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LITTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

"Seas roll to waft me, suns to light me rise;
 My footstool earth, my canopy the skies." —Pope.

Like leaves on trees the race of man is found,—
 Now green in youth, now withering on the ground;
 Another race the following spring supplies
 They fall successive, and successive rise." —Pope.

PARAGRAPHS

Cheer up, girls; only seven more weeks—and then, exams!

What's this we hear about the Senior class and a weak fry? Sounds interesting, anyway!

Cheer up, Freshmen, don't cry. You'll be elected to an office, by and by.

By the way, where is that golf course we heard so much about the first of the year?

Covered swimming pools are all right, but we suggest covered tennis courts for those who wish to retain that famous "school girl complexion."

THE NEW STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

When the student body voted to consolidate the two student government associations, there was another step toward strengthening the spirit of both groups. As matters were formerly, many seemed to see a wide gap between the On- and Off-Campus student bodies, one such as could not be passed over. Among the benefits which most necessarily arise from this recent action the fact that the resident and non-resident students may come in closer association with one another and can learn to know each other better is most important. In this way only is it possible for one to get the other's point of view in regard to problems and situations. While absolute success may not come immediately in the present plan, certainly a oneness of spirit is more likely to show itself.

The very existence of two separate and distinct associations, as in the past on one campus was compelled to prevent a completely uniform opinion among the whole group of students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miss Margaret Johnson will give her graduating recital in Memorial Hall Friday evening, April 19, at eight-fifteen o'clock. Mr. Ernest Schofield, head of the Voice Department and Miss Viola Tucker, accompanist, will assist Miss Johnson.

Upon the invitation of Dr. Moir Martin, Dr. Bondthaler will speak on Thursday, April 11, at the Kiwanis Club "Ladies' Night" entertainment, in Mt. Airy.

The Mathematics Club will meet Wednesday, April 17, at five o'clock.

The members of the Senior Class will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shore, at dinner on Thursday evening, April 18, at seven o'clock.

There will be a McDowell Club picture Saturday evening, April 20.

Miss Joyner, principal of the State Deaf and Dumb School, in Morganton, will speak at Expanded Chapel Wednesday, April 17. Miss Joyner will bring with her several children of the institution to illustrate the methods used in their training.

The Home Economics meeting, Thursday, April 18, will be in charge of the Freshmen. Eleanor Meinung is chairman of the program committee. Special features of the program will be talks on Hygiene of clothing and Art in Relation to Dress, and a Fashion Show in which the Freshmen will model the dresses they have made in Home Economics.

The Junior class will give a Minstrel Tuesday night, April 16.

Birdies Are Singing In Spring, Tra-la

Springtime is here—tra-la! And everywhere we see manifestations of a queer something which has seized the entire college in its clutches. The Senior girls, they have fallen under the spell of a sly magician called Spring. Almost like a flash of lightning he has filled them with a longing to be outside—to laugh, sing, play.

This magic season has brought to many girls the desire to play tennis at every possible chance. It has brought to others the wish to get out on the athletic field and play some fast and furious baseball.

Perhaps, too, you have heard the noise of splashing water and laughing voices coming from the direction of the swimming pool. Yes, many of the Salem girls are either swimming or trying to learn just how the art may be acquired.

Another sign that it is spring-time! Girls may be seen walking on the square in front of the college until seven o'clock in the evening! What about that? Strange things are happening around here.

And have you heard soft music in the night? 'Twas only a small group of Salem girls gazing at the moon and singing tender love lyrics. Do not laugh at them. Springtime is the time for love and song. They who sing are wise and have a reason for their gladness.

Isn't it good just to know the joy of being alive—for it is Spring! —Eleanor Idol.

Logic

If a male goose is a gander, A male moose must be a mander. If one who fails is a failure, Then one who quails is a quailure. If a female duke is a duress, A female spook must be a spuchess. If drinking too hard makes a drunkard, Then thinking too hard makes a thunkard.

"Sampson, I see you've had a hair cut."
 "Yes, that's my weakness now."

SAL TO EM

Em, you old stranger:

Surely has been an age since last I wrote to you. But my negligence was forced, because 'tis reported that due to an attack of sleeping-sickness "our Editor" failed to order a literary effort, for last week.

My dear, the big event of the year—the music school graduating recitals—are ready for presentation. Those music seniors have certainly studied hard and the five recitals, the first one to be given Friday night, promise to be very brilliant and entertaining. I believe, though that the seniors caused some trouble in one of the departments of the school when Miss Borrow asked by some of her girls didn't stay over during Easter and practice their typewriting. Anyway, we are mighty proud of these seniors and hope for each and every one of them the best of luck, now and later.

