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Call Meeting of Student Government Association

The Meeting is Addressed by Dr. Rondthaler, Mrs. Rondthaler, and Miss Stitje.

Lucile Reid, President of the Student Government Association, called a meeting of the student body Friday evening, September 11, at six-thirty. This was the initial meeting of the school year, and the program consisted largely of welcoming speeches.

Miss Reid first addressed a welcome to all students, especially to the class of 1926, then hundred twenty-nine. She declared that the Student Council are good friends to everyone, that their purpose is to serve, and that they are devoted to the best interests of the student body. They desire to create and preserve a lasting school spirit in the heart of every Salem girl. She then spoke of the sacrifice they willingly made to give their best to the school. She pointed out that consequently they strive for justice in every decision and never consciously render any decision except at the Just one. She ended her talk by again giving everyone the heartiest welcome ever.

Miss Reid called upon Dr. Rondthaler to speak to the students, and he began by asserting that the whole principle of the Assistant is contained in three words, if these words are rightly apprehended. They are the essential part, and when they are said, all is said: Student self-government—self-government of students. Self-government means self-control, sense of self-honor, knowledge, thought, regard for duty, purpose. Student self-government is sometimes hard to understand, but which necessitates a high sense of honor that will not stop at meanness. Some students fail to remember that there are a number of things an individual may do with safety in her own home, but which she cannot with loyalty and propriety continue to do when she becomes a member of a student group, because then she is under obligations to her fellow students. The purposes of student self-government are self-development, mental concentration, self-restraint, poise, sincerity, care, honor. This self-government, but the self-government, of students with a view to promote the needs of student life. One of the rules which is often not understood is the rule of silence. The reason for this regulation is purely a student reason. Silence is one of the prime conditions of student life. The attitude of the individual either aids or impairs the respect, the dignity and the good name of the group; the sincere minded woman, therefore, will ask herself the question, "Am I for or against the student idea of necessary accuracy?" and she will find the answer in her heart. There are two kinds of persons who stand in the way of such advance: the coward, who is afraid to report herself, and the person who, with feeble readiness, will quickly excuse

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Y. W. C. A. Party For New Students

Introduction of Freshmen Made and Clever Stunts Staged.

The Y. W. C. A. showed its usual wide-awakeness and activity at the very opening of the year on Thursday evening, September 10th, at nine o'clock, in the Campus Living-Room of Alice Clewell Building, held its first get-together meeting for this year. Its purpose was to bring the new girls and old girls together, through the medium of the Y. W. C. A. and to make the new girls, particularly the freshmen, feel more at home at Salem. In this respect the party was a great success and in a very short time everybody was busy getting acquainted. As a novel way of introducing the new girls to everybody, a line of "wash" was strung across the center of the room and each girl, as her name was called, stepped forward to receive her hot soapskin, telling from what place she came and was thus introduced to the rest.

When this was finished, Rachel Davis, President of the Y. W. C. A., called attention to the months which were placed at intervals along the wall. Each person was to find the month in which she had her birthday. In this way a group was formed around each month and each group was asked to give an appropriate stunt for the entertainment of the others.

The stunts were all clever and amusing, January taking the prize, a box of candy, for a realistic presentation of a "one horse open sleigh", driving through a snowstorm. May received honorable mention by representing a flower-garden in which the flowers, after being sprinkled, grew up with amazing rapidity, quite out-doing those tropical plants which are said to spring up overnight.

At the close of this game a delicious punch was served with small cakes and the company gradually dispersed after having spent a most delightful evening.

Freshmen English Classes Are Given Various Tests

Freshmen English students have been given tests in spelling, pronunciation, punctuation, sentence structure, grammar, and idiomatic usages. The tests will determine the section to which each freshman will be assigned.

Senior Class Entertains Rest Of Student Body

Last Saturday evening at eight o'clock, the Senior Class entertained the rest of the student body on the terrace in front of the Annex. After a short time spent out of doors, everybody went into the hall and danced, with Margaret Hartsell and Sara Yost furnishing piano and violin music. Punch was served,

Salem College And Chapel Open Year With Chapel Service

One Hundred and Fifty-Four Year Is Begun With Large Enrollment and Many Visitors

The opening exercises of Salem Academy and College took place at ten o'clock, Thursday, September 10, 1925. According to ancient and well-beloved tradition, the one hundred and fifty-third year of the school was begun with the processional of "standing at the Portals," the seniors singing the first verse alone and marching on to the platform during the remainder of the hymn. The Senior class is the largest for several years, thirty-eight in number.

After the processional, the business of the meeting was conducted—announcements concerning the opening of the school, the coming of the time and place for classes, the registrar's announcement and various others. Dr. Rondthaler then addressed the students and visitors, welcoming new and old girls to Salem and speaking impressively of the one hundred and fifty-third year which forms the history of Salem College and of the proud heritage which is the possession of every Salem girl. He mentioned some of the interesting and famous events which have transpired under the shadows of the historical brick walls—in particular, the enforcement of the hostile forces of Cornwallis within a stone's throw from the now standing buildings. He brought to the attention of his hearers the fact that Salem had lived through four great wars, at least two of them cataclysmic in their effects and of stupendous importance, and that never once, during those days of storm and stress, out of hardship and privation and uncomplaining sacrifice, had Salem closed its doors. Such a record in one of which Salem students may be justly proud.

