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Senior Class Has Ivy and Tree Planting

Ivy Is Planted At Doorway of Lehman Hall

The class of '29 was in charge of Thursday's chapel service, which was in the form of ivy and tree planting. At the beginning of the hour Dr. Rondthaler announced that Cam Boren, the senior president, would present the program for the service. Miss Boren explained that the Class of '29 was Thursday planting ivy and tree, according to the long established Salem custom. She stated that this was one of the most notable days in the history of the class, for it was then giving to the Alma Mater something that would continue to live under protection, and which would serve to bind the members of the class closer to Salem. Following her short talk and announcement of further procedure of the program, the college president spoke briefly on the greatness of the tree. She then gave her speech in saying that trees are the only living connection between the past and the present, and for this reason it is especially important for each class to plant a tree. A tree may stand for over 2,000 years, but likely it is the only and largest living thing unaffected by political and economic changes that seriously influence man.

Marion Bloor then read beautifully the dearly loved poem by Joyce Kilmer, "Trees," which concluded the first part of the program. Dean Vardell played the postlude for the withdrawal of the faculty and students to go next to the actual planting of the ivy and the small oak. At Main Hall a "grand march" formed, led by the marshals, Dr. Rondthaler and the Seniors, with the rest of the students following in the order of the classes, and made its way to the front of Lehman Hall.

Thursday was the first day of Spring, and the weather certainly seemed most favorable for the especially unique service. The Seniors, after planting the ivy at the doorway of Lehman Hall, sang their ivy song and then proceeded a few feet south of Lehman toward the Infirmary where they planted the tree as a living memorial to the Alma Mater; and Miss Vardell, in behalf of the college, accepted this gift and memorial.

As an assurance of good luck, each

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Dates of Graduating Recitals Announced

Piano, Voice, Violin and Organ Are To Be Well Represented

Everyone is anticipating with much pleasure the approaching graduating recitals to be given in the spring by the students of the School of Music. The series of recitals will begin with a piano and violin recital to be given Friday evening, April 19, by Miss Elizabeth Andrews, assisted by Miss Lilyan Newell, soprano; Friday evening, May 3, a piano recital by Miss Ina Cox, organist; Friday evening, May 10, a piano recital by Miss Julia Daniels, assisted by Miss Hazel Horton Reade, violinist. The series of graduating recitals will come to a close with the piano recital given Friday evening, May 17, by Miss Sallie Hunter Bales, assisted by Miss Mary Frances Cash, organist.

Pierrette Players to Enter Try-Out April 3

Winning Cast Will Represent Salem At Chapel Hill

Thursday night, at the regular meeting of the Pierrette Players, the cast which was selected to represent Salem in the play contest at Chapel Hill presented the play "Will of the Wisp." This play, a lovely, fantastical one by Doris Holman, was selected by a committee and entered in the contest as the one which the Pierrette Players would give. The story, appealing and fanciful, was well enacted by the cast, and the excellent feeling and emotion displayed by the actors proves that they have diligently labored on the production.

On April 3 at Greensboro there will be try-outs between Greensboro College, Lenoir Rhyne and Salem. Judging from Thursday night's performance, Salem is going to make an excellent showing. Everyone wishes the cast the best of luck.

Following are the actors and their understudies which were selected from the four contesting casts:

- The First Cast*
 The Old Woman - Margaret Hauser
 The Poet's Wife - Lilyan Newell
 Will of the Wisp - Louise Thompson
 The Maid - Jane Harris
- The Second Cast*
 The Old Woman - Lucy Currie
 The Poet's Wife - Adelaide Winkles
 Will of the Wisp - Mary Elizabeth Meeks
 The Maid - Grace Martin

Students of Floating University In Bombay

Have Seen Many Aspects of Hindu Life and Are Greatly Impressed By the Taj Mahal

One hundred and five American students and teachers of the Floating University arrived in Bombay recently from Agra. They had been traveling overland through India, and had visited Calcutta, Benares, Delhi and Agra, site of the Taj Mahal. Students told glowing accounts of their travels since they left New York last November.

