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This is the last issue of the Salemite before the beginning of the holidays. The air is full of Christmas—the Christmas party, with the inimitable Santa Claus, the dignified and beautiful silver vespers service, and everywhere the atmosphere of excitement and happiness. The Salemite cannot say good-bye for four weeks without adding its voice to the chorus of good will and fellowship. Let our last words until January, be "A very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

While we are speaking of Christmas, it is the duty of the editor to moralize a bit and to remind you that while this should be and usually is the happiest season of the whole year, it should not be a time of self-indulgence and entrance to thoughtless pleasures. One should keep in mind the reason for this great celebration, and remember that not everyone has a Christmas tree and Santa Claus and turkey. There are various organizations which do a great deal to relieve suffering among the poor and it will hurt no one to stop buying presents for a day or two and to contribute to these organizations.

The sale of Red Cross stamps is for a cause than which there are few more worthy and we urge every Salem girl to buy as many stamps as she can.

Salem is always noted for beautiful traditions, but at Christmas time, in this respect, she is unsurpassed. It is entirely possible for an individual so to withdraw from the life of the college that the carrying out of these traditions means nothing to her, but the girl who makes herself really a part of Salem will receive inestimable benefit and pleasure from them. The Christmas party Saturday night, with its merry gathering of old and young is a cherished custom. Senior vespers, Sunday afternoon in the library is one of the most beautiful and best loved traditions. The Senior serenade affords pleasure both to the Seniors and to those who are serenaded. All these are a part of Salem and a portion of the rich heritage which is the right of every Salem girl.

Do you realize that any prolonged holiday is a trying one for Salem's reputation? That students are apt in occupation with other things, to forget that they represent their college in the places to which they go? That people with whom one comes in contact are judging Salem, the college, the atmos-

## Freshmen Elected To The Student Council

The regular monthly meeting of the Student Self-Government Association was held Monday, December 7, at one-thirty, in the recreation room. The main business before the association consisted of the election of three freshmen representatives to the Student Council. Nominations were made by members of the freshman class, the entire association voting for the representatives. Those elected were: Charlotte Easton, Mary Miller Faulkner and Penelope Tipton.

## Pupils' Recital At The Music Hour

On Thursday afternoon, December 3, the Music Hour program consisted of a pupils' recital which was varied and interesting in every respect. There were selections in piano, violin, and voice, and the pieces were unusually brilliant and beautiful. The program was as follows:

Bach-MacDowell Minuet  
Laff — Mary Beckner  
Elizabeth Hastings  
Bartlett — Marionettes  
Laura Price and Daisy Litz  
Arthur Foster — Tocata (from Suite in C minor)  
Clemmon Brown  
Dennee — Forest Sounds  
Susan Luckenbach  
Branscombe — Melody  
Emily Sargent  
Schubert-Liszt — Hark, Hark, the Lark  
Evelyn McGehee  
Donnelly — O Del Mio Amato En  
Elsie Barnes  
MacDowell — From the Depths  
Connie Fowler — Tears  
Howard Bagwell  
MacDowell — Witches Dance  
Pamper Person Ridge

## Christmas Meeting Of The Cercle Francais

Students of French 3-4 Having High Grades are Invited to Become Members.

The regular meeting of the Cercle Francais will be held in the Alice Cleveland living room next Wednesday, December 16, at five o'clock. The program will be composed of Christmas numbers and promises to be a very interesting one. It is to be the open meeting of the year and the members will invite guests.

The following young ladies from French 3-4 have made sufficiently high grades to enable them to become members of the Cercle Francais:

Brownie Peacock, Ruth E. Masden, Barbara Heath, Virginia Blakeney, Helen Johnson, Isabelle Dunn, Frances Hahn, Myrtle Valentine, Margaret Vaughn, Lillian Newell, Carrie Mae Baldwin, Lucile Hart, Rubie Scott, Anna Pauline Shaffner, Marion Bloor, Caroline Price, Genevieve Marks, Frances Wilson, Margaret Stevenson.

There, the environment, the curriculum by oneself? Too often one overlooks responsibility in this line. Out from the atmosphere and environment one forgets the Salem that one represents. This could be prevented if each student felt her specific duty to be a true Salemite during the holidays.

## Pierrette Players Hold Final Meeting Of Year

Miriam Brietz Reads O'Neill's Emperor Jones.

The regular meeting of the Pierrette Players was held in the Campus Living Room of Alice Cleveland Building on Thursday evening, December 10. Due to the Glee Club Concert, the meeting was called for 6:30. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Isabel Wendish, presided and called for the roll call and secretary's report. Miss Willoughby announced the cast of the three plays to be presented in January in Collaboration with the MacDowell Club, and called for a meeting of the members of each cast following the club meeting. The club voted to renew the subscription to the "Theatre Arts Monthly," feeling that a discontinuance of this monthly magazine in the meetings adds much to the meeting in the way of education and entertainment. The motion was also made and seconded to ask Miss Wendish to give a report on the reading contest to be held in January, to become a member of the Pierrette Players. Since there was no more business, the vice-president asked Dorothy Siewers to give a report on the December number of the "Theatre Arts Monthly." The main articles discussed were "The Ramifications of Realism," in which it was pointed out that the present tendency in play writing is toward realism, or some branch of realism; and "Character Acting." The latter showed how difficult it was for an actor to lose himself in the character which he portrays. Some modern great actors are found to have their limitations.—they can only play one character—a truly great actor must be able to fit any character.

