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## Dr. Vardell To Present Organ Music

Dr. Charles G. Vardell will play Christmas organ music at a candle-light vespers service program Sunday evening at five.

He will open the program with *How Brightly Gleams the Morning Star* by Dietrich Buxtehude. This composition is an extended chorale fantasia on a famous Christmas song. Buxtehude, Bach's distinguished forerunner, was organist at the Church of St. Mary in Lubeck during the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries.

*The Three Holy Kings* by Otto Malling will be Dr. Vardell's next selection. The visit of the Wise Men, as told in the second chapter of Matthew, is the subject of the following cycle of seven pieces. Malling, a modern Danish composer, attempts graphic or symbolic tone-painting in several of these. The attentive listener will note the Oriental atmosphere that is generally prevalent in the music; the allusion to the hymn *Holy Night* in the introduction; the tramp of camels and the sustained note symbolizing the star in the fourth piece; the devotional atmosphere in number five; the savage revelry in the piece entitled *Herod*; the use of the choral *Now Thank we All Our God* at the close. The composition is divided as follows: Introduction: Christmas Eve; "Where is He that is born King?"; The High Priests and Scribes; The Journey to Bethlehem; Adoration; Herod, and Homewards.

The last three selections were composed by Dr. Vardell. *Christmas Rose* has a free setting in florid style of the well known Christmas chorale *Lili*, a *Fair Rose* by Praetorius. *Lullaby of the Cherubs* is the third of a series of pieces entitled *A Christmas Triptych for Organ*. It was suggested by the many paintings of the Manger scene in which small winged cherubs hover protectingly over the Christ-child. The last selection Dr. Vardell will play is *Fantasy on Three Provençal Noels*.

## Councils Finish Gift Collections

The councils of the Y. C. W. A. and the Post-War Activities have completed their Christmas projects.

The "Y" sponsored its annual drive of "a better Christmas for the Memorial Industrial Home Orphans". This year sixty-one orphans will receive gifts and a party with fruit, nuts, and candy. Various campus organizations contributed the money for the party.

Sally Roswell reported today that approximately 100 presents were turned in for the servicemen. These gifts will go to patients in the Army, Navy, and Marine Camps and Hospitals in North Carolina.

## Millikan Gives Seal Report

A total of \$35.85 was collected from the purchase of Tuberculosis Christmas seals by the students at Salem, Ann Millikan, chairman of the drive announced today.

The Tuberculosis Seal Drive, sponsored by Miss Rebecca Averill's Hygiene Class, was under the Forsyth County Tuberculosis Organization Committee.

Eliza Smith, Rose Field, Lib Jeffreys, Jean Basnight, Dorothy Wooton, and Eloise Paris sold the seals in the dormitories during the drive which lasted from November 27 through November 29.

## Merry Christmas



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## Jeanne Welty Makes Audience Wonder What Happened

by Martha Lou Heitman

What do you think really happened to Theodosia Burr? This is the question every Salemite has been asking since Jeanne Welty's unique monodramatic performance here Monday night.

Miss Welty is as vivacious and charming offstage as she is onstage in her convincing role of Aaron Burr's only daughter. Even between acts when she was changing her costume and aging years before our very eyes, she carried on an animated conversation.

Her favorite subject of conversation was, of course, her husband who is an architectural engineer in New York. "He would go simply wild over Salem", she said, promising to bring him with her the next time she comes.

At present, Jeanne Welty and her husband are trying to negotiate a swap of the apartment in New York for one in California where they are going to move soon. Miss Welty will tour the west coast while she is there.

When she is not doing research work, designing costumes, and writing new plays, Jeanne Welty finds time for her favorite hobbies of reading and knitting. The books she brought with her ranged from Hemingway to a detective novel. She knitted the stunning three-piece grey suit with gold insets which she wore. Her gaily-colored knitting bag contained another suit which she is knitting for her mother for Christmas.

Miss Welty said that it takes about a year and a half to do the research work and prepare a new play to take on the road. She is currently working on a monodrama about Nellie Bly. Other plays in her repertoire include characterizations of Fannie Kemble, and Adrienne Couvert.

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## Home Ec Seniors Entertain Friends

Senior students of the Salem College Department of Home Economics entertained at a tea in the Lizora Fortune Hanes Home Management House on Wednesday afternoon from 4 until 5:30.

A large number of guests from the college and community called during the afternoon and were greeted at the door by Julia Garrett. Miss Elizabeth Hedgecock and Betsy Thomas received in the living room and guests were taken into the dining room by Miss Jane Hewitt and Elizabeth Willis.

