

# SOCIETY

## PERSONALS

Misses Mary B. and Jane Williams will leave Saturday to attend the wedding of their sister, Miss Louise Williams. Miss Williams will be wedded to Mr. Delavo Love on Wednesday. The ceremony will take place at the Williams' home in Wilmington.

Misses Leila Bloor and Adelaide Petree will spend the week-end with Miss Mary Celeste Frontis at her home in Mooreville.

The following girls will leave Saturday for their respective homes: Pat Holderness, Tarboro; Miriam Stevenson, Salisbury; and Adelaide Silverstein, Breward.

Miss Mary Brevard will visit Miss Bet Miller in Kinston.

Dorothy Taylor and Margaret Smith will spend the week-end at Duke University.

Rosalie Smith and Tommy Frye will visit Elizabeth Willis in Southmont.

Mrs. Ralph Williams, formerly Miss Minnie Hicks, is spending a few days here with her sister, Miss Julia Hicks.

Miss Nancy Willmore will have as her guest her mother, Mrs. Willmore, from Bluefield, W. Va.

Miss Ann Elizabeth McKinnon and Miss Ruth McLeod had dinner Thursday night in Greensboro with the latter's sister, Mrs. Alton Greene. They were accompanied by Mrs. McKay McKinnon and McKay McKinnon, Jr.

## SALEM FRESHMEN OF SUPERIOR ABILITY

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dent two years ahead of her in the scores of other colleges which he uses the tests. Reading ability is generally considered as the basic ability requisite for college success.

In mental alertness the group was similarly high, indicating a mental ability average equal to the upper one-fifth of graduates from 12-year high schools throughout the country. A fact equally interesting and revealed by a study of the test is that a group of Salem freshmen, approximately twenty in number, when compared with national standards, have both mental ability and reading ability above the average of college seniors throughout the country.

## SIGMA OMICRON ALPHA CHOOSES NEW OFFICERS

### Intercollegiate Debates With Neighboring Colleges Are Planned

Sigma Omicron Alpha held its first meeting of the year Thursday evening, October 8, in the living room of Alice Clewell Building.

Among the plans for the ensuing year are intercollegiate debates with neighboring colleges. Another feature of the club is that membership is to be limited to a certain number and to be determined by ability shown in tryouts. The officers of the club are as follows:

President — Mary Miller V. President — Adelaide Silverstein Secretary — Belle Demaree Treasurer — Mildred Wolfe

Donald (to wife at English railway station): "What! Ye cannot get a porter ta tak oor baggage?"

Wife: "Na, na. Ye try, Donald, ye're accent's no' quite sa noticeable."

## ALLEN-ARMFIELD ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drewry Allen, of Weldon, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Drewry, to William Johnston Armfield, III, of Asheboro. The wedding will take place in November.

The ceremony, which will be a brilliant church affair, will be one of the leading social events of the entire state.

Miss Allen was graduated from Salton in the class of 1931. She is known to be one of the most beautiful girls in North Carolina. During her senior year, she was Queen of the annual May Festival. Miss Allen is a member of the Theta Delta Pi Sorority.

Mr. Armfield attended Oak Ridge Institute and is an alumnus of Davidson College and the University of North Carolina. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. The couple will make their home in Asheboro, where Mr. Armfield is secretary and treasurer of People's Loan & Insurance Company.

## MISS DELLA JEFFRESS IS ENGAGED

A wedding which is of particular interest to students here is that of Miss Della Jeffress to Eugene Elias Edwards. The ceremony will be performed during the latter part of December in Kinston, the home of the bride and of the groom.

Miss Jeffress attended Salem Academy in 1926 and 1927. She was a very popular and attractive girl at both institutions.

Mr. Edwards attended Randolph-Macon Academy at Bedford, Va., and is now engaged in the mercantile business in Kinston.

## ITALIAN AMERICAN SINGS IN THE CITY

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the French school and the Gypsy element of Hungary. The exquisite tranquility, the lovely melody, and color combined to make it a song long to be remembered.

"Darf des Falken Schwingen, from the cycle of songs based on gypsy melodies, by the Bohemian composer, Dvorak, remarkably reflected the nationality. Baggioni sang the stirring words of the ode with passion.

"A Loi," by Bemberg contains much refinement of detail. It was a gem of the first water, exquisite in texture and of extreme refinement, with a melody of captivating loveliness and an accompaniment of polished art as rare as it was engaging.

Next he sang "A Love Song," by Frolicher. In "Retreat," by La Forge, there was a marvelous serenity and calm depicting sadness and gloom that seeks naught of life's diversions.

