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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT SALEM

57 Seniors To Receive Diplomas

Fifty-seven seniors will be standing at the portals of Salem College preparatory to going out into the world as alumnae of Salem College, when they receive their diplomas on Monday, June 7, at eleven o'clock in Memorial Hall.

There will be no student valedictory address given this year, but the farewell speech will be made by Mr. John Temple Graves, II, noted lecturer, journalist, and literary man of Atlanta Georgia.

According to custom the commencement exercises will open with the procession. Dr. Rondthaler and the speaker enter first, followed by the faculty robed in caps and gowns, the heads of the departments preceding the others, and these followed by the trustees. This first group is seated upon the stage. The seniors following them, and then the senior marshalls sit in a reserved space on the front row of the audience section.

In addition to the presentation of diplomas, all honors and awards of the year will be given out at commencement. This includes the yearly reading of the honor-roll students.

BACCULAUREATE SERMON JUNE 6th

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered in the Home Moravian Church, Sunday morning, June the sixth, by Bishop Paul de Schweinitz. The service will begin with a procession, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," sung by the seniors, who will march into the church and will be followed by the marshalls.

Bishop and Mrs. de Schweinitz will be guests of the college during the graduation exercises. They will stay in the guest room of the office building which was the residence of Bishop de Schweinitz's father when he was president of Salem College.

PHOTOGRAPHER VISITS CAMPUS

Mr. Bell, photographer for the State Department of Conservation, accompanied the Nature Study Class on their field trip last Thursday. They made a tour of the entire campus and he photographed many of the interesting places on the grounds. His work is in connection with the recently appropriated \$250,000.00 for use in advertising the state. Mr. Bell stated that the pictures would be used in the literature sent out by the state.

ANNUAL SENIOR CLASS

The Senior Class dinner will be next Friday, June 4th, at the Country Club. It will be a four-course formal dinner. Have you thought about who will run around the table? Of course none of the Seniors will tell us afterwards because the whole affair is a secret, but we've all got a pretty good ideal

PROFESSOR HIGGINS TO SPEAK AT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Professor Charles H. Higgins, Head of the Science Department, will be the speaker at the Sunday School Convention to be held at Advent Moravian Church, Sunday, May the thirtieth. The convention convenes at 9:00 A. M. and Professor Higgins will speak at 2 o'clock. His subject will be "Which comes first?"

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Thursday, June 3—

8:30 A. M.—Last Chapel; Singing — "The Son of God"; Reading of the Poem.

9:00 P. M.—Transfer of Caps; Senior Hat-Burning on Athletic Field.

Friday, June 4—

7:30 P. M.—Senior Class Dinner.

Saturday, June 5—

1:30 P. M.—Alumnae Luncheon in College Dining Room.

3:00 P. M.—Presentation of Senior Gift; Library Corner-Stone Laying.

8:15 P. M.—Concert in Memorial Hall.

9:45 P. M.—President's reception in Main Hall.

Sunday, June 6—

11:00 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Bishop Paul de Schweinitz, Bethlehem, Pa., at the Home Church.

5:30 P. M.—Buffet Supper for Seniors and their families on the President's lawn.

7:00 P. M.—Senior Vespers, Upper Campus.

Monday, June 7—

11:00 A. M.—Commencement, John Temple Graves, II, Atlanta, Ga.

1937-38 MARSHALLS ELECTED

Spence New Chief Marshall

In a class-meeting last week our Seniors-to-be elected seven girls to serve as their Marshalls for next year. They are Mary Worthy Spence, Chief Marshal; Virginia B. Davis, Betty Bahnson, Peggy Bowen, Mary Thomas, Helen McArthur and Felicia Martin, Marshalls.

With the election of these marshalls, a new Salem custom has been established. In the years preceding this school year, two marshalls were selected from each of the classes, the chief marshal automatically being the president of the Junior class. Last fall the class of '37 chose the marshalls just from the present Junior class on the basis of personality, appearance, etc. The new marshalls have been chosen with the same qualifications in mind; the new marshalls will all be juniors next year. It is no longer possible for the junior president and chief marshal to be one, for "marshalling" has been placed under the point system. As the duties required of marshalls have been increased, this honor of being chosen as a marshal has been doubled. "The march of Salem moves on."

