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**A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
All places that the eye of heaven visits  
Are to a wise man ports and happy havens.  
Teach thy necessity to reason that  
There is no virtue like necessity.  
.....*Shakespeare.*

The week-end has been a great occasion for the *Sights and Insights* and the *Salemite*. It is indeed an honor to be hostess to the State Collegiate Press Association and we welcome the opportunity and privilege which have been ours. We realize that the preceding hosts and hostesses of the Association have entertained the delegates of the convention so delightfully that a very high standard has been set; nevertheless, we have endeavored to make the meeting as profitable and entertaining as the previous ones. We are hoping that the delegates have enjoyed their brief stay here as much as we have enjoyed having them, and that their visit to Salem will long remain a pleasant memory.

We are glad of an opportunity to congratulate another worthwhile organization at Salem, the Order of the Scorpion, for its purpose of cherishing and advancing the high ideals for which Salem stands, and for the constructive manner in which its members have undertaken to make this organization a vital part of college life. We consider the recent work of the Scorpions—an attempt to make and keep the campus clean—a manifestation of their serious purpose in devoting time and effort for constructive service to the college. We feel sure the Scorpions deserve only commendation and encouragement in their work and various fields of college life, and we earnestly urge that all students, whether members of this order or not, show their cooperation with and appreciation of its undertakings; may the Scorpions long continue to perform their service and undertake enterprises with the help and understanding of the student body!

We dislike the role of dismal prophets, and have no desire to render our readers miserable with direful forebodings of calamity, but we do wish to remind thoughtful students that mid-semester exams are very near, and that wasted time will undoubtedly be regretted when exam week arrives. Diligent and conscientious workers have no need for alarm, because daily work well done leads to success and satisfaction in all kinds of undertakings, whether pertaining to school or other work, and to these students quizzes and examinations should be no cause for dread or worry. Do your work earnestly and diligently from day to day, and you will be rewarded not only by a passing mark on examinations, but what is worth more, a feeling of satisfaction over having accomplished something worthwhile.

"Speech is the index of the mind." This little sentence is a sermon in itself, and its value lies in the power to stimulate further inquiry into its meaning and interest in its adaptation. Though we often hear various versions of the same idea expressed in such manner as, "The wise are silent," "Talk is cheap," "The tongue is silver, the mouth is gold," "The wise are silent," "Talk is cheap," yet none of these reflect on the deep seven-wind silence above, a brilliant light on the individual himself. Let it startling to think that what we say measures our intelligence! Even in moments of relaxation, when conversation does not call for deep thinking, our minds and intelligence, our character and personality are judged by the thoughts we have and the words that we use to express those thoughts.

In college recitations are humanly the index to our knowledge, and we are graded by them. But in life, where there are no instructors to grade the speech and thoughts, where there are no teachers to correct expressions, or to lead the trend of thought with high ideals as a foundation—in life where the world judges with an unbiased and unprejudiced attitude the thoughts we do and the ideas we have, then is our speech an index to our mind, then it becomes the medium through which our learning seeks an outlet, and with which we attempt to add our ideas and suggestions to the progress of civilization. Our speech shows what we are. A mind made up of a conglomeration of aims and opinions, with no firm foundation or order to be reflected immediately in the frivolous and shallow speech. A mind well in order, and, above all capable of its own thinking will be revealed no less clearly in the speech that it has prompted. Clear speech means clear thinking.

### Pierrette Twoers Elect Two New Officers

Lardner McCarty Elected Business Mgr., J. D. Sheffery, Treasurer; Club to Study Barrie's Play

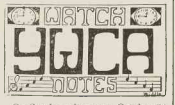
On Thursday, October the twenty-first, the Pierrette Players Club held its monthly meeting in the Alice Clewell Living Room. Miss Elizabeth Hastings, President, welcomed the new members, who were successful in the try-outs. The club is indeed glad to acknowledge their membership since the Committee on Membership declared themselves greatly pleased with the try-outs. The members of the club are certain that their work will be greatly improved by this new talent.