Baggione's voice was crystal clear in "The Crying Waters," by Campbell-Tipton. He was very effective in Harriet Ware's beautiful "Mamma Song," which tells of the true spirit of the Southern negro, simple joys and the simple beliefs they held.

Signor Baggione chose to close his concert with "I Love Life," by Mana Zuco, which he delivered with much brilliancy, ardor and utter abandon.

In his native diction Baggione is one of the few singers understandable throughout the entire range of his voice.

Steno: "I'm going to be married Saturday, and—"

Her Boss: "And so you're going to quit."

Steno: "Oh, no! I'm just going to quit you that I'll be needing more money."

## MRS. BLAKSLEE THRILLS LARGE AUDIENCE AT Y. P. M.

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hospital in St. Petersburg. Here she encountered the opinions of the other students, of the doctors, and of her patients. Her family laughed at her apprehensions and at her reports of trouble, but soon after, while she herself was shut in on an operation at the hospital the revolution broke.

Being a woman of decided opinions, the Countess was always in danger because of her rashness in stating them. Her work in the hospital made her respected by the patients and often protected her from an arrest which her title would have caused. The Countess was naive in her story of the adventures she had that were a result of her unexcelled curiosity.

One day she was reading a newly-typed proclamation when a woman requested her to read it. As she touched the proclamation it fell down and the woman called the police by her cries of "Counter-revolutionists!" However, the judge of the court, who was a former patient of hers, managed to allow her to go free.

She was one of the first few to listen to the speeches of Lenin and Trotsky. In three weeks' time their several first followers were increased to a crowd large enough to overflow the streets.

Her second arrest came soon after she defied a marauding Bolshevik leader who was desecrating a cathedral. On her way from the hospital to the Theological Seminary where she was a student, she was arrested and thrown into prison. After being questioned, she was put into a cell with five other women.

She had any privacy they had to open an umbrella against the small window. Their only food was hot water and dried, wormy fish.

After her escape all of the professors of the seminary were arrested for their religion, and a lecturer of law was shot. She was one of a band who went out into the country to dig potatoes, which they carried into town on their backs, in order that they might feed the prisoners.

Again she was thrown into prison where she stayed in the same cell for two months. During this time she took her watch and divided her thoughts into hour periods. She thought thru a day as she might have lived it. One hour she spent on English history, another hour reading (or rather recalling) some familiar book. Thus the Countess evidenced one of the strongest arguments for education the student body has ever heard.

By means of the diaries which the former political prisoners had written on the walls, she learned to know all of the former inmates. In a small corner she found a place to write her own diary. This was the most touching thing she found. It was a lovely poem by a twenty-year-old daughter of a well-known newspaper editor.

Each night the prisoners could hear soft calls of the numbers of the prisoners who were to be removed or taken away and shot. There came a night when she heard her number called, and the signal for shooting was given! Her reaction at first was cries of fear and protest. Then her soul seemed to separate from her body and stand looking down in disgust at its physical fear. It seemed to tell her that she must not die like a coward, and, through its influence, her strength reinforced her and her soul returned to her body.

After her strange experience, she grew ill enough to be placed in the hospital. Here she was found by two American doctors and was allowed to be taken away, since the Bolsheviks thought her dying.

Through the special effort of the two eminent doctors, she finally gained the forty-nine permits necessary for her departure from the country. At the frontier she had

to bribe the customs officer to let her through.

When she reached London, she had only the clothes on her back and a pile of fifty dollars given her by the Americans. For some time she lived, although almost starving, in London on six pence per day. Finally she got work in a museum, a position requiring the translation of old Russian manuscripts.

When she came to America she married her "perfectly lovely American husband," who appeared on the platform with the Countess.

The Countess has published one book of her experiences, *A World Can End*, and is writing another entitled *Erie*.

A very charming young lady, the Russian Countess made a vivid impression on her collegiate audience because of her striking personality, her vivacious attractiveness, and her charming manner.

## MISS DAVIS IS SPEAKER AT VESPERS

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Salem College unite in the desire to realize full and creative life through a growing knowledge of God.

"We determine to have a part in making this life possible for all people.

"In this task we seek to understand Jesus and follow Him."

The "Y" is divided into twelve committees, and girls may serve on one or all of them. If you do not visit the Children's Home, or the Salem Home, and if you do not swap experiences with industrial girls, you miss a big part of "Y" work. Miss Davis concluded her talk by advising every one to seize the opportunity and join the "Y."

Following this talk, Miss Lilly led in prayer and asked that Salem students might be of that small group who seek to find joy in life by serving others in any way they can.

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