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BOOK WEEK CELEBRATED AT SALEM

Chapel Programs and Radio Program Sponsored By Students

This past week has been observed in schools and colleges all over the United States as "National Book Week." Its purpose has been to inspire the reading of new books, to familiarize the students and the public with the newest and best literature, and to show ways in which reading is made enjoyable. The students at Salem have co-operated enthusiastically during the entire week and have done interesting, entertaining, and highly commendable work.

CHAPEL PROGRAMS

This week's chapel programs have been centered around Book Week themes.

Tuesday morning the class in Children's Literature of the Education Department presented a mock school scene. Mary Turner Willis, who played the role of teacher, gave a brief history of Book Week and its purposes and pointed out in the program a number of interesting facts about children's books. Peggy Bowen, alias Percival, played the part of the conventional "sissy," and Mary Venable Rogers retold Ellis Credles' story "Down, Down the Mountain." Another interesting feature of this program was Frances Watlington's presentation of the song "Ferdinand," an adaptation of Munroe Leaf's story of the bull who could tango but not fight.

Mary Turner Willis was again the speaker in chapel during the past week, when she talked on Padraic Colum in connection with Colum's lecture Thursday evening.

RADIO PROGRAMS

In addition to the on-campus activities the Children's Literature class has also presented several radio programs over station WSJS. Wednesday evening at 6:15 the class gave an original radio skit entitled "Snow White's Party." The play was written by Mary Lee Salley and Mary Venable Rogers, and the parts were taken by members of the children's literature class.

Thursday evening Mary Turner Willis gave a radio reading of children's stories chosen from modern story books. The final broadcast is scheduled for Friday night, at which time Frances Angelo will speak concerning the selection of children's books.

TRUSTEES OF SALEM COLLEGE AND ACADEMY ELECTED

Election Held at the Closing Session of the Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church

Trustees of Salem College and Academy were elected Wednesday at the closing session of the Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church in America.

New members of the board of trustees elected were Mrs. Richard F. Willingham, Ralph B. Ogburn, Charles N. Siewers, Ralph E. Spough and William J. Shaffner.

Those elected to a second term were C. S. Starbuck, Archibald Davis, the Rev. Douglas L. Rights, the Rev. Walser H. Allen and Emil N. Shaffner.

Re-elected to a third and final term were Dr. Fred Leinbach, T. Holt Haywood, Mrs. C. T. Leinbach, Mrs. James A. Gray, and Junius B. Goslen.

BOOK WEEK PROGRAM



The Children's Literature class presented a mock school scene in chapel last Tuesday morning. Those in the program and pictured above are: front row left to right, Frances Huggins, Louisa Sloan, Mary Lee Salley, Mary Venable Rogers; second row, Angela Styers, Kathryn Troxler, Mary Turner Willis, Peggy Bowen, Frances Kluttz, Mary Jo Pearson; third row, Frances Angelo, Helen Lineback, Elizabeth Carter; fourth row, Tootie Powell, Frances Turnage, and Katherine Bellamy.—Photo Courtesy of Journal-Sentinel.

NEW BOOKS FOR COLLEGE GIRLS DISCUSSED

Miss Annie Lee Singletary Speaks At Expanded Chapel

In conjunction with the National Book Week program, Miss Annie Lee Singletary, English instructor at John W. Hanes High School, spoke on "New Books for College Girls," in expanded chapel, Wednesday, November 16.

Miss Singletary explained that she did not set herself up as a critic but was merely giving her personal opinion of modern fiction. "I am not taking as modern just those books published within the last week or last month, but those which I think will outlast their contemporaries."

Reading at the present day she compared to an automobile journey, "There are three major classifications for literature: Stop, caution, and go," she said.

"In the 'stop' classification I should place those books which are shallow and sophisticated. These contain untrue, shallow, or no ideas at all and no self-respecting college woman should read them," said the speaker. In this category she placed such writers as Faith Baldwin and Ursula Parrott whose works appeal only to those who are in a hurry.

In the 'caution' group she listed those which should be read but carefully considered afterward. This type of book is controversial. Miss Singletary expressed the belief that a great majority of books out of Europe today are definitely propaganda. Several of these 'caution' books which she cited as examples are Sinclair Lewis' "It Can't Happen Here," "The Citadel," by A. J. Cronin, and Walt Duranty's "I Write As I Please." "The fadists come under this heading also. These

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EARLY RESULTS OF LIBRARY QUESTIONNAIRE ANNOUNCED

Fiction and Magazines Are Most Popular Among Salem Students

In advancing the theme of Book Week, "New Books — New Worlds," several attractive displays have been arranged in the Salem College Library. On the first floor is an exhibit entitled "Books That Have Shaped the World Since 1885." A group of twenty-five most influential books published since 1885 chosen by John Dewey, teacher and educator, is arranged around a lighted globe of the world. On the second floor of the library is a display of entertaining and attractive children's books.

