deliver or listen to a keen, interesting, forceful debate?

A great interest in the coming straw vote has been shown. If the arguments for and against the candidate supported by each side were recorded and delivered with animation and enthusiasm a noteworthy debate would be the result.

Since the day that it was first organized the club has progressed rapidly. At a meeting Wednesday the 17th, a committee was appointed with Edna Lindsey as chairman for the purpose of suggesting various subjects for discussion. The first

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### Dean Vardell Composes Cantata

Words Are Taken From Alfred Noyes' Poem

Many rounds of applause greeted the announcement in Expanded Chapel, Salem College, on Wednesday, October 14th, when announcement was made by President Rondthaler that the publication firm of Carl Fisher of New York have accepted and announced for early publication a Cantata entitled "The Inimitable Lover," by Dean Charles Vardell, Head of the Music Department of Salem College.

The words for this extensive production are taken from Alfred Noyes' poem, and Mr. Vardell has done the musical work through agreement with Alfred Noyes in furnishing the setting to the lines of this distinguished writer.

The musical composition, which requires one half hour to render, has occupied Mr. Vardell at intervals for more than a year, but it has been ascertained and will interest students of Salem College that the actual composition took place during the summer in Memorial Hall, at the Grand Piano, where Dean Vardell enjoyed the quiet of late summer days, and the stimulating musical spirit of the College over whose School of Music he presides.

The Cantata provides for soprano and baritone solo, and chorus.

Further interest attaches to the fact that within just two weeks prior to the death of Dean Shirley, this manuscript was taken by Dean Shirley to the Carl Fisher Company, with whom Dean Shirley has been long acquainted, and an interview upon the subject was had between Mr. Shirley, and the Head of the

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### Science Club Has Social Hour

Members Entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Higgins

On Friday, October 12, at the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higgins, on Cedar Street, a social meeting of the Societas Scientiarum was entertained by several members had an invited guest and the interested number who were present were most graciously entertained. The evening was glad to announce that five new members had been proposed. A membership to this society is based on previous scholastic standing, faculty approval and the majority vote of the society members. Therefore, such a membership is an honor, both scholastically and socially. The society has many proposed activities and trusts that the new members will feel it their duty and privilege to help keep this organization in the high esteem that it has always had at Salem.