In particular, students were full of stories of their visit to the Taj Mahal which they had seen first in the early morning, just as the mist was rising. The sketching class had remained at the Taj all morning, while the theological, educational, economic and historic groups were inspecting the city and fort. Later, the art group moved out to sketch the narrow side streets and the white cupolas of the fort, and the World Affairs' students went back to the Taj, wishing they were artists.

The University left here on its way to Madras and Colombo. By the time they sail for Egypt, they will have seen almost all aspects of Hindu life.

Students of Floating University who distinguish themselves in their studies while traveling around the world, will be assisted in obtaining suitable positions after their return home.

The University is establishing a placement bureau which will attempt to place the right man in the right position in international corporations, in consular and diplomatic services, and various other activities where training on an international scale is of value.

This service will be free to those students who win Floating University degrees of Master of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of World Affairs, or the Floating University Certificate. Preference will be given to students who win these degree or certificate with honors.

Dr. W. D. Moss Speaks Expanded Chapel Hour

Gives Interesting Discussion of the Student Body in Life

The student body of Salem College was very fortunate in having the opportunity to hear Dr. W. D. Moss of Chapel Hill, who spoke in the Expanded Chapel service Wednesday, March 20. "Parson Moss," as he is more familiarly known, has become a part of the annual life of Salem and each year his visits are greatly anticipated.

Dr. Moss began his talk by quoting a part of the fortieth Psalm, "I waited patiently for the Lord and He inclined unto me and heard my cry." Many men and women, he said, start on the wrong path in life because they refused to wait patiently for the Lord. To keep on the main trail of life it is necessary that one seek and find it through religion. Human beings have two passions: one for daily bread, the other for the Bread of Life. We sometimes get the impression that religion is for old and sick people. It is, but it is for the young as well. Religion is the taking of the main highway of life. Life without religion is like a ship without a compass, or a building without architectural plans. To stay on the right path in religion one must examine oneself and see what is desired. There is always one ruling passion in our hearts, said Dr. Moss. If we follow it we will find security. It will be the vocational guidance in every life if we will only let Him.

Oftentimes people are tempted to take the side track of moral laxity. The question is often asked, "Why do the right thing when others do wrong?" To be morally fit is one of the ruling passions of life. When morals are tampered with danger always ensues. Men often have hard experiences, sickness, etc., and are tempted to take the road leading to skepticism and bitterness. If these men had followed the main highway they would be unwilling to change places with the skeptic. The cry for God has persisted through the ages. Men have always longed for the bread of life, but they will never cease to hunger for the Bread of Life.

On the way to God, continued the speaker, the hour halt at the house of romantic love, the house of integrity, or the house of culture. There they are satisfied for a time, but their happiness is only temporary.

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Glee Club Has Charge of Y. W. C. A. Vespers

Miss Gould Speaks on "Women of India"

A very interesting program was presented at Y. W. C. A. Vespers in Methodist Church last Sunday evening, consisting of selections by the Glee Club directed by Mr. Schofield and a talk by Miss Gould, educational secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. Miss Ina Cox opened the service with an organ prelude, followed by "Invocation," sung by the Glee Club. After the devotional service the club gave another selection, "God of the Dawning," and this was followed by an exceedingly interesting talk on "Women of India," by Miss Gould. She read a number of lovely poems which differed quite vividly from the pictures of Indian women, the happy bride with all her gorgeous clothes and jewels, the sad widow devoid of all her beautiful adornments, the gay young peasant girl with her joyful song of spring and the old Mohammedan woman with her eternal prayer to Allah. The Glee Club closed the program with the Easter Anthem, "Alleluia."

Science Club Holds Interesting Exhibition

"Open House" Observed in All Departments of Science Laboratory

The Second Annual Scientific Exhibit was held at the laboratory, Friday night, March 22, from 7 until 10 o'clock. "Open house" was observed in every branch of the science department, physics, chemistry and biology.

J. A. Kyle, representative of a firm that handles and imports analytical models, skeletons, skulls and charts, had a display. This was one of the chief features of the exhibit and ranked among the various interesting chemical operations held throughout the evening.

The special features of the exhibit were the chemical processes and apparatus had been secured during the past year. A larger attendance both of college students and outsiders visited the exhibit rooms during the evening.

