

Christmas Narrative Concluded At Y. P. M.

Dr. Rondthaler Pictures Crucel Reigns of Herods

At Y. P. M. Dr. Rondthaler brought the Christmas Narrative to completeness when he vividly interpreted the Biblical story of Mary, Joseph, and the Christ Child from the time of the departure of the wise men until the entrance of the Holy family into Nazareth.

Dr. Rondthaler, after reading the Bible verses most essential to the story augmented the interest of the narrative with many interpretive digressions. "History," he said, "has wondered, students have wondered what the ultimate message born by the wisemen may have been, but so far no remnant of the return home of the wise men has survived.

Turning the attention of the audience to Herod he pictured the desperate ruler as a person of inhuman cruelty. Herod with but four months to live, already having killed three of his own sons, sent out an order which brought about the murder of the innocents. Although Herod had done his worst, three people had slipped out of his hands and were making their way to Egypt where 100,000 Jews were living in the Delta.

Dr. Rondthaler continued with an historical explanation of the situation in Palestine after the death of Herod. The kingdom fell to the hands of Herod's three sons, the cruellest of whom was given the rule of Judea. This one, Archelaus by name, was ruling when Joseph was returning with his family from Egypt. A messenger, however, warned Joseph in a dream that he should not enter Judea so Joseph took his family to parts of Galilee and went to Nazareth.

"Thus," concluded Dr. Rondthaler, "is the perfectly told story, complete and satisfying. Where we begin there we leave it, and the last we see is the disappearance toward the sweet hills, for Galilee is a beautiful country."

Victor Radio Added To Musical Equipment

Large Instrument Installed in Music Building

A Victor radio has been purchased recently by the college for the music students. The instrument, which is a combination of a radio and Victrola, is to be used particularly by the classes in music appreciation, history of music, and orchestration.

The Victor combination, which has twelve tubes, works automatically, playing twelve ten-inch records successively. Because the mechanism, enclosed in a handsome wooden cabinet, is very complicated, only faculty members of the music department will be allowed to operate it. Although the radio is not the newest model, having been purchased from Mr. Ernest Schofield, head of the voice department of Salem College, the instrument is one of the finest reproducing machines of its kind and is a great improvement over the Victrola which has been used previously.

Students and faculty are invited to the music building to see and hear the new acquisition.

Faculty Explore Lower Region On Tour One Murdered in Houseboat Escapade on River Styx

Have you ever wished desperately to put a teacher in his or her proper place? Have you ever indignantly thumped your nose at the whole lot of them to indicate where you hoped to goodness they would go? What kind of vulgar talk is this for the front page of the Salemite? (Merely a trick of advertising—don't be shocked or alarmed.)

It has been rumored by those who know the gossip of the school that the whole faculty has decided to take a vacation tonight in Hades—well, in the underworld if we must be dignified; but we don't mention it under Chicago. No one seems to know much about this sudden decision. Maybe Pluto is holding a school teachers' convention in his home town in order to find out the best and longest methods of giving exams, or maybe he just wanted to see his old cronies again. Anyway, they'll all be there—Linguists, His- torians, Chemists, Mathematicians, Deans, Doctors, under assumed

names. They have rented a houseboat on the River Styx, upon which they will spend their vacation; and it here that many a treacherous

A noted historian of Salem, dis- will no doubt take place.

A noted historian of Salem, distinguished behind the long red beard of Henry VIII will be abashed by his work, the Red Queen.

From a dark stateroom comes a frightened scream as Lady Macbeth guiltily sleep walks onto the deck in her stiff, night, white—her whiff, sight tight—oh, her stiff, white nightgown. Maybe we'd better not mention the lady again.

Joan d'Arc appears with the courage of the whole French army in her makeup and the spirit of a young Democrat in her dreamy eyes.

