

School of Music of Salem College Attains Great Honor

ELECTED AS MEMBER OF N. A. OF S. M.

Salem Now Ranks With the Most Eminent Conservatories of Music

The School of Music of Salem College announces its election to membership in the National Association of Schools of Music. This election, which places Salem College in the front rank of Schools of Music of the nation, is significant and signal for the institution.

The National Association of Schools of Music was formed a number of years ago for the purpose of standardizing and unifying the degree, Bachelor of Music, and includes in its membership the foremost schools of music in the country, such as the Eastman School of Music, the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Northwestern University School of Music and others of that calibre.

The admission of Salem College to the Association followed a visit of examination and investigation by Mr. Burnet C. Tuthill, secretary of the Association, who attended all the classes in Music, heard all of the Senior play and was present at a Faculty Recital. He reported at the Annual Meeting of the Association, which occurred late in December, that Salem College was doing a conscientious and thorough job and recommended the admission of the College to the Association.

This action on the part of the Association marks a significant step forward for Salem College. It means that the degree Bachelor of Music, as granted by the college is recognized as being on a par with that offered by great universities and other nationally known colleges and schools of music.

Miss Edith Claire Leake Is First Vice-President

Student Body Selects Successor to Miss Bowen

Last Tuesday morning in chapel, Miss Anna Preston stated that Miss Maria Bowen had resigned her position as first vice-president of the Student Self-Government of Salem College, because of her necessary absence during the coming second semester.

According to the advice of the Student Council the student body chose a member of the present council to fill this important position. Miss Edith Claire Leake of Mount Airy, N. C., a Senior representative of student Self-Government, was elected as first vice-president.

Miss Leake has served on the Student Council for two successive years and has shown herself fully capable of this honor.

French Club Meets

Wednesday, Jan. 15th

Florence Aitchison Reads Delightful French Story

Le Cercle Francais held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Nina Way Credle and her committee, who were in charge of the meeting, presented an entertaining program. They served delicious refreshments after which Florence Aitchison read a short story in French. Miss Evelyn Wilson explained how to play the game "Lotto," and the rest of the time was spent in playing the game.

Pierrettes to Perform "Aria Da Capo"

Miss Lilly Directs Skilful Satire by Millay

Saturday evening, in Memorial Hall the Pierrette Players will present *Aria da Capo*, a subtle and skillful satire written by Edna St. Vincent Millay, a living American poetess who is especially well remembered for *The King's Henchman*. The play is a fantasy, an extremely delicate satire on life and people. Pierrot and Columbine, two artificial and doll-like creatures, say the conventional unconventional things which some times appear to have a meaning and at other times appear to have none.

The cast is as follows: Columbine—Mary Virginia Pendergraph. Pierrot—Phyllis Noy. Thyriss—Marjorie Mae. Croydon—Lucy Gulick-Rogers. Cothurnus—Beulah May Zachary. The play is directed by Miss Elizabeth Lilly.

The entire performance will last no longer than a half an hour, especially to accommodate those who are cramming industriously but who need this brief and worthwhile diversion.

A Few Incidentals

(By Caldwell)

Formal Announcement: Mrs. Sad Em Cagle announces the temporary engagements of all her daughter to Mr. Mid Term Exams, to begin at nine o'clock on January eighteenth and end at twelve o'clock January twenty-third.

Gossiper's note: Mr. Exams seems to be a very unpleasant fiance, beloved only of Mrs. Cagle, the sweeter mother, and it is not thought likely that any of the daughters would wed him for life.

Lost and Found: Lost—Four and one-half minutes on the Salem campus some time in the past one hundred and thirty-two years by old man, Mr. Salem Cagle. Finder will please return these minutes immediately to Dr. Rondthaler who anxiously mourns their loss.

Personal: All earnest and conscientious students are invited to attend a series of well teas given by the Social Committee of the Y. W. C. A., from four to five-thirty o'clock every afternoon during Exam week and ending Friday. Among other refreshments, large doses of mental relaxation and cheer will be served in the Louisa Biting Recreation Room.