The program was a play, "The Twelve Pound Look," by Barrie. It is a story of English life in which the hero, Lord Sims, is on the eve of being knighted by the King for some service to his country. His wife, a rather timid, insipid woman, is coaching him in the ceremony. As they practice the butler enters and announces the stenographer whom they have summoned to answer the letters of congratulation which they will receive. Lord Sims recognizes her as his former wife whom he had divorced on a plea of desertion. When Lady Sims leaves the room they recall together the events of the past fourteen years since they parted. Each of them had left him because she dreaded the effect his success would have on him. She dreaded his overpowering influence upon her inherent independence, even though she was his wife. During the fourteen years she has become a stenographer. During the fourteen years he has become a great success. He had married again, but she, instead of regretting her desertion, is glad, and tells him so. This is a fearful blow to his pride, and ruins the whole day for him, but he dismissed it, along with other unpleasant thoughts, from his egotistic mind. The end of the play is startling. He sees in his heretofore completely submerged wife a gleam of a desire to be independent. This was no doubt the evil influence of the stenographer.

The cast was as follows:  
Lord Sims.....Lettia Currie  
Kate, the stenographer.....Susan Luckenbach  
Lady Sims.....Lilyan Newell

Tombes, the butler.....Ruth Pfeil  
After the program there was a short business meeting. It was necessary to elect a Business Manager and a Treasurer, due to the fact that the Manager elected last year did not return, and Miss Letitia Currie resigned the position as Treasurer. The result of the election was as follows: A. P. Slaughter, Business Mgr.; Lardner McCarty, Miss Ruth Pfeil, Chairman of the Play Committee, placed the Committee's report before the Club, and it was decided to read various plays by Barrie, instead of Modern French plays, in the meeting during the first semester. The Club looks forward with pleasure to hearing these plays read.

"The Harlequin," a College Dramatic Club, wrote to the Pierrette Players to ask permission to present a play at Salem, but owing to the difficulty of presenting a play, due to the unfavorable conditions of the stage in Memorial Hall, the Club refused to sponsor the production. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.



On Sunday afternoon, October 24, at 6 o'clock, in Memorial Hall, Mr. Charles G. Vardell, acting dean of the school of Music, gave an impressive organ recital under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. Mr. Vardell gave a varied program in his usual delightful manner. The selections which he used follow:  
Pilgrim's Chorus from Tannhauser.....Wagner  
The Swan.....Sibbings  
Intermezzo.....Calliearts  
Lagon.....Rudolph Phelps  
The Volga Boatman.....

The Y. W. C. A. has begun its customary co-operation with city organizations. On Friday afternoon a musical program was given at the Salem Home by Salem girls. The Industrial Night School Classes have begun; and, in accordance with the procedure of several years, Salem students now conduct classes on Monday and Friday evenings at the Salem Baptist Church, and on Monday and Thursday evenings at the city Y. W. C. A.

### Announcements

The annual budget for all college students is due on Monday, November 1. Charlotte Sells, Treasurer of the Student Government Association, will be in the Alice Clewell Campus Living Room from 1:30 to 4 o'clock and all students should be prepared to pay her then.

Senior Hat Burning which was postponed from October 22, has been scheduled for Monday evening, November 1. This traditional ceremony is one of the most delightful events of the college year, and is being anticipated with much interest.

Wednesday, November 3, at eleven a. m. there will be a general student and faculty meeting in Memorial Hall for the discussion of Student Government problems.

The Home Economics Club will give a Halloween Party in the recreation room on Saturday night, November 6 at 9:30. There will be a regular orchestra and food will be sold. A prize will be given for the best costume.

When we go in quest of society, diversion, amusement, and tawdry, it is good for us to ask ourselves whether we be good as we really need relaxation to become better. The pleasures of society and amusement must be filled from the inside.

Reason is the life of law.—Coke.  
Better late than never.—Dionysius.  
Beauty is truth, truth beauty.—Keats.

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