

Seniors Celebrate Annual Hat Burning Friday Evening

Caps and Gowns Formally Presented

Quadrangle is Scene of Customary Tradition

Friday evening, October the sixteenth, there took place on the Salem College Campus a ceremony which is one of the time-honored traditions of Winston-Salem's ancient institution of learning. The annual "Hat-Burning" occurred at that time in the quadrangle immediately back of Alice Clewell Dormitory and directly opposite Louisa Wilson Biting Building, the new senior hall. A number of town people were present.

The senior class as a body, preceded by its chosen marshals, and accompanied by its sophomore pages, entered the quadrangle in a double-file procession, proceeding from the south walkway leading from Clewell Building. "Honored in Song and Story" was the traditional processional song by the entrants. The seniors, marshals and pages were clothed in white in honor of the occasion; the marshals, led by Miss Irene McNally, chief marshal, carried old-fashioned, long-stemmed torches to light the way.

For the actual ceremony, the seniors joined hands and danced slowly

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Le Cercle Francais Elects 1931 Officers

Miss Denmark to Head Salem French Club

Le Cercle Francais held its first meeting of the year in the recreation room of the Louisa Biting Building on Wednesday afternoon, October 14.

The faculty members served delicious refreshments at the beginning of the meeting after which election of officers for the year took place. The following officers were elected: President, Helle Denmark; Vice-President, Ruth Gossett; Secretary, Mary Lillian White. The remainder of the meeting was spent singing French songs, and playing games.

I. R. S. Council Makes Many Plans

Committees Have Arranged For Dining Room Decorum And Banquets

A meeting of I. R. S. Council took place on last Tuesday at which several important decisions and plans for the year were made. Last year, the only social functions sponsored by the I. R. S. were the house party and the tea for the Academy seniors, but this year I. R. S. plans to be much more active. A suggestion was made for the introduction of a formal dinner once a month for which all students will be required to dress.

A committee was formed for the purpose of promoting dignity of demeanor in the dining room. Representing I. R. S., this committee is working in conjunction with the Student Council towards the stricter observation of the dining room regulations that call for promptness at meals, respect for senior hostesses, refraining from carrying food out, and refraining from being excused early.

Mr. Coffey's Topic Is The History of Time

Publicity Head of Jewelers' Association Traces History Of Watches

On last Wednesday evening in Memorial Hall an extremely interesting lecture on *The History of Time* was given by Mr. T. J. Coffey, president of the publicity department of the American Jewelers' Association. Illustrating each point in his talk with a slide, Mr. Coffey began with the first primitive time piece, a sort of sun dial formed of a pointed rock which cast a shadow, and traced the recording of time through the ages.

Close upon the heels of the pointed rock followed such devices as burning rocks, pipes and candles. Incidentally, our modern lanterns were evolved from a length-horn which King Alfred invented to protect his time candle from draughts. Many types of sun dials were used about this time, and especially good in the case of the Aztec Indians who already had knowledge of the fixity of the north star.

Strange as it seems, since the remotest beginning of "time" as we know it, the day has been marked off less divided into twenty-four hours. After the sixteenth century, these hours began to be recorded by quaint "pocket sun dials," the fore-runners of our modern watches. The making of these was the chief indoor sport, and the earliest known ancestor of the alarm clock was a small cannon which went off whenever the sun touched the hours on the dial.

Following sun dials various clocks run by water and fire were used, but it was not until the fifteenth century that the birth of the wheel clock or mechanical timepiece took place. This advanced by leaps and bounds, greatly aided by the invention of the pendulum which was discovered by Galileo. Jewel bearings were evolved by a young Swiss who believed that friction was the thief of time, and so by 1800 all the important devices concerning watches had been made, and they were practically indispensable.

Today, as ever, we look to a divine source for our accurate time, and this source is not the sun but the fixed stars. The exact time is computed from the position of these stars and then broadcast every day.

Today's watch is a triumph of modern industrial methods. It is delicately made, thoroughly tested

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School of Music to Present Recital

Misses Shaffner, Read, Tucker and Mr. Schofield Will Perform

Faculty members representing several departments of the School of Music of Salem College will give the first evening recital of the year at 8:15 o'clock on Monday night, October 26, in Memorial Hall.

This is a public affair and the interest is being manifested. The program will be widely varied with vocal numbers, violin, harp, and piano. The performers will be: Mr. Ernest Leslie Schofield, Miss Hazel Horton Reed, Miss Eleanor Shaffner, and Miss Viola Tucker. Each participant will do two groups. Miss Ruth Macredon and Dorothy Thompson will be the accompanists for the evening.

MacDowell Club In Stunt Night

Much Competition Has Been Aroused Among Classes

Stunt night will be held tonight at 7:30 in Memorial Hall. This program, which is an annual affair, will be sponsored by the MacDowell Club. Each class this year seems very enthusiastic and there is much competition. Babe calls a meeting of the Juniors every time she turns around; Martha and Zack are always imitating the Marx Brothers; and the Sophomores are searching the country for costumes. However, the Freshmen have adopted the motto, "Silence is golden." They will probably give a pantomime.

Come over and join the fun, and see which class will place another laurel on its brow.

STEE GEE CIRCUS COMING SOON

Although there are sixty-one shopping days before Christmas there are only seven days before the great Stee Gee Circus. Buy your ticket early. Stee Gees will be glad to sell you one at any time for ten cents.

Richard Wagner Is Dean Vardell's Subject

"A Great Genius and the Rest of the World" Is Subject

Attendants at the Music Hour on last Thursday were afforded a real treat in a lecture by Dean Vardell on *A Great Genius and the Rest of the World*. This was a discussion of the life and character of Richard Wagner.

