

Presenting.....

During a game of bridge in the smoke-house, Margaret Fisher told me about her fairy-story life. Everything has happened just like she wanted it to happen.

She dislikes winter; consequently she was born in the spring. She doesn't like South Africa; so she was born in Concord, N. C. She doesn't like large schools; therefore Salem is her ideal college.

When Margaret was a little girl, she sat in the church every Sunday wishing she could play the organ. Now she can play, because she is majoring in organ. You see, all her dreams have come true.

Being a sophomore, chemistry and organ major, she has the plan of an ideal day—all afternoon at lab, and all night at music hall. Anyway that's how she spends her time. She says, "I don't live anymore; I just major."

Besides attending all the musical functions, Margaret finds time to be Sophomore class secretary, an officer of the Lablings, and to write for the Salemite. She made Class Honors last year. Science—music—sports—publications—high average—how's that for a versatile combination?

Toddle House pie is the most wonderful thing Margaret can think of. Then there are those good old summer school days and Al at Davidson that are reasons enough for that Davidson pennant in her room. More dreams?

Margaret hasn't made definite plans for her future, but she is thinking about being a junior counselor at a camp next summer.

You know Margaret, don't you? If you don't, just run over to South Hall and yell for her.

Funnies Are Influential

The language that we speak every day is influenced by what we hear spoken and what we read. Important among these influences are the funny papers. On Sunday morning, families all over the nation laugh at the Katzenjammer Kids or sympathize with Jiggs. It has become natural for young and old alike to follow Flash Gordon in a rocket ship to Mars or go through the time machine with Alley Oop to Greece.

Probably most of the slang we hear every day originates with the high school talk of Freckles and his friends or the gangster terms of Tracy's newest enemy. Just last Sunday Freckles said to his best friend, "Round up the tribe and come on over. We'll crack a few cadenzas and do a little jive-bombing. Come on in and scrape the leather." Tracy's gangster was too busy escaping from Tracy to say anything. However, the plotters in Jane Arden say, "Any time you let a sucker think he's getting something for nothing, you've got a good racket."

Slang is not the only language habit derived from the funny papers: incorrect grammatical expressions are common also. To me the funniest and the most extreme murderer of the English language is Li'l Abner. The most educated person in Dogpatch, he thinks nothing of saying, "We didn't prove nothing to them scientist fellas. But we proved we loves each other more than our own selves." Another character whose reputation for grammar almost equals Li'l Abner's is Jiggs. He complained to Maggie about his toothache, "There's a lot of guys I know that I wish had it."

Nevertheless, on Sunday mornings in homes all over America sensitivity to dangling participles, metaphors, verb agreement, and double negatives is locked in the closet until the funnies are read.

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MARGARET FISHER

Filterings

Watson Davis, director of Science Service, has chosen the following developments as the ten most important advances in science during 1945.

The atomic bomb and the releasing of atomic energy for industrial use.

The discovery and verification of the trans-uranium chemical elements, 93, 94, 95, and 96, and the large scale production of 94, plutonium, for use in the atomic bomb.

Use of streptomycin—a germ-stopping substance of the penicillin family—for treatment of diseases, particularly those not cured by sulfa drugs and penicillin.

Development of the proximity fuse—a device which sets off shells by radio signal.

Development and use of loran, which allows determination of exact positions at sea and in the air through timed radio signals. Use of psychological warfare methods in speeding the surrender of the Japanese.

Development and use of BAL, a kind of alcohol, for the treatment of arsenic and mercury poisoning.

Development and use of the chemicals, ANTU and 1080 for killing rats and other rodents. Successful transplanting of hearts in warm-blooded animals.

Steps taken by Congress for establishing a National Science Foundation.

Some of these developments were actually made before 1945, but because of the necessity of secrecy during war, they could not be announced until 1945.

(from Science News Letter)

Lablings Use New Projector

The first Lablings meeting of the year was held Tuesday night in Park Hall and the Old Chapel. The business meeting was held in the lecture room of the science building.

Nell Jane Griffin announced that the Lablings were going to be the first organization to use Salem's new movie projector. The members were invited to the Old Chapel to see a movie on "The Rubber Shortage." Ice cream sandwiches were served, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Bullard Marries Ensign Noble

Miss Lesley Bullard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Bullard, and Ensign Robert Martin (Bob) Noble, USNR, son of J. C. Noble and the late Mrs. Grace Martin Noble, were married in a quiet ceremony at the home of the bride on North Walnut street Lumberton, N. C., Saturday afternoon, January 5, 1946, at 5 o'clock. Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn performed the double ring ceremony in the presence of immediate families.

Wedding music was rendered by Miss Nell Graham, soloist, and Miss Frances McPhail, pianist, both students at Flora Macdonald college. Miss Graham sang "Because" and "All For You", while Miss McPhail's numbers included the traditional wedding marches.

The vows were spoken in the living room before the mantle, which held a lovely arrangement of white gladioli and chrysanthemums. Miss Jean Bullard, wearing a pale blue frock with corsage of American Beauty roses, attended her sister as maid of honor. Sam Noble was his brother's best man.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attired in a 2-piece light brown suit of wool, with corsage of purple-throated orchids. She added the brown coat and light blue hat and bag for traveling.

Mrs. Noble was graduated in 1943 from Lumberton high school; where she was president of Student Council in her senior year. At the time of her marriage, Lesley was a member of the junior class at Salem College.

The groom received his degree in civil engineering last November at the University of South Carolina where he was president of Sigma chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, vice-president of the Blue Key, national honor fraternity, and captain of the baseball team.

The couple will make their home in Pensacola, Fla.

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Merritt Weds New Years Day

Miss Rachel Caroline Merritt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Merritt, Jr. of Mount Airy, became the bride of Lieutenant Warwick Cecil Carpenter, Jr., USNR, son of Mrs. Warwick Cecil Carpenter and the late Mr. Carpenter of Richmond, Va., Tuesday, January 1, in a 5 o'clock ceremony performed in the Woodland Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., by Dr. James Rayme Swain in the presence of the immediate families.

The bride entered with her father, who gave her in marriage, and the bridegroom was attended by his brother, Rhodes Carpenter of Richmond, Va.

The bride wore the traditional white orchids and gardenias tied with wide satin ribbon. Her gown featured a long waisted bodice with round neckline and long pointed sleeves with full hooped skirt ending in a court train. Her fingertip-length veil was held in place with a tiara of seed pearls.

Serving as the bride's attendants were her sister, Miss Betsy Merritt of Mount Airy, as bridesmaid, and Mrs. Rhodes Carpenter of Richmond, sister-in-law of the bridegroom.

The bride was educated at the Mount Airy schools and Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va. Rachel attended Salem during 1943-44 and while here she was a member of the May Court. The bridegroom is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Va.

The couple spent their honeymoon in New York City.

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