But speaking of eyes, a Dr. of Something or Other named Cleopatra really uses hers on our boy Antony as they romance "underneath the Hellam moon" . . . And so

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College Dining-Room Has Been Re-painted

Financed by Class of 1933, Work by Men on Campus

The college dining room was re-decorated in white and orange while the students were away during vacation. Last year the graduating class left a sum of money to be used for a fountain and other fixtures on the athletic field. By careful planning and management, the work was done for less than it was first deemed necessary.

Mr. Campbell, the advisor of the senior class of last year, got in touch with members of the class. It was agreed that the money be used for redecorating the dining room. Accordingly, plans were made for the painting. When the students returned from the holidays, they were very glad to see that the work had been done. Since the room had been remodeled a few months ago, opinions had been expressed in favor of a new coat of paint. No one knew how it could be secured until the luncheon of last year came to the rescue. Deep appreciation is felt towards the loyal donors.

I. R. S. To Entertain Seniors Of Academy

Formal Dinner Planned Honoring Prep. School Students

On Saturday, January 17, at 6 o'clock, honor will be paid to the Academy Seniors in the form of a banquet in the college dining room. The I. R. S. Council members will be special hostesses at the dinner. They, with the eighteen Seniors, Miss Mary Weaver, Miss Jess Byrd, and Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler will be seated at a long center table, each person finding his place marked by a card bearing the college seal.

The dining room, besides being the college colors, yellow and white. In the center of the room will be ferns and flowers.

Entertainment which is planned for the occasion includes a skit by Miss Bobbie Way and Miss Mary Penn, both of whom are popular dramatic entertainers. The same colored orchestras that has several times been enjoyed at social functions will furnish the music.

The orchestra will also play in the recreation room of the Louisa Wilson Biting Building for a dance between dinner and the Faculty play which will be given at 8 o'clock in Memorial Hall.

How Well Read Are You?

The list published this week is a reprint of a list published some time ago in the Golden Book. Many such lists have been published, all of which agree at many points. Certainly all of the books on this list should sooner or later be read by all educated persons. At least four-fifths of them should have been read by every college graduate. Among the other fifth there are books which could well be left until the fifties or sixties, except that they have been so influential on the world's thought that without them as a background one is incapacitated when confronted with other thoughtful books.

It is well to have a list by which to check on oneself, and it is even better to have sufficient intellectual curiosity to look into books of such great reputation.

GOLDEN BOOK LIST One Hundred Best Books

The Bible.
Hind.
Odyssey.
Fables. Aesop
Prometheus Bound. Aeschylus
Oedipus Tyrannus. Sophocles
Medea. Euripides
Histories. Herodotus
Dialogues. Plato
Politics and Poetics. Aristotle
On the Nature of Things. Lucretius
Aeneid. Virgil
Poems. Horace
Histories. Thucydides
Lives. Plutarch
Morals. Epictetus
Meditations. Marcus Aurelius

The Arabian Nights' Entertainment.
The Song of Roland.
Niebelungenlied.
Mahabharata.
Dante.
Decameron. Boccaccio
Canterbury Tales. Chaucer
Morte d'Arthur. Malory
Viragintana and Pantagruel. Italian
Rabelais
Essays. Montaigne
Don Quixote. Cervantes
Essays. Bacon
Hamlet. Shakespeare
Macbeth. Shakespeare
King Lear. Shakespeare
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Dean Vardell Attends National Convention

National Conference Meets During Holidays at Capital

Dean Vardell made a delightful trip Wednesday at Y. P. M. about his trip to Washington, where he attended the National Music Conference. This conference, which was established to standardize the B. Mus. degree, admitted Salem College as a member last year.

At the same time there was also a meeting of all the music teachers. Many interesting programs were rendered to entertain the delegates, and there were concerts by famous bands and symphony orchestras. Many notables of the musical world attended the conference, and there were interesting talks by such men as Deems Taylor and Ernest Hatfieldson. Many important topics were discussed.

The question of an A. B. degree with a music major arose, resulting in the appointment of a committee of five to work on the problem. Salem is proud to have Dean Vardell a member of the committee. With the other four members he will investigate the advisability of giving a music major with an A. B. degree and will determine this question for all the music schools of the nation.

