

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Now comes the gayest most heart-warming season of the year: The festive holiday season, when everybody is looking forward to going home and when everyone strives to look her best.

What shall we wear while traveling? The suit with a silk shantung blouse is smart and makes you look, sometimes, what you aren't. The plain dress with your favorite shortie or form-fitting long coat is a sure eye-catcher. Suede is constantly in the limelight for accessories, but velvet from head to foot is the newest thing. The night cap style hat and the small but roomy purse would perfect your traveling attire. Now is the time to carry that beautiful shoulder bag you thought you would never get the chance to use.

Satin is becoming more and more popular and may be purchased in all the holiday colors: blue, dusty rose, mint green, caramel, red, yellow, violet, and aqua.

Our festive holiday season brings about many activities—dinners, parties, formal dances, etc. For day wear, the skirt and blouse or the corduroy suit is appropriate; for evening or dinner wear: the plain yet "notice me" dress or dress suit is tops.

Let's go dancing! Now is the time to look feminine. An evening gown in one of the popular colors with matching shoes and bag of jewel-colored velvet and rhinestones or pearls in the hair, and we are set to go.

SCIENCE NOTES**Science Club Organized**

The newest and most popular club on the campus is the Future Scientists of America, which has for its purposes the stimulation of interest in science, the provision of hobbies as means of recreation, and keeping one abreast with current events.

Many thrilling and exciting events of this club will include beautification of the campus, hydrophonics, photography, specific experiments, making of cosmetics, the making of aquaria and terraria, and taxidermy.

The club is under the auspices of Miss E. D. Elliot, Mrs. W. J. Muldrow, Miss A. E. Minga, and Mr. A. P. Lester.

Officers are: President, Velma Wall; Vice President, John Bynum; Secretary, Mildred Simpson; Assistant Secretary, Thelma Balmer; Treasurer, William Bowser; Program Committee, Nancy Gary, Chairman, Martha Booker, Roxie Lowe, Gilbert Cradle and Bennie Williams.

SCIENCE CLUB HAS MOVIE

An interesting technicolor film "The Realm of the Wild" was shown to the members of the Science Club on Thursday, December 7. This film exhibited various forms of protective coloration, reproduction habits, activities of the predators and feeding habits of many wild animals. Techniques used by game wardens and foresters to maintain a natural balance between wild life and food supply offered fascinating experiences. The film also showed that an assured year-round supply of the grass, weeds, shrubs, and trees to provide animals food and cover was even more essential than protective laws. Each year, thousands of deer that should have been harvested by hunters are lost by winter starvation.

CONVERSATION
Are you a good conversationalist? Can you find something interesting to say to everyone with whom you have occasion to talk? Do you use correct English in your everyday conversation?

Reading good books, hearing good lectures, and associating with people who speak correctly are valuable aids in learning to be a good conversationalist. You may get into very careless habits of speech which prove to be a great handicap when you appear among strangers away from home. You can help each other here by correcting errors in speech. At a social gathering, you may meet two kinds of people who illustrate the extremes in the scale of social conversationalists. One is the person who may sit and smile, but never enter into the conversation. You never miss him if he stays at home. He fails to "pay his way" in sociability. The other extreme is the person who monopolizes the conversation to the exclusion of all others.

Avoid forming careless habits of talking that may annoy others. Baby talk, giggling, bragging, gossiping are taboo. Keep the confidence of your family and friends. Avoid general discussions of your troubles, ailments, money matters, and family affairs.

Avoid "facial gymnastics", smacking the lips, shrugging the shoulders, or pointing with your hands while you talk. You may say you do not agree with another person, but it is rude to try to force your opinion.

Be especially careful to cultivate a pleasant speaking voice. Avoid loud talking, and careless phrases, such as, "yep", "swell", "entice", "all rightie". You make yourself conspicuous by calling everyone "dearie", "honey", "sweetie", or other pet names. Speak distinctly. Be careful not to acquire a habit of hesitating in your speech. Do not repeatedly use a meaningless phrase, as "Don't you know?" Be considerate; you will become a bore if you laugh at your own jokes, or continually correct or interrupt another's story. Well-bred people not only speak English that is grammatically correct and free from vulgarisms or slang, but they use simple, direct words, free from attempts at elegance. Improve your conversation.

SCIENCE NOTES

The last meeting before Christmas will include a demonstration on the taking and developing of photographs by President S. D. Williams and a Pre-Christmas Social at which time simple gifts will be exchanged and refreshments served.