Every subject included in the field of biology had an individual exhibit, some of these being zoology, histology, bacteriology and botany.

There were also special features of every phase of the Chemistry department, exhibited by members of the Societas Scientiarum Salemensis.

Scholarship Contest Being Held During Summer

Magnificent Awards To Be Made; Rated by Noted Musicians

College students throughout the country, particularly those who intend to adopt music as a career, will be interested in the announcement of the Atwater-Kent Foundation plans for the 1929 nation wide audition to select the ten best young singers in the country for vocal training at a recognized school of music. Significantly in the 1929 plans, as compared with the 1927 and 1928 programs of the same kind carried on by the Atwater-Kent Foundation, is the fact that all of the ten finalists will receive at least a year's training under recognized masters or in well known schools, in addition to begin given larger monetary benefits.

"It seems to me," said A. Atwater Kent, president of the Foundation, in the announcement, "that after devoting nearly a year to preliminary contests, in which 50,000 or 60,000 voices are tried out, we should make certain that all ten of the finalists be assured of further vocal instruction and the means with which to pursue it. For that reason we have added \$7,500 in cash prizes and two years in tuition to the former awards. We have received innumerable assurances from all sections of the country that the radio audition is worth while, and I am, therefore, delighted to take advantage of the opportunity to hold another one of this year."

The awards this year will be as follows:

Winners of first place (one boy and one girl), \$5,000 each and two years of tuition in an American conservatory.

Winners of second place, \$3,000 each and one year's tuition.

Winners of third place, \$2,000 each and one year's tuition.

Winners of fourth place, \$1,500 and one year's tuition.

Winners of fifth place, \$1,000 each and one year's tuition.

During the summer and early fall

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Annual Meeting of Student Volunteer

Interesting Meeting Held in Raleigh During Past Week

Among the speakers at the 18th annual conference of the North Carolina Student Volunteer Union were Dr. W. L. Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest, Mrs. J. D. Brown, of Nicaragua, Mrs. A. G. Dixon, of Japan, Dr. J. S. Love, formerly of Brazil; Miss Olive Gould of India, and Dr. A. C. Reid of Wake Forest College. The Student Volunteer Movement is an organization of the students in the American colleges who have as their life purpose work in the Christian Missions abroad. The whole conference was filled with an earnest spirit of those who were anxious to interpret the radiant and vitalizing life in Christ to those who are living without Him, and who realized that in large measure they themselves had not yet found life in its fullest abundance, in which we can find it in Jesus.

The keynote of Christianity today is not that it is a safety device against eternal damnation, but a means to the finding of a radiant morning all through life for which man was intended. The root principle of God's requirement of us is love which provides the standards for living. In fulfilling this requirement of love we should follow Jesus, even to Golgotha, in doing which we do not give up our life for Christ but find all things in Him.

The three characteristics of one who would give himself to the task of world missions are love to humanity and to Jesus, taking power from His redemptive blood; faith, a firm confidence that His promise of giving us life is true; courage to give up those things which we hold dear for which we have to know the Master well; and a willingness to give the best that is in us, in facing the world as it is, and in being able to give an adequate, dynamic purpose which must consist of firm conviction of purpose; a realization of the uniqueness of the Gospel of Jesus which vitalizes Him in our lives; a vision of the world need when standing by the side of the Master we sense the divine sympathy of His helping hand and are able to do our part for Him.

"We are ambassadors for the Kingdom of Christ to the court of the world and in representing Christ to the world we should do it worthily."

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I. R. S. Entertains In Honor Academy Seniors

Delightful Social Hour Is Enjoyed By Those Present

Friday night the I. R. S. gave a most delightful entertainment in honor of the Academy seniors. As the college quartet introduced them, one by one, the members of the senior class rose that all present might recognize "Mamminik and Mimminik" is a beautiful one-act play of two little statuettes who are in love with each other and who have been cruelly separated by a most heartless maid with a dusting cloth. The little figures come to life in the dead of night and discuss their troubles, dreams, and hopes.

Following the play, the "Wellthelma Hunt" was given by the well-known Thelma Hunt song several numbers. Then

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