

Park Hall Is Hazard

By Mr. Charles Higgins

Park Hall, the present science building, is the only structure on the Salem Campus composed of a dwelling house on top of a one story brick foundation. The dwelling house was moved down the hill from the present site of the Rondthaler Memorial Sunday School Building and raised to form the second story of Park Hall. A special brick foundation, one-story in height, had been built especially for this.

In 1921, the scientific subjects then taught were five in number, by a faculty of two. The science work occupied the first floor of Park Hall, the college infirmary occupied the second floor with servant quarters and quarantine ward occupying the third floor.

The first floor space was divided into a chemistry laboratory and a biology laboratory, totaling 1420 square feet. Classroom space was provided at the end of each laboratory. These rooms were heated by coke burning stoves.

During the summer of 1921 a small stock room was partitioned off from the north end of the chemistry laboratory. Up to that time stock had been stored in various places such as open shelves and wall cabinets. This space was sufficient because of the great deficiency in equipment. Equipment courses and laboratories are at least ten years behind the times.

Heavy enrollment in the fall of 1921 caused Dr. Rondthaler to suggest a "temporary" one-story frame addition which would double the laboratory space and give adequate stock room. This was accomplished in the summer of 1922. The coke stoves remained in use. The two instructors now had the use of the same office which was good in comparison with no office here-to-fore.

When the Balnson Infirmary was built, the second floor was given over to faculty rooms. Steam radiators replaced the antique coke stoves at this time.

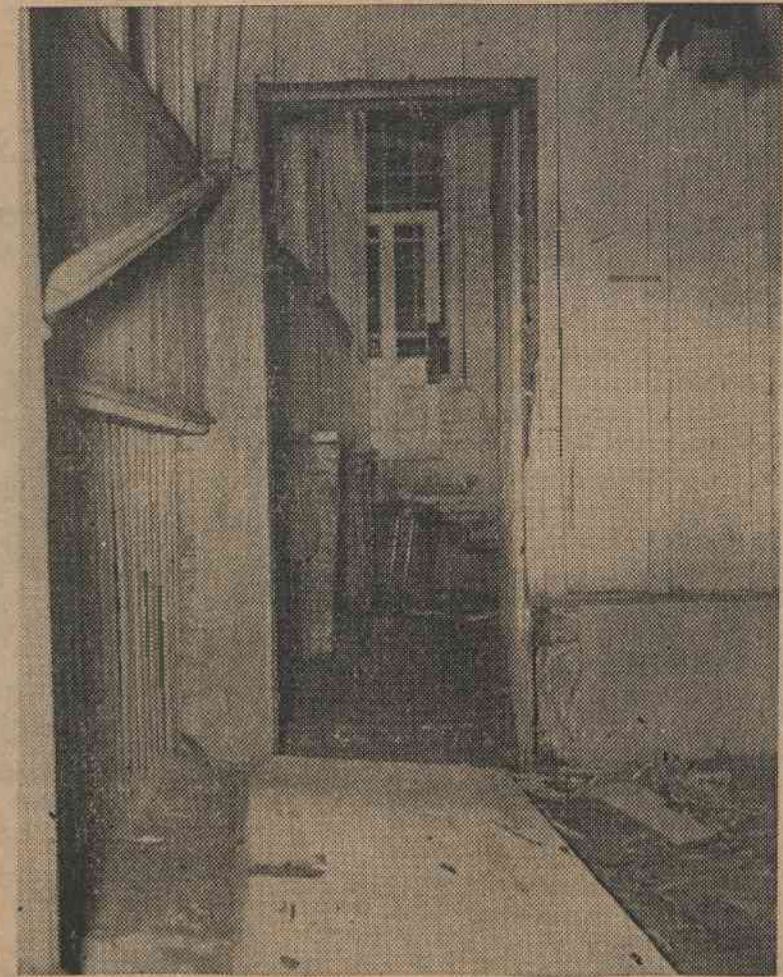
In 1930, conditions became so congested by the introduction of required courses that it was necessary to occupy the second floor. Space was made available for Biology and Physics laboratories, library, stockrooms, a small classroom and an office. The Chemistry laboratories, main stockroom, lecture room and offices then occupied the first floor.

During 1931 third floor was made available for a small natural history museum.

In 1932 the entire third floor was occupied, giving room for Bacteriology and Microscopic Technique, as well as more museum space and toilet facilities.

During the summer of 1933, another "temporary" one-story frame addition was built to make room. When this wing was added there was dug a hole in the ground under it which has been used for storage.

