

**Senior Class Prepares To Give Mystery Play**

**Characters, Settings and Costumes For Senior Play Are Being Selected**

At last the Seniors of Salem College are bringing a treat which will certainly interest everybody, a play full of thrills, ghosts, bodiless hands, screams, love making, escaped convicts, and male members of the faculty. "The Hidden Guest," by Marion Sharp and Frances Phelps is a mystery play to be presented two nights after Halloween. Nothing is to be lacking except Camels for the girls; however this vacancy will be filled by an efforted car off stage. Scenery is to be another attraction. Mr. Fuller Sams has kindly offered to let the Seniors use any set which he has at the Auditorium Theatre.

Come to the play and be thrilled by blood-curdling screams, unaccounted-for noises, ardent love-making, and your dignified members of the faculty—in entirely different roles. Something new, something different is to be offered by the Senior class of Salem College. Be sure to come and add to the mystery of "The Hidden Guest."

Watch The Salem for hints as to the cast and the plot of this starting stage presentation.

**Musical Program at Vesper Services**

**Y. W. Features Selections By Members of the Music Faculty**

Y. W. C. A. Vespers for Sunday, September 29, was in charge of the music department of the organization. The service was opened with the singing of a hymn, after which Lyle Taylor read a scripture passage. This was followed with another hymn.

Miss Eleanor Shaffner, head of harp department, played two very beautiful and impressive selections. They were: McDowell's "To a Water Lily," and "Pavane."

Miss Blanch Phillips's selection, "Teach Me to Pray," was very lovely and very well rendered. After Miss Phillips's song, Miss Hazel Reid, violin instructor, played a very delightful White-Kremler selection entitled "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See."

The service was closed with a hymn and the repeating of the Y. W. C. A. watchword. The large musical committee deserves much credit and many congratulations for the attractive program it had arranged. Such a program is one of the great amount of "home talent" that we have here at Salem. All of the selections played were most appropriate and were remarkably well rendered. The large and enthusiastic crowd attending the service was proof enough of the appreciation that the student body and faculty hold for the Y. W. C. A. and its work here on our campus.

**Women May Rule Ireland**

Women have the majority in the new voting lists of Northern Ireland and are expected to exert a strong influence in the coming election. The total number of voters was 785,871, composed of 409,913 men and 384,958 women, the women leading 19,626. Fair voters have a majority in Belfast, Derry City, County Antrim and County Down, while the men outnumber them in the Counties of Derry, Armagh, Fergah and Tyrone.

**Social Service Groups Makes Charity Visits**

**Salem Girls Visit Y. W. C. A. And Children's Home During Past Week**

There is at the city Y. W. C. A. a group of girls who are less fortunate than the girls at Salem, girls who have never had a chance to receive a proper college education. It is the privilege of any Salem College girl who desires, to help these poor industrial girls. Last year on certain evenings a group of students went to the city "Y" and held classes which they enjoyed and which helped the others.

Also, out at the Children's Home there are numbers of tiny children who are eager for some outside wearing jewels or carrying a compact to come and play with them. The older boys and girls too are always anxious to talk to and visit to the "Y" girls. It is a pleasant sight to see their faces brighten at the sight of a stranger who is sure to prove interesting in some way.

Not many people know of the good Will Institute, and its work. It has for its slogan, "Not Charity, but a Chance." Its purpose is to care for poor men and women who are out of work, and while caring for them find them jobs. Each year a group of Salem girls took a pleasant trip to the place and talks to them on personal matters which will help them to improve themselves physically.

This is only the briefest outline of the different plans of work the Social Service group does during the year. There are visits to various other institutions and also there are different interesting phases of local work.

**Salem Secures New Mathematics Instructor**

**Guilford Coach Now Meets Two Classes At Salem Each Week**

Another new professor has been recruited to the Department of Mathematics. He is Mr. John Anderson, of Guilford College. Mr. Anderson obtained a Bachelor of Science degree at Hendrix College, Arkansas, where his father formerly was president. For the past two years he has been teaching Mathematics at Southern College, Florida, adequate preparation for his work at Salem. At present he has charge of athletics at Guilford, and comes to Salem three days a week in order to meet classes in Freshman Mathematics.

