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### A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

There has been some apprehension on the campus as to the exact role the SALEMITE will play under a new regime in this strange new world. It's a world quite different from the world of a year ago. There isn't a place for quite as much frivolity as we had a year ago . . . there is an urgent need for constructive thought and honest criticism.

President Roosevelt said recently: "The challenge of the new day for American colleges is very great. All our energies at the present must be devoted to winning the war. Yet winning the war will be futile if we do not throughout the period of its winning keep our people prepared to make a lasting and worthy peace. This time the peace must be global the same as the war is global. Around the peace table the voice of the United States will have great weight. It is of tremendous importance that that voice shall represent the aspirations of a people determined that mankind everywhere shall go forward to its destiny. The soul of that destiny is the maximum freedom of the human spirit."

We realize that we young people are the ones who must prepare to "make a lasting and worthy peace. We expect to receive here at Salem a sense of responsibility in order that we may recognize the purpose of this war as "maximum freedom of the human spirit." One medium of that training is the SALEMITE. We offer you the opportunity to really think constructively . . . to give voice to your ideas. And as long as this paper is published, we guarantee your privilege of free speech. As Voltaire said, we may "disagree with everything you hav to say," but we will "defend with our lives your right to say it."

—Ceil Nuchols.

### ENTER NOW!

The Salemite as yet has no staff — what we want is a better staff for a better paper. to become a member, and we want all of you to try, you must:

1. Write one article — either feature, editorial, or straight news — long or short — gay or serious.

2. Type the article (or write it legibly) and leave ie unsigned in the Salemite office. In an envelope put the name of your article and your own name.

The editor will choose the best of the writers for the new staff. Membership will be based only on quality, so each of you has a chance to make '42-'43 a memorable publication year.

—The Ed.

## Le Coin Francais

Qu'est-ce que c'est que "la France"? Est-ce la beauté de Paris, la ville la plus gracieuse de la France? Ou est-ce la belle vallée du Rhône, ou la vallée chevaleresque du Loire? Ou est-ce la littérature de la France — l'esprit de Voltaire, la passion de Victor Hugo, ou la satire de Moilère? Ou est-ce que les peintures des fameux artistes français Renoir, Manet, et Cézanne représentent la vraie France? Non, on ne peut pas limiter la signification du mot "France" à un aspect de sa grandeur artistique et philosophique. Ce sont seulement des seulement des 'emanations de l'esprit française. Les caractères de cette civilisation sont trop variés pour qu'on puisse dire qu'un seul de ces caractères soit "la France." On sait, bien entendu, que la raison — la beauté de la langue français. Et en toutes choses un sentiment inné de la forme et de la moderation.

Cet esprit et cette civilisation appartiendront toujours a la France; et "la France," symbole de liberté, et source de l'idéal démocratique appartiendra toujours à tous ceuv qui croit en la dignité de l'être humain.

### A POLL OF READERS' INTEREST

In our eagerness to find out what you like to read in your newspaper, we have taken a sort of Gallup Poll among students and faculty. We have tried to select a representative number of people, but if your ideas conflict with theirs, we want you to let us know. The Salemite pledges itself to print what you want printed—what will stimulate your thinking—what will entertain you. We want you always to remember that this is your newspaper—we want you to make constructive criticism—we urge you to give us your ideas at all times. For example:

Dr. McEwen likes student expression in editorials, but he cautions writers to be tactful as well as honest. He likes the gossip column as long as it is breezy and well written.

Lucy Farmer enjoys the editorials and open forums—the "hashing out" of student problems. She thinks, however, that there are more important things than dirt columns. While the Salemite is not a literary magazine, Lucy believes that feature articles have a place in the newspaper. In summary, she is convinced that it is the duty of the Salemite to reflect the uncensored opinion of the majority.

Dr. Smith objects to malicious gossip and anonymous articles. Our publication, she says, should always conform to the standards of I. R. S.; and should be governed by the restraint of good taste. She would like to see more creative writing and more alumnae news.

Lucille Newman's favorites are stimulating editorials and "I Heard It This Way." She would like to see personality sketches and scoops on elections—the paper should be more than a mere record of events. She doesn't especially like the gossip columns, but she does like the news stories.

Dr. Downs said that, "the Salemite should be an organ of student opinion, but the opinion must be based upon intelligent thought rather than upon prejudice . . . the Salemite is no place for 'he said' and 'she said' . . . the editorials are the features . . . it is the business of the college to teach people to think, and the paper should reflect this."