Future Scientists of America extend sincerest wishes for the merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year ever.

A German prince in a dream saw three rats, one fat, another lean, and a third blind. He sent for a learned Bohemian gypsy to interpret the dream.

"The fat rat," she answered, "is your prime minister, the lean rat is your people, and the blind rat is yourself."

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

"Anchors Aweigh" seems to have become the motto of one of our ex-fellow students, Riley Mackey, for he prepares to regain his title of "Captain Bones" on December 15, 1950.

Riley Mackey joined the United States Navy in 1941. In the line of our duty, he was engaged in both the European and Pacific theaters. Some of his naval explorations took him to Africa, Japan, China, India and various islands in the Pacific.

Upon his return to the States, he entered Elizabeth City State Teachers College, September 13, 1947.

As a member of the college family, Riley Mackey has been a valued asset. He was a member of the choir for four years, a member of the football team, and at one time, officer of his class. Not only was he outstanding in extra-curriculum activities, but he also maintained an average and above-average standing in his academic work.

The requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Education were completed by him on December 2. This was the reward for good and faithful work.

Riley Mackey will have to report for active duty to the United States Naval Reserve on December 15. He has been in the Reserves since 1947.

The College Family wishes him luck, success and prosperity.

CHATTER

Hi, Fellow Students! Christmas is almost here, and there are plenty signs on the Campus.

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary speaks of a "stump" as something that is stationary; not easily moved; or the base. Let us hope that Santa Claus will bring to a certain person these qualifications, so that he can settle down after Christmas.

Everybody would like to have snow for Christmas, but there has been a Hailes' storm on the Campus. It has had an effect on Miss _____.

The first three letters of his name are taken from "beaver", but he has the characteristics of a "tapeworm". Maybe Santa will do something about his enormous appetite.

Not only did he sing "I Want What I Want When I Want It", but he has taken it as his motto. Is that right, Freshman?

Mr. _____ did not mean to be left out. He got Holly.

BETTER ENGLISH

What is wrong with each of these sentences?

1. I feel like I had slept for days.
2. Here are a pair of boys. Who shall we choose?
3. The light-complexioned invalid is some better today.
4. Please look and see if she is laying down.
5. His pen will do equally as well as mine.
6. We intend to visit with our relations inside of a few weeks.

What are the correct pronunciations of these words?

7. Ignoramus
8. Research
9. Pedagogy
10. Accompanist
11. Nonchalant
12. Err

Which six words in the following group are misspelled?

13. Demagogue, demeaner, dementia, demurrage, adeiu, adequacy, adendum, irresistible, incontrovertible, incontestable, pertinent, permanent, perpendicular, perserverance, pantomime, panoramic, pandemonium, parapet, parsimonious, participant, and parsly.

Answers

1. I feel as though I had slept for days.
2. Here is a pair of boys. Whom shall we choose?

3. The light-complexioned invalid is somewhat better today.
4. Omit look, and say, lying down.

5. Will do equally well, or will do as well as mine.
6. We intend to visit (omit with) our relatives within a few weeks.

7. Pronounce the a as in ray; accent third syllable.
8. Preferred accent is on second syllable, not the first.

9. Preferred pronunciation is ped-a-go-ji. (e as in pet,) a as in ask unstressed, o as in no; i as in it, principal; accent on first syllable).
10. Pronounce a-kum-pa-nist, four syllables, and not five.

11. Pronounce non-sha-lant, a as in on, first a as in ask, unstressed; second a as in at, accent first syllable.
12. Pronounce ur, as in fur, and not ar as in care.

13. Demeanor, adieu, incontestable, permanent, pantomime, and persley.

SIGMA RHO SIGMA ENTERTAINS

On November 27, members of Sigma Rho Sigma Club, an honorary social science organization, entertained at a reception honoring Blonnie C. Boykins and Vivian H. Williams, two of their members who were being graduated at the end of the quarter.

Extemporaneous remarks by various members of the club, remarks by the honored guests, and a delicious repast served buffet style marked the occasion.

Those present included Miss G. B. Prater, club advisor, Vivian H. Williams, Edith George, Bertha Sampson, Carrie D. Williams, Vivianna Parker, Eva B. Riddick, Mary Albritton, Mary V. Rawls, Olivia Gardner, Ruby Lyons, and Blonnie Boykins.

There is keen competition for the role of Santa at the Annual Christmas Party. Mr. _____ and Mrs. _____ have the qualifications.