In addition to these major changes four small additions have been made to the main stockroom; a dark room has been partitioned off from the museum; a work shop was built in the basement; a special weighing room has been partitioned off from the Advanced Chemistry laboratory; and an experimental weather station was installed on the roof of the chemistry laboratory and has already been removed.



Above is pictured a door in Park Hall which collapsed this week due to termites.

Because of a fire in 1925 a semi-fire-proof fume hood was constructed. In 1921, there were five courses given, two faculty members, using a floor space of 1420 square feet.

In 1946, there are twenty-one courses offered, three faculty members, a full-time stock keeper and a full time janitor-repair man, using a floor space of 7100 square feet. A Bachelor of Science Degree in Pure Science and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Technology have been introduced.

Now, the equipment and courses offered by the science department are equal to that of any institution of like enrollment.

The present enrollment makes it necessary to increase the number of laboratory divisions, thus furnishing most students with only half of the laboratory locker space that they should have.

The roof of the twenty-five year old "temporary" addition is now falling through. The floor of the same addition has dropped noticeably and dangerously. The corner of the advanced chemistry laboratory has been eaten away by termites and one door has dropped off due to this condition. The plumbing all over the building is being repaired constantly.

Our equipment is adequate for the courses being given at the present time, but must be kept up-to-date.

Only by careful maintenance has this old building been kept in usable condition, but it is now very evident that it is inadequate, antiquated and unsafe—a real fire trap.

Please give us a new Park Hall! The present wreck is about to fall!!

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Rev. Adams Gives Lecture

Reverend Charles Adams, pastor of the Ardmore Moravian church, spoke Tuesday morning in Memorial Hall in the third of the series of chapel lectures on Hymnology.

Two periods in the history of hymnal composition were discussed in detail—the era of Isaac Watts (1674—1748) and the nineteenth century Romantic Movement. The speaker illustrated his talk by asking the audience to sing several hymns in each period with Dr. Charles Vardell accompanying at the organ.

Reverend Adams closed his lecture by asking the audience to stand and sing the first and last verse of the hymn, Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us.

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Sweet Dreams

By Rosamund Putzel

I used to move into a strange other world when I was left alone in the dark. When bedtime came, and sleep didn't, familiar objects merged into the thick blackness of a never-never land, and the earth was suddenly peopled with fairies and witches, monsters and demons conjured up out of everything from Grimms' Fairy Tales to Paramount studios. My world was terrifying and dangerous.

First of all, there was the witch who lived in the fireplace—an ugly witch, with a tall black hat, a hooked nose, and three black hairs growing from the mole on her chin. She ran her magic wand along the sides of the bed, and any hands or feet that were hanging over the edge were marked off to be fed to her pet crocodile for dinner. The safest thing was to curl up in a tight little ball in the very center of the mattress.

And no matter how hot the night, I always kept the sheet over my feet. The mad Dr. Fu Manchu, whom I named after the only Chinaman I knew, ran around tickling people's feet with the ends of his long mandarin mustache, until they laughed themselves to death; it was an ancient Chinese method of torture. He was especially anxious to tickle my

"freckle-foot"—the one with the birthmark on the instep. But for some reason Dr. Fu Manchu couldn't get me if I hid under the sheet.

I saw a movie once about a man who was poisoned by the super-chemical Radium-X, so that he glowed in the dark like a neon light, and everyone he touched died. That man stood outside my window every night for years, on the porch where the street light shone on the white window sash. Sometimes, when the wind was blowing through the big water oak so that it cast funny shadows, he would bend over and straighten up as if the wind were blowing him when it blew the tree.

Then sometimes I heard a squeak on the stairs. If it were just one slow squeak, it might be Frankenstein's monster, and I pulled the sheet up and lay quite still so he wouldn't see me. A series of short squeaks meant Long John Silver was coming to find out whether I had my eyes open; if I had, he would poke them out with his peg leg.

Usually the squeaks were caused by Mother. "Baby," she said, "you've been rolling and tossing for over an hour. Are you sick?" Upon being assured that I wasn't—physically anyway—she always added, "Then go to sleep, dear. And sweet dreams." Sweet dreams!

Spanish Club Plans To Give Teas

The Spanish Club is planning to have an informal tea in the Day Students' Center every Tuesday afternoon this fall. Only Spanish will be spoken at the teas and all Spanish students are invited to come in for a minute of conversation and maybe even a hand of bridge.

Aside from these teas, there will be one big monthly meeting of the club.

Dr. Jordan Speaks To French Club

Dr. Jordan spoke on "A Trip Out of Paris" at the meeting of the French Club Thursday night in the living room of Bitting. He illustrated his talk with slides.

Preceding Dr. Jordan's talk, Betsy Meiklejohn, president of the club, presided over a brief business meeting.

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