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Administration Grants Day Student Petition

Chapel Attendance Made Voluntary For Trial Period

On Tuesday of this week announcement was made by the Administration of the granting of the following petition presented by the day students of the college. It reads as follows:

"Realizing that the problem of chapel attendance for off campus students differs largely from that of boarding pupils, we as day students of Salem College, in a spirit of co-operation, request that chapel attendance be made optional for a trial period until the Easter holidays.

"If this is granted, we will try to build up a sentiment in favor of regular chapel attendance and we agree to attend the chapel services whenever we reach the campus by the chapel hour."

This petition was unanimously endorsed by all day students who were present at meetings of upper and underclassmen held on Monday. The decision of the Administration was announced to the day students at the chapel hour on Tuesday morning and explained to the boarders at a house meeting on the same day.

In granting this request, it was stated the committee considered the fact that, because the problem differs from that on campus girls, the same regulation for both groups would give identity but not equality of treatment. Home conditions and bad weather are to be considered for those living away from the campus grounds. The committee appreciates the spirit in which the request was made and is confident that these girls will come cheerfully to the services when they are on the campus, realizing that they are then on the same footing as the boarding pupils. For this same reason Wednesday chapel at eleven o'clock will remain required for all students. Important also is the object of students and Administration alike that the result of this new system will be an increased attendance upon the early chapel.

The committee asked that two things be remembered very particularly in connection with this granted petition; first, that one day student on the campus at the chapel hour who needs an excuse from attendance should see Miss Lawrence who will be available in the day student rooms; second, that when the student is deciding whether to come to the campus by eight-thirty, she will bear in mind that in unnecessarily absenting herself she would not break a rule, as heretofore, but she would break faith with those who have trusted her.

Physical Ed. of Spirit Subject of Vespers

Junior Class In Charge of Sunday Evening Program

The Junior Class had charge of Vespers on Sunday night, February 12, with Georgia Huntington leading. After the prelude, played by Mary Celeste Frontis, Alice Cicec read the scripture lesson.

Both Norman read the devotional, on physical education of the spirit. After this Frances Suttlinger played a piano solo. The service ended with the "Y" watchword and Choral Amen by the choir.

Vespers for Sunday, February 19 will be in charge of the Freshman Class.

PING PONG FINALS

The fight is over—the victory won—and the Ping Pong Tournament has finally come to a successful close with surprisingly few mishaps. In fact, throughout the entire series of games there was but one serious accident and only the victim himself can vouch for the injuries he received. We refer to the fall of Mr. McEwen on the recreation room floor of Alice Clewell Building.

The Noble was in the act of slinging one of Miss Knox's most vicious serves when his knee jerked him unawares, and the next thing we knew Mr. Cambell was

slitting him gently by his feet again. Nothing daunting, Mr. McEwen and his running mates were back the next day, playing as hard as ever (with chewing gum on one foot and fly paper on the other) and every day thereafter.

Everybody is still talking about Salem College's Ping Pong Tournament. It was a contest inter-national, inter-faculty, inter-vidual, inter-lectal, and inter-interesting, and all around perfect success. Who knows it may become inter-national and this year's winners may be playing the Jay or the Russian Ping Pongers in 1934?

Mrs. Council Sends Greetings To Salem

Tells Salem Girls Memories of Old Days at Academy

The oldest living alumna of Salem, Mrs. Alice Council of Hickory, sent this message to the students of the institution she once attended: "I would often think about the dear old school and wish that I could be there. I appreciate the kind messages that were sent to me on my birthday, and I am glad to write I should answer them all."

On January 90 Mrs. Council celebrated her one hundredth birthday, retaining all her faculties and the brilliant intellect for which she was known in her youth. Greetings reached her by mail and telegraph from the governor, from Mr. Joseph Daniels, from Dr. R. J. Tattler, and from hundreds of friends and admirers. Mrs. Council had achieved an ambition of many years standing.