Emily Post's Hint for Social Climbers: Any student who wishes to enjoy herself and be seen at an entertainment which will raise her social and intellectual rating, at one and the same time would do well to attend the 8:00 o'clock Saturday evening performance of "Aria da Capo" in Memorial Hall.

Stray: The editor claims that the *Salemite* has gone visiting A. W. O. L., for Exam week. It is a small paper for exclusively men, and any one who sees it will please send it home after Exam week!

Notice: The contest between the Work and Play Systems of Contract Bridge will begin Monday evening promptly at 6:30 P. M. The participants, Misses Edith Leake, Winifred Fisher Sarah Graves, and Anna Preston state that all winners of this meet, which is attracting nationwide in

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Rev. R. E. Gribbin Speaks At Vespers

"Finding Joy Through New Horizons" is His Subject

The Rev. R. E. Gribbin, pastor of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, spoke on "Finding Joy in Life Through Finding New Horizons" at Vespers, Sunday, Jan. 10. The prayer service was held in the recreation room of Louisa Biting Building instead of Alice Cleveland, at Miss Martha Davis, the *Vice-President*, presiding.

Mr. Gribbin's talk was purely informal, offering many useful suggestions for the new year. He began by stating that 1932 were two methods of broadening one's horizon: First, by rising higher, as one would in going from one story of a house to another; and second by using a telescope to bring distant objects closer. He cited several examples and said that he wished to leave two suggestions for the coming year. One, that we realize the importance of our daily routine both in classroom and out; other, that we spend some time every day in quiet meditation either in reading the Bible or delving into our own thoughts. In connection with these ideas he suggested a morning watch service as a solution to the problem of finding time for private worship.

The service ended with the Y. W. Watch Word.

N. C. C. W. Officials Grant Privileges

Students Will Be Allowed to Smoke in Dormitory Rooms

Dr. Julius I. Foust, president of North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro, informed students that authorities of the institution would allow them to smoke in their dormitory rooms during the remainder of the 1931-1932 term, beginning January 8. In his communication, Dr. Foust expressed his personal disapproval of young girls' and women's smoking. He also stated that after weighing the effects of the present smoking regulation, authorities will make decisions concerning future ruling.

This action by the college authorities was taken in recognition of the fact that smoking was a frequent practice on the campus and that some action was necessary in order to consider logically the petition of many students asking for smoking privileges. However, all restrictions will be carefully enforced. The students can smoke only in their rooms; nowhere else on or off campus. No smoking will be permitted if the roommate objects. The smokers are to visit in other rooms for the purpose of smoking. Each girl desiring to smoke or not to smoke must inform the college president of her attitude. A record will be kept and the parents of the young woman in question must be consulted.

WINNERS OF PASSES

The management of the Carolina Theatre takes pleasure in announcing the winners of this week's complimentary tickets:

Miss Josephine Courtney of the Editorial Staff of the *Salemite* and Miss Martha Bishwell of the Advertising Staff of the *Salemite*.

The winners are chosen according to their ability and work on the *Salemite*.

Miss Anna Preston Gives Variegated Talk At Y. P. M.

Dr. Rondthaler Concludes Christmas Story At Y. P. M.

On January 6, Old Christmas Traditional Processional Is Sung

On Wednesday, January 6, "old Christmas Days," Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler conducted the first expanded chapel program of the year. The processional, "Standing at the Portal of the Opening Year," a national song for the new year at Salem, was sung by the Senior Class.

Dr. Rondthaler continued his talk on the Christmas story. The departure of the wise men from the natal bed of Jesus was as sudden as the probable disappearance of the star. It had come into the frightened and disturbed city of Jerusalem with their question, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" had aroused the unpeopled fear of Herod.

