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## LITTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

— WALT WHITMAN'S CAUTION

To the State, or any one of them, or any city of the States,

Resist much, obey little;  
Once unquestioning obedience,  
once fully enslaved;

Once fully enslaved, no nation, state, city, of this earth, ever afterwards resumes its liberty.

## FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

The N. C. C. P. A. goes on record as favoring freedom of faculty censorship of all college publications, and in this resolution the association asks the support of college newspapers. For the first time in the existence of this organization this measure, which is always favored, is being acted upon in a definite way, which may accomplish much good. With the retention of freedom of the press is wise and just, college editors are working for this principle.

A college gives birth to a publication for two reasons; that it may serve as an outlet for literary talent and that it may be a medium of expressing student opinion. It is not the place for faculty criticism, which is a hindrance to the free expression of student ideas. Censorship is all ways restricting. When every article for a newspaper, or annual, or magazine must pass beneath the scrutiny of a faculty advisor, the publication ceases to belong to the students, and it loses some of the youthful flavor which makes it individual. A college senior who is thought by the student body worthy of being elected editor must surely have the judgment to tell what should or should not go to the press.

The Salemite is one of the few publications in girls' colleges which has no faculty advisor. For that reason this paper champions the cause of other publications which do not enjoy this freedom.

## SUFFRAGETTES

Each girl in Salem felt rather hurt and ashamed when Dr. Rondthaler stated in chapel that he was really shocked at some of the silly, shallow, and absolutely trivial ideas of elections, presidential candidates, platforms, and politics in general which girls here appear to foster. At the same time each one was reluctantly realizing that his condemnation was justly deserved.

Only a few years ago our mothers were fighting for the privilege of voting, and now that woman's suffrage is an established fact, are we going to disregard their struggle and abusing the franchise? Not all of us have as yet reached the so-called age of discretion. But when we are twenty-one, are we going to vote? We will have to abide by the results of the election; is it not the height of disloyalty and does it not show an utter lack of patriotism not to contribute in one service of voting? Important though it may appear, it is our personal responsibility in the welfare and functioning of our government.

Each girl should know the best and the worst features of every party and its candidates, and from a bountiful supply of information she should be able to formulate her own opinion and vote in the direction which she is convinced will most aid and enrich her country. Is one going to vote for Hoover merely because one's roommate is going to vote for Roosevelt? Are we going to let the future of our country be suspended like the sword of Damocles on a hair as unreliable as that reason?

Let us by taking advantage of both the franchise and the wealth of unbiased and unprejudiced opinions, by next election, force Dr. Rondthaler to swallow the words which tore away the last shreds of our cloak of indifference to affairs of the day. — D. H.

## OPEN FORUM

### STUDY ON SUNDAY?

Why not study on Sunday? We either have to do it there as in our rooms and stare at four walls while lots of valuable time is wasted. A preacher I once knew took all of the kids in his neighborhood swimming or riding each Sunday afternoon, and on being asked how he violated the Lord's day in such a manner, replied, "I had rather have the children under my eyes so I can see that they have wholesome pleasures, than to have them getting in groups and planning mischief as they are apt to do when there is no other amusement to divert their minds. The lady gave no reply to this declaration, but the following week she was seen with her car laden with children on the way to the swimming pool.

Of course college girls should be old enough not to get into childish mischief, but there are some times when one wishes for some thing to do. We have got to have some thing to keep our minds diverted from home and all the friends we'd like to see, and as a result we study. Can the teachers complain? Are we violating our consciences? It's all a matter of our own conscience and conception of the Sabbath.

### SUNDAY STUDY

If the power lay in my hands, I would have a law enforced without further delay, as to studying lessons on Sunday. Existing on this, the Lord's day, is exactly as much of a violation of the Sabbath as the violation of a shooting gallery in the pulpit of Centenary Methodist Church! If studying isn't wanted, what is it? If the Lord had wanted work to work, would he not put in the second chapter of Genesis, the

## POETRY

### LEAF BURNING

I swept the fallen leaves up yesterday  
And touched them with slow fire;  
And as I saw smoke rise and drift away  
I knew a keen desire.

To sweep my mind of old things lying there,  
Dreams long since dead . . . .  
Hopes that have clung like leaves on boughs now bare,  
And tears that I have shed . . . .

I longed to gather every little grief  
Left scattered round,  
Small doubts and fears and lay them in a sheaf  
Of fire, smoke crowned;

Then stir the embers so a laughing wind  
Might lift the ashes of old praise or blame,  
And bear them far away, leaving my mind  
Clean as if swept by flame.

—Virginia Eaton.

## POETRY

Not in a silver casket cool with pearls  
Or rich with red corundum or with blue  
Locked and the key withheld, as other girls  
Have given their loves, I give my love to you;

Not in a lover's knot, not in a ring  
Worked in such fashion, and the legend plain  
Semper fidelis, where a secret spring  
Kennels a drop of mischief for the brain;

Loves in the open hand, nothing but that,  
Unattended, unbidden, wishing not to hurt;  
As one should bring you cowslips in a hat  
Swung from the hand, or apples in her skirt,

I bring you, calling out as children do:  
"Look what I have! And these are all for you."