SENIORS TO BE ENTERTAINED

On Thursday, June 4, at 6:30 p. m., Miss Mary Louise Haywood will entertain all the Salem College Seniors at her home with a dinner. Other guests will be Mrs. Rondthaler, Mrs. Highsmith, and Mrs. Whitehead. This will be the final social gathering of the seniors before the Hat-Burning. As they enter the house, the guests will be received by Mrs. Haywood and Mary Louise. The first course, consisting of tomato juice and hors d'oeuvres, is to be served in the living-room; the remainder of the dinner is to be served on a large table in the dining room and smaller tables placed throughout the house.

A SENIOR LOOKS BACKWARD

Of course, that's exactly what a senior is not supposed to do. A senior is supposed to grasp the beautiful inspiration of her baccalaureate sermon and commencement address in both hands and step forward confidently into a bright new world, with never a backward look.

Unfortunately or perhaps fortunately, seniors of today, girls who have gotten their college education during the lean years of the depression, are not so naive as to believe that "Young-women-of-America-you-are-the-hope-of-the-world!" idje a. They know that the world is not so eager as it might be to take advantage of these new minds, bursting with great ideas. Therefore, the modern senior is very likely to take a mournful backward look at her college life as she sits, diploma in hand, listening to the commencement speaker. The next September, no matter what she is doing, the chances are that she will suffer from an acute attack of nostalgia.

The Salem senior, or rather the graduate of 1937, will remember the first time she ever saw the big white columns of Memorial Hall, her faint gasp of surprise and delight when she learned that all the campus was not "in front." She will recall the first (of many) trips to the Registrar's office, and her feeling of complete abysmal ignorance when faced with a list of possible courses by the all-knowing Miss Blair. Of course, the coming of Dr. Rondthaler into anybody's life is an event, and no doubt the Salem senior will find his beautiful, dome-like head looming up in the foreground of her most vivid college recollections. The Rondthalerian pronunciation for 'world' will remain a faint, elusive will o' the wisp, which she won't be able to imitate or even exactly remember until she attends her class reunion and hears it repeated by the inventor, himself. The old library, with its creaking boards, temperamental

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TRANSFER OF CAPS AND GOWNS TO BE THURSDAY NIGHT

Traditional Hat-Burning of the Incoming Seniors

On Thursday night the Salem College Seniors will transfer their caps and gowns to the juniors. This is a change from former years in which the caps and gowns have been transferred in Thursday morning chapel. However, the Seniors have decided to have it at night so that the Juniors could have their Hat Burning just before receiving the caps and gowns instead of waiting until next fall when it is not as timely.

The program will begin at nine o'clock on the Athletic Field. First the Juniors will have Hat-Burning; then there will be the transfer of caps and gowns, Janie McLean, the president of next year's Senior class will make a speech of acceptance, Josephine Whitehead, the Senior class president will make a farewell speech, closing the program. All students and friends are invited.

MISS SENIOR 1937

A composite picture of the perfect Senior:

Figure: Cordelia Lowry.

Hair: Kea Council.

Skin: Jo Klutz.

Eyes: Ginny Gough.

Nose: Sarah Sherwood.

Mouth: Carolyn Rackliffe.

Hands: Kate Smith.

Clothes: Kathleen Alexander.

Brains: Jo Whitehead.

Talent: Sara Ingram.

Personality: Ethel Highsmith.

Charm: Mary Louise Haywood.

Humor: Frankie Meadows.

Originality: Jane Rondthaler.

Capability: Frances Salley.

Disposition: Jane Leibfried.

Character: Mary Frances Hayworth.

Friendliness: Georgia Goodson.

Dependability: Viola Farthing.

Poise: Jane Crow.

Sincerity: Libbey Torrence.

Athletic Ability: Pete Wurreschke.