Each guest was presented with a Christmas nosegay by Mollie Cameron, and Frances Carr. Other seniors who served as hostesses for this colorful occasion were Mary Lillian Campbell, Marjorie Conrad, Rosalind Clark, Julia Maxwell, Martha Berch Willard, and Margaret Ardrey. Refreshments were served by junior members of the Home Economics Department, as follows: Jean Gattis, Betty Jane Bagby, Helen Reynolds, Peggy Page Smith, Louise Ziglar, Louise Taylor, Rebecca Brown, Henrietta Walton, Carol Gregory and Jean Moss.

The Lizora Fortune Hanes Home Management House had been attractively decorated for this tea which has become an annual event of this particular department at Salem College. The living room was complete with Christmas tree and putz, and unique decorations in the dining room.

The Christmas theme was also evidenced in the refreshments which were prepared by the junior members of the department. Noted especially were the watercress butter sandwiches in wreath shapes with bows made of pimiento, and ginger cookies, formed like candy canes, covered with cream cheese and striped with red icing. On

## Speech Class Presents Play

The Speech Class, under the direction of Miss Wible, gave its version of Kate Douglas Wiggin's *Bird's Christmas Carol* Tuesday morning. The program was given in Old Chapel during assembly period.

Peggy Sue Taylor was the announcer, and Ann Carothers, the narrator. Martha Boatwright played the part of Mrs. Ruggles, and the "nine little Ruggleses" were played by Frances Carr, Martha Sherrod, Boots Lambeth, Anna Morrison, Marjorie Crickmer, Betty Wolfe, Martha Brannock, Betty McCown, and Jane Mull. The little invalid "Christmas Child," Carol Bird, was played by Bernice Bunn, and her Mother, by Peggy Taylor.

Carols sung by six of the Choral Ensemble girls added atmosphere to the play.

## Lablings Have Christmas Party

The December Lablings meeting was held in both Park Hall and the Day Students' Center December 11. Nell Jane Griffin introduced Betty Ham who gave a review of the current humorous book, *Mr. Tompkins Explores The Atom*.

The members were invited to the Day Students' Center to sing Christmas carols. A short business meeting was held in order to vote for the colors and a seal for the Lablings. Green and white were selected for the colors and the selection of a seal will be made by a special committee.

The lecture room of Park Hall was decorated with a chemical Christmas tree. Test tubes and flasks, large and small, were filled with colored solutions and arranged in the shape of a Christmas tree. The star in the top of the synthetic tree was made of asbestos triangles, and spun glass represented snow. Punch, cookies, and peanuts were served by the refreshment committee.

## Traditions To Continue Juniors Fete Senior Class

The arrival of Santa Claus will be the highlight of the annual Christmas banquet, Saturday at 6:30 p. m. in the dining room. At this time Santa will distribute gifts to each Senior from the Junior Class, hostess for the evening.

The program will consist of a toast to the Seniors by Carol Beckwith, Junior Class president, and a response by Virginia Melver, Senior Class president. Dr. Rondthaler will make a short talk. The Choral Ensemble will furnish music during the evening.

Committee chairmen for the occasion are: Teau Council, place cards; Jane Mulhollem, music; and Martha Boatwright, gifts.

All students are invited to the Rondthalers' home after the banquet to see their putz.

## Seniors Will Light Candles At Sunday Night Vespers

The Seniors will hold their traditional Christmas vespers and candle-light service at 7 o'clock on Sunday, December 16 in Memorial Hall.

Catherine Bunn, soloist, will sing "O Holy Night", and Dr. Howard Rondthaler will read the traditional Christmas poem. Dr. Charles Vardell will be at the organ.

The Seniors attended by their sophomore pages will distribute the Christmas candles. The congregation, led by the Seniors, will sing "Morning Star".

## Girls Finish Registration

The preliminaries to final registration have been made this week. Students have been having conferences with their faculty advisers in which they have been discussing courses to take second semester.

Miss Hixson, academic dean, announces only a few changes in the curriculum. Modern Art 208 a general elective course open mainly to students majoring in Primary Education who expect to teach in the lower grammar grades, will include one lab and two lectures a week. Financial investment, a one-hour course, which has been 210, will be offered to seniors who wish to know more about such things as insurance, stocks, bonds.

The speech course, which has been 210, will be changed to 110. The course will be offered primarily for sophomores, but anyone may enter. The course will put emphasis on correcting voice mechanics. United States and World Affairs, 210, a newly created history course, will be taught by Dr. Confer. The course will deal with America's foreign policy during the twentieth century.

In Home Economics, there will be two courses offered to A. B. students. Family Economics 214 will be taught by Miss Hedgecock; and interior decorating will be taught by Miss Hewitt. Two changes in the Sociology Department concern Miss Adams who will teach social problems and Mr. Weinlick who will conduct the course in field work. Mr. Weinlick took Miss Gilpin's place in November.

Music Appreciation will again be offered second semester; and Latin 10, a mythology course, will be among the electives offered.

Miss Hixson reports that she is corresponding with several prospective students who wish to enter Salem second semester.