A large number of alumnae and other friends were present and many other alumnae sent telegrams of congratulation. These are as follows:

"Loving greetings to my Alma Mater on her hundred and fifty-fourth birthday," Flora Binder.
"I long to be with you. May the term nineteen hundred twenty-six and twenty-seven be the most successful ever for faculty and student body," Kate Hunter.

"This is twice in eight years you've opened Salem without me. My heart is with you today and I wish that I might be. Greetings to Mr. Heath, Mr. Higgins and my little sisters, the new seniors," Big Chief Chandler.

"A recent bereavement prevents my being with you. May this be the happiest and most promising year that Salem has ever known. May our own class standing at the portal this morning be a hundred per cent strong in Salem spirit. Love and best wishes to all, especially to the class of twenty-seven," Elizabeth Hoop.

"Thinking of everybody. Best wishes for happy and successful year," Jean Abell.
"Good morning, everybody. This minute I am thinking of

you and wishing I could be with you for the opening chapel service. Best of good wishes to you all and an extra amount for rest and wine," Mary Proulx.
"An thinking of you this morning and wishing each and every one a successful year," Elizabeth Laubert.

Besides these, the following letter was read: "Seven trembling members of the class of '25 pause at the pedagogical gate to think of Salem, and wish they were there. Best wishes for the year 1925-26!" It was signed by Constance Allen, Agnes Cartton, Daisy Lee Glasgow, Margaret Hamner, Katie Houshner, Mary McKelvie, and Frances Young.

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung as a recessional. Directly after the closing of chapel, at eleven o'clock, classes began.

Dr. Farr Speaks In Chapel Saturday

Vice-President of Florida State College Brings Greetings to Salem.

Saturday, September 11, Dr. Farr, Vice President of Florida State College, spoke in chapel. Dr. Farr is a graduate of Davidson College, but for twenty-five years has been engaged in educational work in Florida. He is also head of the English Department at present and before he took up his residence in Gainesville, he held a professorship at Davidson.

In his talk, Dr. Farr extended greetings from "one great institution of learning to another." He expressed himself as paying the highest compliment in his power to Salem College and Academy—that of sending his daughter to school in the Academy. He declared that there were three reasons for this decision: first, his own love for North Carolina and account of spending his early college days in the state; second, his connection with Salem by having ancestors who attended the school; and third, his high opinion of the school itself.

Meeting of Student Government Association

On Monday afternoon at 1:30 a meeting of the Student Self-Government Association was held in the recreation room of Alice Clewell Building. After the roll-call by the Secretary several important rules were stated by the President of the Association. It was also announced that training classes for Freshmen for the purpose of instruction in the hand book would begin Thursday evening.

Student Interests Are Discussed In Chapel

Sights and Insights and the Salemite are Subjects of Talks.

Wednesday morning chapel service was held September 16, at eleven o'clock. This hour set apart in the middle of the week is of long tradition and is adaptable to the present needs. This custom prevailed many years ago in the history of Salem College and Academy and the Boys School, when Bishop Rondthaler gathered the students together one hour each week for religious instruction. This hour is a significant part of the beautiful experience of Salem College and Academy, and particular interests concerning the College and Academy are presented at this time. Beautiful and impressive Advent and Lenten services are held during these seasons. Things concerning the active life of young womanhood are discussed by representative persons and this affords a very precious opportunity to the students.

Two interests, which concern every member of the faculty and institution, are the two principal student publications, The Salemite, and Sights and Insights. Rosa Caldwell and Eloise Willis, as representatives of the Sights and Insights Staff, made very interesting talks concerning the Annual. "You all know what a regulation college annual is, but if you have never seen a Salem annual, you do not know what a real annual is; and even if you have seen Salem annuals of years gone by, including this year's annual, you have not seen the very best because ours is going to be the best ever. When I say ours, I do not mean just the senior classes of the college and academy, but I mean each and every student. It is yours because it depicts the life here at Salem. It does not exactly take the place of a memory book, because a memory book usually contains things that are interesting to you alone. The annual is the type of memory book which includes phases of college life which are interesting to all—not only to us here at Salem, but to our parents and friends.

We have a reputation to live up to—one to be proud of. What others think about one book may be seen by a clipping from the Charlotte Observer. Also, the Faculty Advisor of the N. C. C. W. Annual, Pine Needles, told a member and faculty of both the Academy and College, and I am sure you will all do what you are asked to do and help us to make our 1926 Sights and Insights the very best annual published."

Miss Willis in her first talk told about the business management. She brought out very clearly that the Sights and Insights Incorporated is a business

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