We are sure Miss Salem Senior, 1937 model is going out to take the world by storm. Luck and more power to you!

SENIOR BUFFET SUPPER AND VESPER SERVICE

On Sunday evening, June the sixth, the traditional Senior Buffet Supper and Vesper Service will take place. Each year Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler entertain the Seniors and their parents at a delightful buffet supper out on the beautiful and spacious front lawn of their home. This buffet supper begins at 5:30 in the afternoon and lasts till six, after which time all the guests move up to seats arranged in front of the practice house where the Vesper Service is held. As a custom, the Seniors in their caps and gowns march down in uniform manner, from the porch of the president's house, singing the hymn "Son of God," and finally take their seats in front of all the others. The traditional Vesper Service has practically the same program every year. Dr. Rondthaler speaks to the Seniors, Rev. Spough also delivers a message to them, a music program follows (this year Jane Rondthaler will sing), and the benediction concludes the simple but effective service.

SENIOR PLANS FOR SUMMER PLEASURES

After four years of college work our seniors are entitled to some nice vacations this summer. And would you guess what is the idea of four of them as to a "nice vacation?" No, I don't think you would, so here it is — summer school! Jane Leibfried is going to Muhlenburg; and Ethel Highsmith, "Pete" Wurreschke, and "Dolly" Blair will be at Carolina. Four others plan to teach; Roso Siewers and Hazel McMahon will teach piano; Margaret Stafford will coach a home-town boy in French; and Arnice Topp will teach in Bible School, besides working in the Salem Library and sleeping. Hazel also plans to go to Asheville for a month to rest. There are about six industrious girls who have great plans for getting jobs. Sarah Grace Easterling and Viola Farthing are just plain "gonna look for one" (Here's a lotta luck to you!); after Mary Hart comes home from a summer service mission conference in upper New York state she will join their search. "Jo" Ritter already has her job as filing clerk in the Bethlehem Steel Works. Anna Withers is anxious to read the books that she will handle in the Library after (or is it before?) a trip to the mountains. Jane Rondthaler is excited about going to New York to study and get a job in music for this fall. After Libbey Torrence goes "somewhere for graduation" she is going to stay home to practice her Home Economics recipes. Jane Crow wants to weed her garden in the sun and then "set in the shade a spell to rest." She is going visiting in Monroe and Roaring Gap and other places after she and Frances Salley come back from Washington and Virginia Beach.

And when we think of trips — Whooley, there seem to be an endless number! The mountains and the beach are, as always, the greatest favorites. Jeannette Sawyer combines these two choices by trips to Wrightsville and to Roaring Gap; Katherine Smith follows suit with Myrtle Beach and Linville, and Kay also has a New York jaunt in mind for later on. Caroline and Helen Diehl are heading for Roaring Gap for their fun. Mary Frances Hayworth and Margaret Vass will be at Virginia Beach for awhile; Katherine Sisell looks forward to a good time at Myrtle Beach and some visiting around; Margaret Crist too has a "beach mind," Virginia Neely will wind up at Myrtle after a cruise to Nassau or South America with Sara Sherwood.

Away from water and hills now, we find Kea Council planning a June trip to New York, Lalya Tucker hoping to go there too on August 1st for her brother's wedding after spending several weeks at Nashville, Ga., Corrine Pate going flowerling to the Rhododendron Festival at Asheville, Alice Lee Googe going north and south to Washington and Savannah, and Sara Ingram ready to leave for South Hill, Va. Virginia Gough may go to her home state Indiana and to visit in Chicago before she decides on her future career.

Seven trips outside this country are in theoffing. Carolyn Rackliff, Jo Whitehead, and Georgia Goodson sail for Europe to spend their summer weeks. Bernice McIver will spend two weeks in Canada before she goes to the beach, and Mary Louise Haywood will go through the Panama Canal to California. Are Cordelia Lowry and Kathleen Alexander kidding when they say they will go to Bermuda as soon as school is out and then return for a double wedding and a honeymoon to Alaska? And that starts us wondering over "Frankie" Meadows announcement that she will keep house at home to

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