The faculty and students of Salem College are very glad to welcome Mr. Anderson, regretting, however, that he is not a more familiar figure on the campus.

**A. X. A. MAKES PLANS FOR INTERESTING TALKS**

The Lambda Chapter of Alpha Chi Alpha was organized at Salem during the 1928-1929 term. The chapter started with eight charter members who were initiated and accepted by the National council in April. A number of the members of both the *collegiate* and *fraternity* staffs who are interested in the development of journalism and who have done creditable work for two years are eligible for membership. Salem is the only college in North Carolina which has a chapter. Several of the northern colleges and universities have several famous ones, those among their alumni groups: Edna St. Vincent Mills, Zona Gale, Dorothy Canfield, Alene Kilmer and several others.

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**Great Interest Shown In Pierrette Tryouts**

**Judges Have Difficult Task In Selecting New Members For the Organization**

That there is an inexpressible lure to footlights, grease paint, and make-shift scenery certainly manifested itself in the Pierrette tryouts, held Thursday and Friday nights. Thirty-four students went through the ordeal of reading or reciting before the committee, which was composed of Dr. Willoughby, Miss Lilly, Miss Wilson, Athina Camparourakis, Millie West, Adelaide Winston, and Edith Kirkland.

The problem before the committee was great, for out of that large number only seven could be admitted to the Pierrette Players because of the limited membership—twenty being the maximum number.

The contestants were judged on their enunciation, poise, and expression. Each was given careful consideration, and as the final result the following were given invitations to become members: Fritz Pirety, Lenora Riggan, Blanche Phillips, Lucia Vuceladorf, Betty Stone, Carrington Holeman, and Catherine McCollum.

**UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION**

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following open competitive examination:

**SCIENTIFIC AIDE**  
(House Economics)  
Applications for scientific aide (house economics) must be on file with the Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. after November 5, 1929.

A vacancy exists in the Bureau of Home Economics, Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.

The entrance salary of this position is \$1,800 a year.  
The duties are to assist in making a study of the chemical composition of foods; examining records and reports; and classifying, calculating, and recording data.  
Candidates will be rated on practical questions and on education and experience.

Full information may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., or from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or custom house in any city.

**Two Anniversaries In Rondthaler Family**

**Both Bishop Rondthaler and President Rondthaler Observe Anniversaries**

In the early morning of October 1, 1867, Rev. Edward Rondthaler, then a young Moravian minister of New York City, took as his bride Miss Mary Jacobson, daughter of Bishop John E. Jacobson, of Bethlehem, Pa. The wedding ceremony was performed in the ancient Moravian chapel at Bethlehem, and immediately at its close, the young couple left for a trip to Niagara Falls.

On Monday, last, Bishop and Mrs. Rondthaler observed the sixty-second anniversary of their marriage. The observance was very quiet and the Bishop spent a busy, active day,

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**Mrs. Patterson Speaks On Roumania**

**Chapel Speaker Tells Of Visit To Roumanian Court After World War**

Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, whom Dr. Rondthaler introduced as being Salem's most versatile alumna, was the speaker at Y. P. M. on Wednesday morning, October 2. Her subject was "Queen Marie and Roumania," at the request of the student body, instead of her original assigned topic of flowers.

Mrs. Patterson, who has long been associated with state and national educational, historical, and political activities, is well acquainted with the most intimate knowledge of Roumania and its royal family, for after the World War she became engaged in welfare work in the Balkans and visited the royal palaces several times. In her speech, which was characterized by humor as well as interesting information, Mrs. Patterson endeavored to give to her audience an accurate conception of Queen Marie as a woman rather than merely as a queen.