—Edna St. Vincent Millay.

second verse—"And on the seventh day from all his work which he had made." Are we, then, following in his footsteps if we do the things on this earth which he didn't do, hasn't done, and has commanded us not to do? Think it over, friends, and see if you don't think about it in just the same light that lots of others do! — Anonymous.

### ABOUT SALARIES?—

To think that anyone would even consider the thoughts of a salary in connection with the work given to the Salemite is absurd! It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to serve on the staff of the Salemite, and the whole staff is glad to give any help they can without being paid for it. If we love our school and want it to have the best things we can give it, this is one way by which we are capable of showing our interest and love. A person who is hired to do everything in the world never gets any where, and what is this other than bribery? Dismiss at once the question of salaries and rely on the present Salemite staff to give the best that's in them gladly and freely! — Anonymous.

The audacious Young Democrats are planning a Victory Ball on Saturday night. Already they have engaged an orchestra and bought the draperies for Roosevelt's picture. Inside door on the party lists of committee, feature numbers and a "Happy Days are Here Again" bar. Suppose they have to turn it into a "Consolation Ball!"

### HAWAII

I've been there—  
In my dreams  
And I've longed for the blue  
In the heaven that is over Hawaii.

I've dreamed there—  
On Waikiki's strand,  
And I laughed with the stars  
In the heaven that hangs over Hawaii.

—Andrew Herwit.

### A QUESTION TO DISTURB A ROVING MIND

A question to disturb a roving mind.  
What would I find,  
If I should climb upon a little chair,  
Then somehow gain the roof  
Of my small cottage,  
And from there  
Shout myself into a nearby tree?

If I should dare  
To risk my neck again  
To find a place  
A-top a steep, towering in the sky,  
From which one mighty, death-deaf  
flying leap  
Would set me on a mountain,  
Up so high  
That nothing would be over me but air?

The question is repeated in my mind.  
What would I find?  
Perhaps the goal of Fame's steep  
thoroughfare,  
Is but the filmy sky,  
An endless pinnacle, perhaps, of pale blue air,  
Who knows; The top may be a resting place  
From which to downward stare  
At tiny people playing on a heap  
Of jumbled vegetables and rocks and sea

How'er that be,  
The question still unanswered in my mind,  
What would I find?

## THE FASHION PLATE

### GAY ACCESSORIES

Accessories are on the up and up probably to aid the pocket-books this fall. Although everyone is not able to buy new clothes, old frocks and coats may be changed by the addition of stylish trinkets that give character to a costume.

Coming to the aid of the pocket-book are shoes, gloves, and belts to match. With brown costumes, shoes, and bags of all colors trimmed in shiny copper blend well. Copper ornaments in odd shapes or merely fashioned into buttons and clasps are good for bags and belts. Bright metal decorations add a stylish note that is very effective with either brown, black or wine. Black and pull-on gloves, oxford, and bag are worn with street clothes. For evening wear fans, bags, gloves and scarfs are of velvet. Velvet shoes are black with toe decorations in metalized kid.

One of the smartest fads for meeting wear is the use of corduroy. Both bags and gloves are made of the wide-wale material. For rainy days, the corduroy gloves are rain proofed and the palm made of kid matching the color of the material.

Envelope bags are used for day time service. Suede, felt, tweed or fancy wool fabrics, and calf or reptile skins are used for the new bags. Black felt studded with white tuff form a plain effect makes an attractive bag. Metals are made into queer shapes for bag-motifs, and one envelope purse has a dull metal band and buckle to match the belts on the new

## OYSTERETTES



It is certainly a good thing that there are no Greek houses on Broadway. If there were, there would be many more accidents than there are now. If you will remember, the Greek houses were built right at the edge of the street and the main door opened outward instead of inward. This meant that any one going out of the house had to knock on the inside of the door, so that the people in the street could get out of the way to keep from being knocked down. Queer world we are living in!

I vote that all classes be excused for one day so that we can catch up on sleep lost during mid-semester's what do you say?

Look around and find the most unfortunate person on the campus. She's obscure, but you'll find her after a bit of searching.

Some of us might do well to write home in French, Spanish, Greek, Latin, or whatever our burden might be. Cicero's son used this method to prove to his parents that he was being educated.

Miss At is causing quite a sensation on the campus with her sore foot. The other day a visitor on the campus approached a student and asked, "Who in the world is that decrepit individual?" The student answered, "I'll admit she's individual but I hope she'll soon get over her decrepitness."

If you ever have to go to jail, don't choose a cellhouse in Havana. They are surrounded by cacti larger than men. These plants might give a slight hindrance to an attempt to escape.

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Today (Saturday) is Forget-me-not day in Salem in remembrance of the war buddies.

The Mathematics Club will hold a meeting at 7 o'clock on Monday night.

Thursday night at 8:15 in the Reynolds Auditorium the First Civic Music concert will be given.

—and of course, the parade and dayton on Monday and Tuesday!

Radio Programs of Interest

Each Saturday from 11 until 12:30.

Ernest Shelling's symphony.

Saturday afternoon from 3:30 until 4.

The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

Sundays from 3 until 4, The New York Philharmonic Orchestra.