To Katie Horton and Josephine Courtney, who visited her, this old Southern gentlewoman was most gracious and hospitable. She was dressed in black silk, a white lace collar pinned with a brooch at her neck. Her snow white hair lay in soft waves, and her hands showed nails that were freshly manicured. For always she is exquisitely groomed. She is slender, with shoulders a little stooped, and she looks as delicate as a china doll.

As they talked together in the living room of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Taylor, the thoughts of the aged alumna wandered to the past, not in the rambling and incoherent fashion that is often characteristic of old age, but clearly and interestingly. It was plain to see that the capacity of her brilliant mind had not been dulled by time. She spoke of her schooldays at Salem in 1848, when she, Mary Alice Hostwick and Mary Anna Morrison, who later became Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson, were friends. It was a time when traveling was so dangerous that a girl went to boarding school with the intention of remaining the four years without vacations at home, even though she tried no further away than Sumter, S. C.

"One Christmas," she said, "my cousins at Fort Defiance in Happy (Continued on Page Three)

JUNIOR EDITORS

So many "Salemite" readers have asked why the paper suddenly improved last week, that the truth must be told. It was edited by three junior members of the staff, while the editor-in-chief fell back into the ranks of copy reporter.

The editors who succeeded so well were Susan Gidley, Sarah Lindsay, and Mary Absher. Next week the editors will be three other juniors, Patsy McMullan, Kathleen Adkins, and Merian Stevenson. They are so ambitious that they have already planned the front page.

Dean Vardell Talks To Danville Club

Presents Program of Modern Music Wednesday Afternoon

Dean Charles G. Vardell gave an illustrated lecture before the Wednesday Club in their clubhouse at Danville, Virginia, on last Wednesday afternoon. It was a talk on modern music, a subject upon which Mr. Vardell is an authority.

The lecture was similar to one which was presented at a music hour several years ago, although the illustrations were longer and more numerous. During the talk Mr. Vardell played selections from the works of Debussy, Poulenc, Casella, Malipiero, Goossens, Hindemith, Schomberg, and De Falla. The audience was delighted with the lecture recital, although the original program did not include, as they had requested, any of the player's own compositions.

Thursday Music Hour Features A Recital

Excellent Performances by Music Students

The regular Thursday Music Hour was occasion for a most enjoyable student recital given at Memorial Hall at four o'clock in the afternoon. These performing were representatives of the voice, piano, and violin departments. The program, consisting of various types of numbers, among them a few beautifully rendered modern compositions, was as follows:

- STUDENT'S RECITAL
- Norwegian Bridal Procession Greig
- Mary S. Absher
- Venetian Boat-Song in F Sharp Minor Mendelssohn
- Sunny Kirby
- Dies est dicitur XVI Century
- How Merrily We Live
- Michael Este, 1600
- Mary B. Williams, Mary Mills, Adelaide Silverstein
- Northern Lights Torjussen
- Lois Moores
- Fantasia in D Minor Mozart
- Margaret L. Johnson
- Concerto in A Minor Vivaldi
- Allegro
- Rebekah Baynes
- The Lark Glinka-Balkirev
- Rosalie Smith
- Turn Ye Even to Me Harker
- At the Brookside Grieg
- Rebecca Hines
- Prelude from Carnival Mignon
- Schutt
- Frances Sutcliffe
- Memorial Hall, 4:00 P. M., February 16, 1933.

Student Council Shows Work of N. S. F. A.

National Unions Plan Various Activities

The Student Council has been giving to the students of the college views of the many activities of National Student Federation of America. On the bulletin board have been placed interesting posters and pamphlets which give a very clear idea of the accomplishments of the organization in regard to tours, debates, radio broadcasts, and publications.

The National Student Federation of America is becoming a major part of the student organizations of the country, the different unions of the various countries of the world and on dating teams.

The purpose of the National Student Federation of America has been summed up as follows: "We would achieve a spirit of co-operation among the students of the United States of America to give consideration to questions affecting the student interests. We would develop an intelligent student opinion on questions of national and international importance and would foster an understanding among the students of the world in the fulfillment of enduring peace."

