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## SALEM OPENS 161st YEAR

### Salem Classed With South's Best Colleges

#### Research Shows it as Best Women's College in N. C.

Salem College is classed as the best women's college in North Carolina and one of the seven best in the entire south. This distinction, which was published on August 17 in the *Charlotte Observer*, came as a surprise to the administration of the college as well as to the students and alumnae of the institution. All over the state the press seized upon the news that old Salem had received this honor, and congratulations from friends and former students of the college were sent to the president.

Publicity of this distinction was made this summer when Dr. Elizabeth Barber Young in a lecture at Columbia University spoke of her research among southern colleges during the past two years, which resulted in her book, "Seven Selected Women's Colleges in the Southern States." After study and observation on the campuses of many educational institutions and after consideration of the needs of the modern woman and what education should be for her in helping her to meet them, Dr. Young drew her conclusions as to the seven colleges in the southern states which were best equipped to educate the modern woman. Salem was the only college in North Carolina which was named one of the seven.

It is evident that Salem is distinguished not only for her age but for her progress and the way in which she, year by year, has adapted her curriculum to meet the needs of modern life. Says the *Observer*: "The high position of Salem College is attributed to the foresight of its various faculties to keep in touch with the times." Since 1922 this is the fourth outstanding honor which Salem has received. That year the college became a member of the Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges of the South. In 1931 it

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### U.N.C. Bestows Degrees Upon Salem Faculty

The college honors the members of the faculty who received degrees during the past summer. Dr. Minnie J. Smith, Ph.D. received that degree in history at the University of North Carolina. After a year's leave of absence, during which she studied for the doctorate at the university and taught at Salem only on weekends, she returns to spend her full time at the college as head of the department of ancient languages. Miss Eloise Vaughn received a master's degree in modern language at the university.

In June the University of North Carolina conferred upon Dr. Rondthaler the degree of LL.D. Besides Dr. Rondthaler six other graduates of the university received the hood. The first woman to ever receive the honorary degree was Mrs. Hope Chamberlain. The others were Dr. David Coker, a prominent banker of South Carolina, Dr. William Preston Few, President of Duke University, Mr. Hugh McRae, an engineer of Massachusetts, Mr. Junius Parker, an eminent lawyer, and Dr. John deJ. Pemberton, surgeon of the Mayo foundation.

As Dr. Graham conferred the degree upon Dr. Rondthaler he made this appropriate eulogy: "Howard Edward Rondthaler, minister, teacher, and able executive, blending a certain reserve of strength, spiritual insight, and kindly charm of mind and manner; one president of the North Carolina Historical and Literary Society and the North Carolina Conference for Social Service; for twenty-three years president of Salem Academy, one of the oldest schools for girls in America, and of historic Salem College in which he has, with high standards and distinguished ability, carried the traditions of religion, scholarship, and music to a new excellence; present symbol and eloquent voice of that Moravian culture and idealism which reach across the seas and centuries through old Salem into many homes of our people plastic to the aesthetic and spiritual influence of a great tradition."

### Improvements Brighten Appearance Of Campus

While students spent their vacation days at home and on pleasure trips, the college received a thorough cleaning and a number of improvements. The most important changes were in Alice Clewell Building and the Athletic Field.

Alice Clewell has a new dress of rainbow hues. From first to third the walls in every room have been painted in pastel shades of sea blue, green, rose, yellow and cream. With the fresh appearance which the colors and the newly painted wood work give, the rooms are most attractive. To introduce the men who performed the change with paint bucket and brush it is only necessary to mention their first names: Charlie, Fred, Ernest and Sherman. Long they labored, and proud they are of their work. From those four, Mr. Talley, the Student Government, and Miss Lawrence comes the urgent request that those walls be left unmarred by tacks and nails. If a picture or a pennant is to be hung on the walls, O inhabitants of Clewell, ask Mr. Talley to bring his hammer and the peculiar kind of harmless tacks which he uses to do the work for you. Not only will it save you sore thumbs, but it will protect the beauty of the wall surface.

Toward the realization of four years of work and planning the Salem Athletic Association sees the lower campus being converted into new athletic fields. Though at present the spectator see a broad expanse of red mud, imagination can show to him the full plans of the undertaking. The Welch Athletic Field is being completed after much work during the summer, and it is hoped that at least part of the grounds will be ready for use this fall. The plans include a level, well sodded hockey field, three new tennis courts near the Academy walk, and the present ones improved; and one hole of golf for practice.

To the fund of the Athletic Association Miss Virginia Welch of

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### Old And New Students Arrive For Registration

#### Freshman Week Program of Varied Activities

Through the portals of Salem College come the students this fourteenth day of September 1932, and the college bids them welcome. The bustle and stir which accompanies the opening of school spreads from the campus over the city as the people of Winston-Salem see the college girls return. This begins the 161st consecutive year that the institution has opened its doors to young women.

Especially is the college glad to greet the Freshmen and new girls. As they arrive they should not feel like strangers, but as immediate members of the student body. Today the new girls are met at Alice Clewell Building and the office by members of the Y. W. C. A. and Student Self-Government, who are making every effort to make them feel comfortable in their new home. Students who have been here before are happy to return, to have this reunion with their classmates, and begin another year's work.

On Friday, September 9 members of the faculty began to appear on the campus, and others followed. That same day the president of Student Self-Government, the president of I. R. S., and the editor of the *Salemite* arrived to plan their particular welcomes for the girls who would arrive the next week. At that time the campus was alive, though the student body was not here. The night watchman, who remained with his lantern on the campus all summer, became cheerful at the thought that soon he would be less lonesome that during the past three months. All the servants were busy with preparations for the opening, and the steam shovel on the future athletic field continued its noisy digging. "Welcome" signs were painted on the windows of drug stores, and signs displayed their most collegiate slogans.

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