The speaker first talked upon the subject of genius as the world views it. There are two different types of geniuses—those who, although superior to their fellow men, succeed in getting along well with them and those who cannot really mingle with society. It is inspiring to get an insight into the lives of great men and to discover how they met the world around them, but educated people must be able to discriminate between a man's life and his work. Though Wagner's life was of a rather difficult nature, his work is some of the most superb that the world has ever known, having endured that most difficult test of greatness—Time.

Wagner was one of those unfortunate geniuses who do not know how to get along with his friends and neighbors. His whole life was spent with the purpose of producing great operas, and from this course he never deviated for a moment. In pursuing it, however, he swept away consideration for anyone else, really believing that the world owed him

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WINNERS OF PASSES

The management of the Carolina Theatre announces with pleasure the winners of this week's complimentary passes: Miss Mary Louise Mickey, of the Editorial Staff of *The Salemite* and Miss Sara Horton of the Business Staff of *The Salemite*. The winners of these passes are chosen weekly according to their ability and work on *The Salemite*.

Head of History Department Addresses Students at Y.P.M.

Dr. Anscombe Tells of Changed England

He Contrasts the Britain of 1900 With Britain of Today

On Wednesday, October 21, Dr. Francis Anscombe, head of the Department of History, delivered a lecture that has had already become famous locally.

It has often been said that Germany lost the war, and that Austria and Russia were left hard, but until recently, no one realized that England was just about knocked out by the present war. The conqueror was really the conquered.

In 1900 the Britishers were patriotic. With feeling of genuine patriotism they sang "Rule Britannia." The greatest history, law, and literature. She had Parliament! She sent out missionaries, had herself translated and circulated the Bible. She was a Christian country. The honor, integrity, and justice of the Victorian age had spread over the entire world. English was practically an international language. Greatest in the commercial world, she was a creditor nation. She held the stocks and bonds of the largest industrial concerns of our own United States. She had been unseated by foreign foe, and with her invincible army and navy she believed herself to be beyond attack. Now all the satisfaction of the present has vanished; only part satisfaction is left. Every Englishman today knows that he lives in a changed world.

What has influenced and brought about this change? A few years ago intelligent people would have denied the statement, but now the identical persons realize that the chief cause of the depression is the war. The war took a million and a quarter of England's vital force—the leaders in business, business, art, science, and scholarship. The cream was skimmed off the top. The country went bankrupt. When the men were at the front fighting, women took their places in the factories and offices, and when the men returned the employers refused to dismiss women from employment. Women demanded less pay, were not organized to labor unions, and were less vociferous in asking improvements, higher wages, or reforms. That left 2,070,000 men out of work, and the number has steadily increased. The government alone tried to help, but England had its hands tied.

During the war, United States obtained a large percentage of England.

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Graves and Mickey Attend Convention

Convention to be Held at Duke October 22, 23, And 24

Misses Sarah Grave, Editor-in-Chief of the *Salemite*, and Mary Louise Mickey, the Managing Editor of the *Salemite*, left Thursday for Duke University where they are attending the fall convention of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association.

Registration of the delegates will take place from 2 to 6 Thursday afternoon, and the convention will continue through Saturday, October 23. Edward Thomas, of Duke University, is President of the association. The delegates are looking forward to a big, successful, and enjoyable convention.

Northwest District Convention Meets

Knight and Morrison Leaders in Education Are Main Speakers

Friday, October 23rd
2:30 Opening General Session.
Richard J. Reynolds High School Auditorium

Speaker: Dr. Howard Jensen, University of North Carolina
3:30 Department Meetings.
Secondary School Teachers—High School.
Grammar Grade Teachers—Wiley School.

Primary Teachers—Wiley School.
7:30 General Meeting.
R. J. Reynolds High School
Auditorium
Dr. Henry Morrison—University of Chicago.
Dr. Edgar Knight—University of North Carolina.
9:15 Reception at Salem College.

Saturday, October 24th

8:00 A. M.
Breakfast, Elementary Teachers Section, Robert E. Lee Hotel.
Speaker: Dr. Macie Soutall.

9:00 A. M.
High School Teachers and Principals—High School.
Speaker: Dr. Morrison
Discussion Following

9:30 A. M.
Grammar Grade and Primary Teachers and Principals—Wiley School.

Salem Campus Gets Thorough Overhaul

Promising Talent Discovered For Street Cleaning Vocation

What an industrious, assiduous, and diligent group of girls make up our midst was never fully realized until they got out their dirty cloths and shined up the corners of the campus early last Saturday morning.

They marched out of chapel with gloves pushed to the elbows and feet pushing energetically on led by Emily Micky, whose flag was hoisted high with its motto of win, wigor, and witally. They attacked in four quarters, the seniors, who were dubbed Black Crows in an inspired moment (due to their wings and stooping ways no doubt) leading the line.

Trash immediately retired and left the grounds tidy, the atmosphere pure, and the housekeepers triumphant.

Miss Gertrude Clay Addresses Vespers

Tells Students of "Y" Retreat To be Held in Greensboro

The Y. W. C. A. Vesper Service held on Sunday evening, October 18, 1931 in the Clewell Campus Living Room, consisted largely of a song service.

Miss Mary Celeste Fronts played the prelude, and Miss Emily Moore sang a solo. The speaker was Miss Gertrude Clay, social service worker of Winston-Salem, who spoke on the "Y" Retreat to be held in Greensboro on October 30th, 31st. A meeting of this kind draws the college students into closer, more-lasting friendships. There will be several noted speakers, and classes where campus problems, world problems and mission field problems will be discussed in interesting fashion.