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## SPLENDID PLANS FOR SALEM COMMENCEMENT

Completion of 149 Years of Continuous Service—Exercises Begin May 28, Close May 31—Noted Speakers to Take Part—Class Exercises—Grand Concert—Senior Graduation.

With the graduation of the class of 1921 Tuesday morning, May 31, Salem College enters upon its one hundred and fiftieth year of educational service to the women of the South. The Commencement exercises begin Saturday, May 28, and continue with a series of programs including the graduating exercises, and the laying of the cornerstone of the new dormitory, on Tuesday, 1. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. George F. Rogers, rector of St. John's Church in Richmond. The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Edwin K. Mims, of Vanderbilt University.

Saturday morning the seniors will bestow the caps and gowns of senior-hood upon the rising senior class, in an intimate ceremony full of meaning to those who must next year carry on the work and ideals and dignity pertaining to their position in college life.

### ACADEMY GRADUATION

At eleven the graduating exercises of the eleventh grade of the Academy will take place in Memorial Hall. Saturday night an Artists' Concert will be given. Many of the talented musicians of the college music department will appear on the program.

### BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Rogers in the Home Moravian Church. Sunday evening the senior vespers will be conducted by the graduating class. A talk by Dr. J. K. Pfohl, and chorus and solo music by the seniors, will compose this beautiful service.

### ALUMNAE DAY MONDAY

The Reunion Dinner of the Alumnae Association will be given Monday noon, at which the class of '21 will be guests. A large general reunion will be held and many alumnae will be present; among them Mrs. Julia Hardin of Chester, S. C., who was the youngest girl at Salem in 1861.

In the afternoon class day exercises will be given on the upper campus. The seniors will present a play, "Every

Girl", written by Evelyn Thom, president of the class.

At eight o'clock the Grand Concert will be given in Memorial Hall. Under the direction of Dean Shirley, head of the Music Department, Arthur Sullivan's "The Golden Legend" will be produced. After the concert Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler will give a reception in Main Hall.

### COMMENCEMENT DAY

Tuesday morning, May 31, the graduating exercises of the class of '21 will be held. There will be the march of the seniors with the daisy chain into Memorial Hall, and the academic procession. Dr. Edwin K. Mims will deliver the address; announcements will be made by President Rondthaler; and the graduates will be presented with their diplomas and certificates by the heads of the several departments.

### PROMINENT SPEAKERS

The Rev. George Floyd Rogers, who will preach the baccalaureate sermon, is one of the leading ministers of his denomination, and rector of a large parish in Virginia. As president of the Industrial School and Farm for boys at Covington, Va., he has rendered a widely known service to large numbers of unfortunate boys. Mr. Rogers is a Rotarian, and an active figure in civic matters, as well as a splendid preacher. Salem is fortunate in having at last succeeded in securing his presence for commencement.

Dr. Edwin K. Mims, the commencement speaker, is well-known in North Carolina, having been a professor at Trinity and at the University. For the past nine years he has been head of the Department of English at Vanderbilt. As both a writer and speaker he is well known, and always delights and inspires his hearers. Friends and students of Salem rejoice that he will deliver the commencement address.

### LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE

In connection with Commencement Day, the cornerstone of the first of the new buildings will be laid, thus inaugurating the quarter million dollar new building movement which has now become possible through the great Endowment Campaign of last year.

Every alumna will rejoice in the first of these great erections, and will want to be present at this ceremony which marks the beginning of a new era for Salem.

### WE'RE LEAVING FOR BLUE RIDGE JUNE 3rd.

Blue Ridge has been almost our sole hobby since Easter vacation. Practically everything we've undertaken has meant another step towards our coveted goal. Although it has been several years since Salem has had a typical delegation at Blue Ridge, we're sure that she is going to make up for all lost time this year.

Besides the mere number of twelve girls in the persons of Misses Mary Shepard Parker, Elizabeth Gillespie, Georgia Riddle, Alice Watson, Gertrude Coble, Mildred Parrish, Eliza Gaston Moore, Julia Hairston, Marian Porpst, Margaret Russell, Betsy Holt and Elizabeth Roop, Salem is sending embodied in these personages a complete basket-ball team, with the usual number of subs, if they are needed; four champion tennis players, two excellent song and cheer leaders backed up by ten enthusiastic songsters, mandolin professionals, and ukulele experts, an all-star dramatic personae who have guaranteed to put on the best stunt of the season; besides a base ball team whose record has never been blotted, a track team that boasts of three prize heavy weights and a running-jumper who has never been surpassed; twelve untiring "hikers" who are prepared for the worst, and several high divers. What more could we hope to carry with us? We are ambitious, so the following are the other things that we would like to have as additions to our party—all the Salem pennants that anybody happens to have, Salem Annuals, old or new, and any suggestions that you may have to offer. Remember that we are representing you.

But there is something we want more than any of these—we want to carry you with us. It still isn't too late to decide that you want to join our house party at Robert E. Lee Hall on the "top of the world." We want to take Miss Stipe and Dr. Rondthaler with us, too, and although it seems impossible for Miss Stipe to go under any circumstances, we haven't given up hopes yet, as she has promised to wire us "yes" even on June 3rd if she finds that she can leave. But Dr. Rondthaler is going to be the house-party's honored guest for a little while before the conference is over.

Have you decided within the last week to go to Blue Ridge. If you have, give your name to Mary Shepard Parker immediately.

### MANY SOCIAL HONORS ACCORDED SENIORS

Spring Season Has Been a Festive One With the Girls at Salem

Judging from the number of entertainments given the Seniors during the last half of this year one would think that the recent appeal, in an editorial of the "Salemite" for "more social life at Salem," has been readily answered. First we remember, directly after the Christmas holidays the Library was miraculously converted into a spacious dining hall, where Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler graciously received and entertained the Seniors at a seven course banquet. Then a little later in the year the sophomores bade the seniors arise, be clothed and in their right minds on Monday morning at 7:30, at the appointed hour the two classes rode out to the country club and partook of a delicious "fried ham breakfast."

On May 7 the Ne'er-to-be forgotten "Junior-Senior Prom" was staged, at which time men strolled around on the sacred ground of the back campus until a disgracefully late hour. This event, given annually by the Juniors to the Seniors is the "biggest social event of the season."

Then the Kiwanis Club did honor to our noble seniors by entertaining them at an elaborate dinner given at the Country Club. The Domestic Science Department joined in the line of entertainers to the Seniors and gave a delightful little tea one afternoon recently. Thursday night Mrs. Rondthaler gave an informal "feed" at her home for the Seniors, which was enjoyed greatly because of the genuine, home-like atmosphere so prevalent in the Rondthaler home.

On Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. Moody Gaither are formally entertaining at their home in honor of the graduating class.

The last event of the seniors' social life at Salem will be the senior dinner on next Friday night. This dinner is for the seniors only and is the occasion when each girl present is required to reveal to her classmates the innermost secrets of her heart.

Farewell Seniors! May you be "wined and dined" in the future as much and more than you have been at Salem.