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FRIEND OF  
THE COLLEGE

We extend our sincerest gratitude to that "friend of the college" who gave us Mrs. Grace Sloane Overton, and to Mrs. Overton herself, and to those who brought Mr. Edward Weeks to us.

This past week has been a period of definite growth and enrichment for us all, as college students and as human beings who must sooner or later face the terms of life independently.

Our four years in college are to teach us how to live, and how to live most vitally. We are sheltered and protected until we have finished this period of our training. Such experiences as those given us during the past week will become in the future our staunchest weapons of defense.

Our thanks to those who gave them to us.

—H. M.

TO  
MRS. GRACE SLOAN OVERTON

The Salem girls have found a sincere friend in Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton, who has been our guest on the campus for the past week. Not only because Mrs. Overton understands us, the modern college youth, as a result of many years of experience, but because she is so eager to think with us and to help us work out our problems is she such a valuable friend. She has a frankness about her which draws even the shyest girl into the conversation of her discussion groups. The general atmosphere of these meetings is encouraging to free expression of heretofore unexpressed ideas.

She is not successful only with groups of girls, individual girls who have personal problems, too personal to discuss with teachers, or parents even, are able to present them to Mrs. Overton impersonally and to think the problem through impersonally with her.

It is because Mrs. Overton is so wholeheartedly interested in us that she is able to help us so beautifully. Her experience does not remove her from our generation but, in the way she uses it, draws her closer to us and to our problems.

—A. H.

COLLEGE CALENDAR  
AND CUTS

Since the Thanksgiving holiday has already been discussed a few words concerning the college calendar with special reference to the holiday mentioned above might be fitting at this time.

The college calendar is determined to some extent by the moon. Those in doubt would do well to consider the Easter vacation.

The year at Salem is not unusually long. It is, however, slightly longer than the minimum requirements. A study of more than twenty-five representative catalogues reveals that the year here conforms with that of similar institutions. Since the final examination periods have been extended from a week to ten days the actual number of classes would be reduced if the year was kept at an absolute minimum. As it is the situation is compromised. By extending the examination periods more time will be available for studying for the final examinations. Moreover, in most cases students find time for a few days vacation at the end of their examinations. Under the new scheme such available time will be lengthened for many and shortened for none.

The situation regarding cuts at Thanksgiving is not ideal. Salem has tried all possible methods: the one day only; the week-end with no cuts; the week-end with cuts permitted. Much comment has been made on the first two. Students believe they should exercise their judgment in taking cuts. The idea of no cuts before and after has not met with popular approval. Moreover, after a week-end of dinners, football games, and dances, many are forced to take cuts whether they wish to or not. The week-end with cuts granted produced a situation which the faculty could not condone and which the students themselves realized was bad indeed. Everyone learned that a vacation of nearly a week coming so soon before the Christmas vacation created an intolerable condition. As it is this year, cuts will be taken Friday and Saturday and the faculty will of course teach greatly reduced classes. Although that may not cause much enthusiasm among faculty members they will be willing to do the best they can. Students, except Freshmen and their turn will come next year, can use their discretion about taking cuts. Practically everyone will be back at work on Monday morning and the routine will continue with little interference. Possibly another year the faculty would extend the holiday over the week-end if everyone would be back in classes on Monday. However, that is almost too much to expect. Even if they desired to do so some would be unable to return.

After all the calendar is all right and the cut system is working very well indeed. Don't you think so too?

—Roy Campbell.

OUR LIBRARY  
PERIODICALS

There are three new periodicals in the Library this year which are sure to interest the entire student body.

One of them is "Poetry," a magazine of verse and criticisms of verse, founded and edited by Harriet Monroe, a well-known critic and poet. She is an authority on poetry and the Library has several of her books. Another new periodical is the "Theatre Arts Monthly," which contains a variety of articles on stage and movie. For instance, in the October issue there is an article describing the stage adaption of "Of Mice and Men" which is to be played on Broadway soon. Another article is titled "Designing for the Movies. Gibbons of M.G.M." with illustrations of settings from "Conquest," "Tale of Two Cities," "Ben Hur," and "The Good Earth."