Dodie Bayley thinks that news briefs in the Salemite are necessary, since students have little time for daily papers—she also thinks the gossip columns should be retained. Out of everything, she said, she enjoyed the baby Salemite last February more than anything else—she'd like more original ideas.

Mr. Kenyon objects to the gossip column, but likes "I Heard It This Way" for a catch all—things too good to pass up. He would like to see even more student opinion through editorials—an acceleration of our sports program through interesting individual mention—a greater variety in headline caps—an occasional personality sketch, personal instead of stereotyped—announcements and scoops given to the paper first—mimeographed feature illustrations—condensation of world events—and a feature story on the front page occasionally.

Louise Miller doubts the democracy at Salem when she reads the dirt columns—she would like a variety of writers to do the job. She thinks that advertisements would be more effective in a column featuring campus personalities and activities. Her other ideas involve a staff photographer and publication of creative writing.

Miss Covington declares that a newspaper may furnish the reader with news of interest to him and simultaneously educate his taste in news. The paper should not only serve the reader but the institution also. Since students don't keep up with daily newspapers as well as they should, a current events column might be beneficial. Editorials an world affairs would be an interesting illustration of student thought, but, for the most part, editorials should bear closely on campus life. Open Forums are excellent for unbiased discussion; but "in our zeal for growth and improvement, we must not overlook the worth while things that are being accomplished."

That's the story. We are all agreed as to the purpose of the editorials—we disagree as to the necessity of a gossip column: one faculty member enjoys it, three do not; two students would love to have it thrown out, and two couldn't do without it. On the question of creative writing appearing in a newspaper—a student and a faculty voted "yes"—and another student voted "no." Personality sketches and current event briefs were asked for—scooping announcements and elections was set down as a "must." We'll try to please each of you as nearly as we can.

—The Editor.

### SALEM VS. THE AXIS

Object as we might to the term, we have returned to a rather cloistered existence. From a world of action and rapid change, we have come in to a world almost unchanged—a world tempered by routine. Many of us found it hard to return to the seemingly inactive life of school, for we felt that we must be "doing" something tangible to help with this war. Yet we have evidenced by our very presence back at Salem that we have looked far enough ahead to realize that, though we are relatively inactive, we are not unessential . . . we have realized that our training here will make us more capable to cope with the world of war days and post war days.

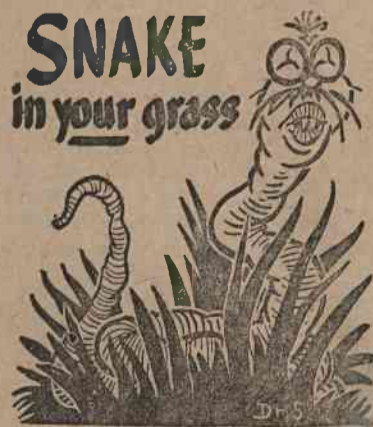
Salem has a larger enrollment this year than ever before,—which means that Salem will needs be better than ever before. What we hope to gain from college is: enough clarity in our thought to be good citizens, enough knowledge of historical worlds to be good students of this our world, enough confidence in ourselves and our ideas to be good leaders. Our administration has shown that it has confidence in us by allowing Student Self-Government, by allowing freedom of the press, and by allowing relative freedom of action. Salem as an institution offers us every opportunity to develop sobriety, sanity, and balance—all so necessary to a control of the maddening tempo of the day. We, as Salem students must and WILL furnish the drive to build good leaders of democracy and freedom.

—M. B.

### WHAT WE WANT IS SPIRIT

The Athletic Council, fired as we all are with the clean-slate spirit, hopes to inspire in us an unprecedented interest in sports. They will probably tell us that they are cooperating with the national body-building campaign, or ask us how we can hope to help with the war effort if we sit in our rooms and slowly atrophy. Those of us who have sat at a college football game (and which ones of us haven't) know what a grand feeling we have when we shout in unison for "team." The game is really not the primary thing . . . our interest is roused to fever pitch by keen rivalry. You perhaps remember that our interest last year in Salem's sports, excepting, perhaps the faculty-student tussel) dragged painfully. We sat around with bored expressions saying that it really didn't matter to us just who did win the games . . . and then we wondered why sports weren't fun like they used to be. Of course those were the days "before"; we could tear off for week-ends not really caring about intramural sports at home. Rumor has it that our activities will be seriously curtailed this year; so we are apt to be facing some rather tedious times unless we are resourceful. Wouldn't team spirit and a genuine interest in sports help? We think it would!

—Z. V.



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