The Salem College Library possesses approximately 17,000 books, and of these fully one thousand have been added since the new library was opened the first of last February. Many of them are the gifts of alumnae, college organizations, college friends, and even passing visitors. However, Miss Siewers, head librarian, says that she is more interested in the quality of the books added to the library, than in the actual quantity. The selection of books is far more important in the development of a library than the number of books.

The approximate average of library attendance is one hundred and twenty persons per day. Among these people are circulated daily an average of forty-three books, not including reserve books.

In connection with Book Week the library is distributing questionnaires among the students and faculty. The results of the poll up-to-date show that as popular reading material fic-

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DR. WEST READS "ON BORROWED TIME"

Director of Duke Players Visits Salem

In connection with the celebration of Book Week Dr. A. T. West, director of Duke Players of Duke University, gave a special reading of the recent Broadway success "On Borrowed Time," by Lawrence Edward Watkins in the reading room of the college library.

In his introduction to the play, Dr. West said that death had always been a most popular subject for the theater, and mentioned "Death Takes a Holiday" and Eugene O'Neill's "Lazarus Laughs" as examples of plays on this subject. "On Borrowed Time," a fantasy in two acts, presents death humorously and attractively.

The play depicts the love and fellowship between the old grandfather, Gramps Northrup, a kindly, earthy man, and his young orphaned grandson, Pud. The two are kindred souls. When death appears as Mr. Brink, Gramps succeeds in outwitting him for a time by keeping him up an apple tree in the yard. As long as Mr. Brink is in the tree no one can die, and Gramps intends to keep Mr. Brink in his spell until Pud becomes of age, so that the boy will not be brought up by his prudish and grasping Aunt Demetria. Only after a painful and crippling accident to Pud, does Gramps permit Mr. Brink to come out of the tree and take them both.

Dr. West read the play so delightfully that the fascinated audience, which filled the reading room of the library to capacity, was moved many times from laughter to tears, an evidence of his wonderful ability.

NOTED IRISH POET VISITS SALEM

Padraic Colum Gives Second College Lecture

Contemporary poetry was the subject of Padraic Colum, famous Irish poet, dramatist, novelist, and essayist, who spoke at Salem Thursday evening as the second lecturer in the College Lecture Series.

Preceding his lecture Mr. Colum spent the day at Salem. He was entertained at lunch by the Children's Literature Class of the Education Department, was taken for a drive over the city and shown points of interest, and upon his return to the college was shown the historic campus and the restored buildings of Salem. Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler along with a group of faculty members were hosts to Mr. Colum at dinner preceding the poet's lecture.

In his lecture Mr. Colum emphasized the unending labor of the artist and poet, who must keep an extraordinary freshness of mind and heart in order to present the commonplace as if it were being discovered for the first time.

"The poet," said Mr. Colum, "is a man who thinks in rhythm." The past penetrates deep into the layers of our consciousness, past the mere intellectual.

In speaking of contemporary poetry, Mr. Colum bemoaned the fact that, in a literal sense of the word, there is no real contemporary poetry today — no poetry contemporary with our thoughts. This, said Mr. Colum, is a great loss to us.

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SENIOR CLASS TO SPONSOR COLORED HELP SHOW

Features of the Program Kept a Secret

It's here again! Yes, indeed, it's really here again! Several years have passed since the last one, but once more Salem is to have that treat of treats — the Colored Help Show. The upper classmen know what entertainment is in store for them next Tuesday night, November 22, in the Old Chapel, but the Freshmen have a pleasant surprise awaiting them.

Sponsored by the Senior Class, the colored help on Salem's campus have planned a varied entertainment program for the students. The Seniors, who remember a similar program presented a few years ago, are anxious for the underclassmen to enjoy the entertainment Tuesday night and to see the talent which Salem's colored help have. The numerous features of the program have not been announced, because what is to happen is to be a secret until the last moment.

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SPRUILL THORNTON SPEAKS TO HISTORY CLUB ON TUESDAY

Spruill Thornton, recently elected representative from Forsyth County to the house of representatives, talked to the History Club Tuesday evening on "The Ins and Outs of Legislative Procedure in North Carolina." After tracing the proceeding in the passage of a legislative bill and mentioning possible bills that would come up in the next legislature, Mr. Thornton talked on the interesting personalities of the 1938 session. Preceding the meeting, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Holder and Mr. McEwen had dinner in the dining room with members of the History Club.