The third new periodical need not be described; everyone knows it. It is the long-wished for "Reader's Digest." The first issue has not come in yet, however.

Have you ever noticed and used the poster on the bulletin board in the Periodical Room? It lists the ten outstanding articles for that particular month and is a guide to some vital and enjoyable reading.

## AT RANDOM

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First time he kissed me, he but only kissed  
The fingers of this hand wherewith I write;  
And ever since, it grew more clean and white,  
Slow to world-greetings, quick with its "Oh, list,"  
When the angels speak. A ring of amethyst  
I could not wear here, plainer to my sight,  
Than that first kiss. The second passed in height  
The first, and sought the forehead and half missed,  
Half falling on the hair. O beyond need!  
That was the charm of love, which love's own crown,  
With sanctifying sweetness, did precede.  
The third upon my lips was folded down  
In perfect, purple state; since when, indeed,  
I have been proud and said "My love, my own."

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

NEVER THE TIME AND THE PLACE

Never the time and the place  
And the loved ones all together!  
This path — how soft to pace  
This may — what magic weather!  
Where is the loved one's face?  
In a dream that loved one's face meets mine,  
But the house is narrow, the place is bleak  
Where, outside, rain and wind combine  
With a furtive ear, if I strive to speak,  
With a hostile eye at my flushing cheek,  
With a malice that marks each word, each sign!  
Oh enemy sly and serpentine,  
Uncoil thee from the waking mind!  
Do I hold the Past  
Thus firm and fast  
Yet doubt if the future hold I can?  
This path so soft a pace shall lead  
Through the magic of May to herself indeed  
Or narrow if needs the house must be,  
Outside are the storms and strangers: we—  
Oh, close, safe, warm sleep I and she  
— I and she!

—Robert Browning.

REEL DOPE

CAROLINA

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
"Love Underfire" with Loretta Young and Don Ameche — A snappy comedy about a thought-to-be jewel thief and a Scotland Yard detective, with the Spanish Revolution as its setting. There's much chasing-around, but at all ends happily.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
"Thin Ice," that long-awaited show with Sonja Henie and Tyrone Powers, the country's most famous lovers. Sonja is a skating instructor in a little hamlet in the Swiss Alps, where Tyrone, a prince incognito comes and there is the inevitable result. This is an all-around good picture and you can't help but like it.

STATE

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
"Back in Circulation" Pat O'Brien and Joan Blondell.

For September, 1937, it lists an article titled "The Age of Jewels" which is printed in the "Coronet." The Library does not take the "Coronet," but was sent a sample copy of the September issue because of this article. It is on display in the Periodical Room and is worth looking at because of the beautiful cuts which illustrate the article.

Certainly the entire student body has enjoyed "Life" for the past year. This subscription was given to the Library by Mr. Monte Cohen. The Library is quite happy to announce that the subscription has been extended for two more years. Mr. Cohen has also given the subscription to "Fortune." Both are very popular, useful, surely the most thoughtful gifts he could have made. The Library is very grateful.

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO  
SCIENCE LIBRARY

- "Personal Hygiene" By Claire E. Turner.
- "Forensic Chemistry and Scientific Criminal Investigation" By A. Lucas.
- "Health Horizons" By Broadhurst, Jean and Lerrigo
- "American Land Birds" By Alice E. Ball.
- "Clinical Laboratory Methods and Diagnosis" By R. B. H. Gradwohl.
- "Physiological Chemistry" By A. P. Matthews.
- "Textbook of Biochemistry" By Harrow and Sherwin.
- "Old Glass" By N. Hudson Moore
- "Personal Hygiene Applied" By J. F. Williams
- "Clinical Diagnosis and Laboratory Methods" By Todd and Sanford.
- "Microtechnique of Inorganic Qualitative Analysis" By Benedetti-Pickler.
- "From Galileo to Cosmic Rays" By M. B. Lemon.
- "Fundamentals of Economic Geography" By Bengtson and Van Royen
- "Wild Flowers" By H. D. House.
- "Reptiles of the World" By R. L. Ditmars