According to Mrs. Patterson, Queen Marie is not only one of the most beautiful women in the world, but she is also one of the most intelligent and cultured, having been reared in the brilliant courts of England and Russia. The Queen uses her keen powers of observation over her people, since it inspires their love and respect. She is gifted with an artistic temperament and a great love for her adopted country. Mrs. Patterson cited numerous war incidents in which Queen Marie met danger bravely, often at the risk of her life. During Bolshevik and aeroplane raids and during the bombardment of Budapest by the Germans, she stayed at her post of duty, in the hospitals and army camps, in spite of her own personal troubles. The Queen considers herself the mother of all Roumanian soldiers.

Queen Marie's interest in American and in American politics are notable. Also, Mrs. Patterson said that the whole country of Roumania regards the United States as an embodiment of the guardian angel spirit, on account of the services which the United States rendered Roumania at the close of the World War.

References which she made to Roumania show that it is Roman in aesthetic qualities, a country of great physical beauty, with blue mountains and green plains and picturesque, ancient cities. Here in the Balkans the east meets the west, Europe and Asia merge, Orient and Occident mingle. Thus are they important, as a connecting link. Mrs. Patterson predicts that the next world movement will originate from Asia, that the balance of power has shifted from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and that Asia, with its aged culture and civilization, will be the ruling power of the world.

In closing Mrs. Patterson urged her audience to remember Bulgaria and Roumania, but especially to remember with great leadership our States responsibilities. Salem, she says, can train for those responsibilities, for its foundation is God.

**DAILY TAR HEEL TO BE FIRST COLLEGE DAILY**

The first college daily to be published in the South, The Daily Tar Heel, is being published by the student body of the University of North Carolina. This college daily, covering both the town and University news, made its appearance ten days ago.

Forty years ago the Tar Heel was first published as a weekly, then it became a tri-weekly and last spring the students voted to make it a daily. Gene Holder, of Greensboro, secretary, is editor-in-chief of the daily.

**Sigma Omicron Alpha Reviews Activities**

**Debating Society Presents Program and Elects Officers For the New Year**

Sigma Omicron Alpha, Salem's new debating society, held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, October 1, in the Campus Living Room of Alice Clewell Building. After the meeting was called to order by the president, Grace Martin, the subject for debate was announced. Resolved, that the Study of Modern Languages is More Beneficial Culturally to the Student than the Study of History. The participants were as follows:

Affirmative: Mary Ayres Payne, Athena Camparourakis.  
Negative: Beulah May Zachary, Kathryn Scholop.

After a lively discussion on this interesting topic, the debate was won by the negative side.

The following officers were elected for the incoming year: President: Vice-President: Beulah May Zachary.  
Secretary: Elizabeth Ward.  
Chairman of Program Committee: Alice McRae Caldwell.  
After the president had welcomed the new and old members of the club, the meeting was adjourned.

**Co-Eds To Help Purify Colleges**

**Bring About a Decline in Drinking by the Male Students**

New York, Sept. 28.—The younger generation, denounced as playing fast and loose with the ideals cherished by their elders, may not be such a bad lot after all. In fact, study of the subject is leading to the suspicion that in some respects they may be equal in morals and self-respect and certainly freer and more independent.

The question, "Is my daughter as good a college?" is answered in a *Good Housekeeping Magazine* by Rita S. Halle, after extensive and thorough investigation among the 850,000 college students of the country.

"There is smoking and drinking and other irregularity in the colleges, the writer admits, but they are infinitely less prevalent than many persons have been led to believe. A most thorough search fails to disclose more than a fractional per cent of college girls guilty of improper conduct more than one-tenth of one per cent.

Much noise has been made over a few isolated examples found, but the writer discovered that the bulk of the talk is hearsay and rumor. Each college has heard that the neighboring college has had some trouble, and the neighboring colleges return the compliment. It is like a mirage that disappears as one approaches it.

Regarding drinking, which has come to be considered a college problem, the writer says that the bulk of the interesting statement is made that "there is a pretty general agreement that drinking in colleges in any part of the country is not only less than in pre-prohibition days, but that it is definitely on the decrease in the last four or five years."

The police in most college towns are since the advent of prohibition, on the decrease. While some boys consider it collegiate to drink, the decline in the practice is attributed chiefly to the students themselves,

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