Miriam Brietz, in a most impressive manner, read "The Emperor Jones" by Eugene O'Neill. This play with its predominance of illusions and actions, is strikingly unique, and Miss Brietz brought out in a clever manner the reactions of Emperor Jones to his illusions.

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## Open Forum

"There's music in the air"—and in the busy office, the home school, or on the street, one stops to listen.

One listens reverently, and though one's heart may be saddened, through it all is a note of glad triumph,—the triumph of a soul gone Home, the knowledge of Christ's victory over death.

And then!—gorgeously a voice bursts in: "The Death Horns" For a moment the gladness has gone, leaving only the black despair of separation from a loved one.

But on they play! and once again one knows that all is well. Those to whom the music of the trombones has grown dear from childhood are hurt at the grim misnomer and feeling sure that no one would willingly hurt in such a case, this plea is made to abolish it once and for all.

A Moravian.

Do your Christmas shopping early, and be sure to do it right. Patronize our advertisers. And so help the Salemite.

## Home Economics Club Has Christmas Bazaar

Members Contribute Attractive Novelties; Candy also on Sale.

The Home Economics Club held a Christmas bazaar in Main Hall, Friday afternoon, December eleven, from three to six o'clock.

It was announced in a speech by a very clever way, by a "sandy" man, who continued to advertise all morning.

Each member of the club was asked to contribute one article, and many charming and original things were given, hand painted vases, candlesticks, powder boxes, fancy work, lamp shades, and various other things made up the collection.

Japanese novelties had been ordered from New York, and these were very popular and sold quite well.

Candy made in the Home Economics laboratory was a best seller, also.

At one booth, girls sold coffee and sandwiches.

The proceeds from the bazaar are for the benefit of the club and practice house, and from the point of view of both the buyers and the sellers the bazaar was a decided success.

## Plans Are Made For Europe Study Tours

Membership in William and Mary Groups Restricted to College and University Students.

Elaborate plans for the third summer school in Europe are being made by the management of the William and Mary Study Tours in Europe, as a result of the enthusiasm over the trip which was shown by the members of last year's party. College students who have in the back of their heads any notion of spending the summer in Europe will find the summary of the plans well worth their attention.

Membership in the William and Mary groups is restricted to college and university students, thereby insuring a congenial atmosphere. Three groups are being planned, among which it is expected that the most popular will be the Study-Travel group, one that has already met with great success for the past two summers. For those who do not care to do anything except travel the management will organize for next summer a group which will spend the entire summer traveling, the European Tour group. This is for those who either do not feel able to afford one of the other two tours, or who want a longer time at home and a later start from New York. The Study Group will be organized. This last will appeal particularly to those who are interested only in the six weeks' summer school in France, with about ten days in Paris as they go to the school and return thereafter.

The unique feature of the William and Mary plan is the transplanting into Europe of a six weeks' summer school, in which the usual courses of a four-year American college or university summer school will be offered, in English, and by American college and university faculty members. The courses offered are standard ones, such as are

to be taken at any six-weeks summer school in this country, in English, History, Government, French, and other subjects. The school will be held at the seat of the University of Toulouse summer school, Bagneres-de-Bigorre, in the Pyrenean mountains. In addition, any of the regular courses of the Toulouse summer school, in French and by French professors, are open to those members of the party who may be interested. Credits for courses offered the group by its own instructors will be given at William and Mary College, and will be equal in value to the credits received for six-week courses taken in the William and Mary summer school at Williamsburg, Va.

Sketches of the plans for each group are as follows:

## The Theta Delta Psi Gives Dinner at Tea Room

On Wednesday evening, December 2, the Theta Delta Psi entertained at dinner at the Tea Room from 5:30 to 7:00. The decorations, including place cards and favors carried out the Christmas color scheme. Those present were Elizabeth Roundtree, Margaret Farthing, Iose Frazier, Cam Bowen, Mary Johnson, Elizabeth Croose, Ava Vellens, Martha Hoyt, Isabel Dunn, Elizabeth Hobgood, Anna Frances Redfern, Etta Dunn, Elsie Barnes, Ruth Platt, Anna Southland, Rachel Phillips, Fannie Person Ridge and Eva Flowers.

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The Study-Travel Group will start from New York on June 26 and arrive at Liverpool July 3. The group will then visit the following places: Warwick, Lexington, Stratford, Oxford, London, Antwerp, Brussels, Cologne, the Rhine trip, Mainz, Heidelberg, Strassbourg, Lyons, Avignon, Toulouse, and Bagneres-de-Bigorre.

The group will arrive at the same place, the location of the school, on July 18. At the end of the school period the group will visit Pau, Biarritz, San Sebastian, Tours, Chateaux of Touraine, Paris, Mont St. Michel and a sojourn to Cherbourg. The group will sail from Cherbourg and arrive at New York about September 4.

The price on this tour, including absolute! all expenses except personal expenses, is \$660. The management feels justified in making the statement that an individual could not make the same trip, with the same accommodations, at any other place. This low price can be offered only because of special concessions, in the matter of railroad fares and other items, granted by the French government to educational projects.

II. Grand European Tour. This group will leave on the same date as the one mentioned above, and will visit the same places until Strassbourg is reached. While the first group is at the summer school this group will travel as follows: Lucerne, Interlaken, Milan, Venice, Bologna, Florence, Rome, Naples, Vevoqua, Pompeii, Herculaneum, Capri, Genoa, Monte Carlo, Nice, Grasse, Marseilles, Avignon, Carcassonne, and Toulouse. This group will then visit all the spots in central France mentioned above and will sail

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