Dr. Willoughby Is Speaker At Vespers

"Jesus Christ in Poetry of Yesterday and Today"

At Vespers on Sunday evening Dr. Willoughby spoke on "Jesus Christ in the Poetry of Yesterday and Today."

The old English ballad used the apocryphal idea of Christ as a naughty child. But their tender humanity kept them from being sacrilegious.

The Middle Ages represented Christ as returning to the earth to test his humans. "The Legend of St. Julian" tells the story of St. Julian, who gave alms, food and a bed to a leper who then demanded that the saint embrace him. St. Julian did so and the leper changed to Jesus. Then there is the familiar legend of St. Christopher, who carried the old man across the raging stream, to have him become Christ as they reached the shore in safety.

Lady Gregory contributed "The Traveling Man" which tells the story of a child interrupted in his play by a stranger. To amuse the child the man took down the china from the shelves. The mother returns indignant that her housekeeping had been disturbed and drives out the stranger. As she watches him go away, she realizes by a glow around him that He is the Christ.

Sara Teasdale also added to the poetry of Jesus with "The Carpenter Shop," where Mary grieves over her son who has accomplished nothing. Again she wrote of a Jesus troubled by the tyranny of Rome, by the poverty and suffering of His people, trying to find a solution to these problems.

Milton has perhaps made the greatest contribution to the poetry of Christ in his "Paradise Regained," in which he relates the temptation in the desert. He gives an analysis of the mind of Jesus.

Feeling that the poetic portraits of Jesus were too much influenced by Italian paintings, that he was shown too mild and delicate where in reality he possessed a splendid personality and physique, Ezra Pound set out to picture him differently. After the crucifixion Simon Silotes, (Continued on Page Three)

Stee-Geer President Delegate To N. S. F. A.

Thorp Represents Salem at New Orleans Meeting

Miss Mary Katherine Thorp, president of the Student Self-Government Association, attended as a delegate from Salem College the annual convention of the National Student Federation of America, held at New Orleans, Louisiana, from December 28 to December 31.

Meeting the other delegates from North Carolina colleges and Universities at Greensboro, she travelled with them in a special car to New Orleans. It is interesting to note that one of the delegates from Duke University was Louisa Hooker, a former Salem student. Arriving at New Orleans Wednesday morning, December 28, the party was taken to the Roosevelt Hotel, the convention headquarters.

At the luncheon the day of the arrival of the delegates in New Orleans, the secretary to the mayor gave a speech of welcome. In the afternoon the first plenary session of the convention was conducted by the retiring president, who gave a brief resume of the history of N. S. F. A. It was started in 1925 at Princeton University by a group of students who realized what an important part the students take in modern life. Now the organization includes schools throughout the nation. It sponsors student travel, student debating and serves as a means of expression for student thought and opinion.

At dinner the delegates sat in regional groups. Here Hucy P. Long welcomed the convention to Louisiana. Following dinner there was an informal dance in the ballroom on the top floor of the hotel.

Thursday morning there was a discussion of honor systems. It is interesting to know that every college either has or wants an honor system. Colleges in the East and the South have the greatest number of honor systems. In connection with this there was heated discussion in regard to ways of enforcing the system; as a result it was decided that it can best be enforced by the education of the students to real responsibility.

That afternoon the delegates went (Continued on Page Three)

Education Students End Practice Term

Twenty-one Applicants Complete Requirements for Practice

Twenty-one applicants for teachers' certificates have completed their terms of observation and practice teaching in the city schools. For fifteen weeks, five days in the week, they taught or observed in classes assigned to them by the education department according to special arrangements made by Mr. McDonald with the school authorities.

Six of these practice teachers are doing elementary teaching, while fifteen of them practiced in the junior and senior high schools. This experience is particularly valuable in giving the would-be teachers experience in typical class room work, not with a model class, but with pupils of the average kind. By the end of this year the applicants, all of them seniors, will have completed the requirements for teachers in North Carolina.