Bethlehem is peculiarly situated. The account of his birth there at the canyons uninhabited and without garrisons. These canyons are a rendezvous for the bandits who may hide there with fearless safety. In the night, the Jewish David hid away when he was cruelly pursued by Saul. It was through these valleys that the wise men, no doubt by night, warned by God in a dream, pursued their flight.

At this time Herod the Great was seventy-one and was within forty days of his terrible death. When he told the wise men to return to Jerusalem and to bring word of the young child, they must have sensed his insincerity.

Of course much interest is attached to the departure and to the ultimate destination of the Magi, sometimes called kings, simply because the word *Magi* means great. Did they bear their good tidings to their distant people in Persia? When they presented their gifts, they accepted Jesus as the child whom they sought. Their story has faded away as the star into obscurity. Tradition hardly ventures to follow them.

Herod the Great raged in the temple at Jerusalem. As a climax of the disappearance of the Magi he ordered that all the boy children under two years of age in and about Bethlehem should be slain. This terrible act was in accordance with the character of Herod. He was half-Arabian, a stranger and a foreigner, and the Jews hated him. Presently he was to be carried down to the baths beyond Jordan to try to cure the terrible disease which was literally eating up his loathsome body. As soon as he left Jerusalem, a revolution broke out. Rabbi Judah and Rabbi Matthias, respected citizens. (Continued on Page Three)

Miss Brietz Weds Mr. J. L. Chambers

Popular Member of Salem Music Faculty Weds

During the Christmas season Salem College lost one of its music faculty members when Miss Marie Brietz, popular teacher of music, married Mr. James Lee Chambers.

The marriage, which was a complete surprise, took place on Sunday, December 27, at 7:30 P. M., immediately following the Love Feast at the Christ Moravian Church, where Mrs. Chambers is the organist. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers left shortly afterwards for a trip of several days to Florida. The couple is now residing on Franklin Street in Winston-Salem.

SALEM DELEGATE TO TOLEDO, OHIO, REPORTS

National Student Federation Determines Views on Prohibition and World Court Issue

At Young People's Meeting Miss Anna Preston gave a detailed and colorful report of the seventh annual session of the National Student Federation in Toledo, where she was the representative of Salem College. Miss Preston was introduced by Dr. Rondthaler, who, though he refrained from too much praise, a local student, impressed the audience with the responsibility which fell to a delegate of this convention.

The account of her trip included business and social affairs, colored with descriptions of the interesting people with whom she came in contact. In spite of her bewilderment in the big city, she found herself acting as secretary to the treasurer of the Federation, directing other delegates who were even more lost than she. When she told about "the little rascal from Missouri" and "the pompous representative from South Carolina," her listeners were given intimate glimpses of the students at the convention.

Sessions were held in the ball room of the Hotel Commodore Perry where, as throughout the city, special courtesies were extended to delegates.

There were discussion of international student travel, prohibition the League of Nations, and radio broadcasting on educational subjects. Special attention was given student problems, to school politics, athletics, debating, and inter-collegiate news service. The most heated discussion was concerned with the honor system, to which many students were opposed. A high light among the talks was the address by Dr. McCracken of Yassar on the unusual subject, "Are Students People?"

During the five days of the convention there were formal and informal social events, from singing around the piano in the hotel to a ball in Madison Garden.

At the conclusion of this extraordinary talk, Miss Preston said, "This convention was both a great success and a grand flop. It was too indefinite in its results and was hindered by sectionalism and politics, which were rotten in a neat way. Yet, it is a venture in practical idealism, an opportunity for the exchange of ideas; and the Federation appears to be worth while as a help to students and student leaders."

Academy Celebrates Annual Speedball Game

Exams to Begin Next Tuesday

The Academy girls returned to school on January 5.

Each week two students have been sent to the Juvenile Relief Home to teach the children how to play.

On Thursday the annual speed ball game took place on the athletic field and Friday night the players were honored with a banquet.

From Tuesday to Friday next week examinations will take place in the Academy.

Judging by their conversations the Academy girls had a big Christmas and probably broke all their New Year's resolutions before they were made.