If some generous soul should happen around here within the next few weeks, I feel sure that (he, she or it) would be more than delighted to finish up the fund for covering the pool. Dearie, with the supple, lithe and perfect figures that some of our developing (and ever diminishing to) around here, 'twould be small wonder if some one did finish the aforementioned fund. Swimming and horseback riding are quite the sports around here, now. And have you heard about how well Louise Lassiter swims under water? I suppose it was swimming, for every time she was seen by "your trinity" she was under water.

Some of us are receiving most beneficial and thorough training at the Nursery School at the persuasion of the Misses Foreman and Covington. My, dear, what is the next generation coming to! Lack of modesty seems to be its worst fault, but we'll be forced to admit that its originality and ability to amuse and "stump" they get the dog. Do you suppose we ever did things like those "future men and women" do? Impossible, indeed, altogether improbable! There, be brave, but I must sign off. What, do I hear a second to a motion? Where have I heard that clause before? Ah, it dawns, I believe we've been having some meetings which "must come to order," the result of which we have a fine new bouncing "President." Virginia Martin our new executive and we are mighty proud of her. But, I believe I said I was signing off—I'm a woman of my word.

'Twasn't be long now, but—well, I'm going now.
 Love Always, —SAL.

OPEN FORUM

SALEM SPIRIT

Time was when Salem girls talked of "that intangible something called 'Salem Spirit.'" I have been wondering what our campus lacks today, for that Salem Spirit seems to be asleep. I cannot diagnose the situation, but perhaps if we would all look to ourselves for the cause, caring a little less for the note in our brother's eye, the atmosphere here would be more harmonious. Misunderstanding and discord are not native to Salem, so I just want to make a plea that each one try a little—by more willing recognition of the other's worth, and less destructive criticism—to make the last verse of our Alma Mater a reality: "The joy of comradeship is here. Thy spirit makes us one." —Elizabeth Marx.

Ancient French Church Yields Strange Relic

Talmont, France — Excavations under an Eleventh century church here have brought to light a curious crypt in the shape of a ship measuring 27 feet by 12. The originality of this relic is suggested by interest by the fact that it is based on a rock 86 feet long and that of its ten sides four are within only 2 feet of the sea.

Chain Colleges Now Undertaken

Numbers No Longer the Boast of The Great Institutions; Is A New Experiment

A decade ago it was the proud boast of many an American university that its enrollment was 5,000 or 10,000 or 25,000—the largest in its state or region, or, possibly, in America.

Today that same situation, mass enrollment, huge classes, impersonal, machine-like instruction, has come to be regarded by college authorities as the greatest evil besetting education. It is "a tragic-comedy," in the opinion of Prof. Carl Holladay, of the University of Toledo, who, in the current issue of The North American Review, surveys the efforts of colleges and educators throughout the country to solve the problem created by the hordes of new students who have rushed into the college since the war.

The answer, universally agreed upon, is to keep—or even make—the colleges small. Prof. Holladay points out. Many of the better known schools already have placed a strict limit upon the number of students they will receive, pending reorganization plans which will enable them to give more attention to the problems of the student as an individual.

"Chain Colleges" on Coast
 Harvard with its 8,000 students, is entering upon the most ambitious project so far attempted. The great university will be divided into a number of small colleges, each enrolling approximately 200 students, and each a unit in itself so far as the liberal phase of education is concerned, with a dean, instructors, library and physical equipment. The purpose is to bring students and teachers into more intimate and informal contact, enabling the latter to give attention to the personal problem of the individual youth.

In California a similar project is under way known as Claremont Col-

leges. "Recently there was added to Pomona College of this system a sister school, Scripps College, and it is proposed that when this new institution reaches an enrollment approximating 300 a third one shall be established," explains the North American Review writer. "Thus a chain of small colleges, each with its own faculty, will give to students that individual instruction resulting in genuine higher education."

At the University of Washington, Princeton and Harvard the tutorial system has been adopted. In addition to attending their regular classes the students are assigned in small intimate groups to an instructor with whom they can meet informally for discussion of particular problems and whose aim it is to make such meetings take the form of interesting social discussions, rather than the cut-and-dried work of the old-fashioned class room. At Rollins College, Florida; Swarthmore, Cornell and several other institutions plans with the same general aim are being worked out.

"Tough luck," said the egg in the monastery, "Out of the frying-pan into the fire."

Lecturer (to committeeman): "May I have a pitcher of water on the platform table?"

Committeeman—"To drink?"

Lecturer: "No; to do a high-diving act."

We live and learn, the wise ones say; And so I lived and learned one day; Now I sit in the learner's seat, Wise, but willing to repeat.

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