The tours which are sponsored by the organization are in accordance with the motto of the body. The students of the various parts of the United States and the young people of other lands are able to visit the places of interest and importance in the world at the same time they are able to know and understand one another. Thus there is started the journey on the road to world understanding and peace. The tours are very reasonable in cost.

The debating teams that the student organizations sponsor are now world-wide. Last year teams from Scotland, Ireland, and France visited the eastern and southern parts of the United States. In the spring of 1933 a team of American men are going to debate in the British Isles. The students of the world are supporting the entire movement. Various publications are in the hands of the group.

As yet, Salem College is not a member of the National Student Federation. Representatives of the Student Government Association of the school have attended meetings of the organization. Within the not far distant future the school may become a member if the students wish. The dues for members of the association are twenty-five dollars. Many benefits are obtained from the organization—the students of the schools which belong are entitled to the participation in the tours and other activities; the school gets copies of the publications; by writing to the information bureau, the Council is able to get help and suggestions from the schools that arise. Each school that is a member is closely connected with the leading schools of the nation and of other nations.

DINNER POSTPONED

The Young Democrats met temporary defeat last Thursday night when the dinner which they had planned with a great deal of effort failed to take place on account of the illness of the speaker Mr. Sanford Martin. Since Mr. Martin, who is editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and a popular speaker, was the principal attraction of the program, it could not go on without him.

"No one else could take the place of Mr. Martin," said President Beth Norman, "and so we will not have a substitute. Next week, if the speaker has recovered from flu, the dinner takes place."

Study of Appointments Urged By Dr. Rankin

Appointing Ambassadors Is Weighty Power of President

Dr. Robert S. Rankin, assistant dean of the graduate school and professor of social science at Duke University, in an extended chapel of Wednesday morning, February 15, urged a careful study of the powers of President-elect Roosevelt.

Dr. Rankin discussed in detail the foreign relations power of the President. He is called upon to receive ambassadors of other countries and thus to recognize their governments. Much depends on the way in which such diplomatic matters are handled.

"The President has the power to make treaties and to exercise an important amount of control in the functioning of these. He also has the power to appoint ambassadors from this country to others. These men must necessarily be persons of

high character because of the many obligations placed upon them. Because of the importance of his position and the wide scope of his work, the ambassador must have a knowledge of the diplomatic corps of the Monroe Doctrine is facts about the bookwork. He is called upon, not only to answer questions but to act in the furtherance of American's pleasures as well as to protect them and their property abroad. Ambassadors must be qualified to fill any social position that may arise; he must exercise tact and ingenuity in all situations, no matter how difficult. There is no money paid to members of the diplomatic corps but it has its compensations in its interesting life.

One of the most important powers vested in the President is that of pardoning persons who commit offenses against the United States. Here Dr. Rankin explained the merit and defects of a pardon and showed the changing attitude of federal courts towards the meaning of a pardon. At first a pardon meant that the crime was regarded as having never been committed, but now the courts regard it as meaning only exemption from punishment. Because of this the pardon is not really satisfactory, for even though newly discovered evidence shows that the person convicted of the crime is innocent, a pardon always carries an imputation of guilt. Dr. Rankin explained that a prisoner may, if it is to his advantage, refuse a pardon but if there is a good reason why the court wishes him to be released, as in the case of Gerald Chapman who was wanted in Connecticut for murder committed while he was escaped from Atlanta prison, the President may commute the sentence. A prisoner may not refuse a commutation of his sentence.

The present President-elect Roosevelt is appointing ambassadors from the United States to other recognized countries. If Governor Roosevelt picks from his party capable men to represent the United States abroad he will be able to help in making his term of office a successful one.

PRESIDENT AND WIFE ARE ABSENT FROM CAMPUS

After a great effort to put his affairs in order, Dr. Howard Rondthaler arranged to be absent from the college for more than a week. Nothing distressing has taken place because of his absence. That is more remarkable since Mrs. Rondthaler is the wife of the absent one.

Dr. Rondthaler is in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, attending to business of the Moravian Church. On his way to Pennsylvania he delivered an address at Rocky Mount and talked to the Salem Alumnae Association of that city. Next Wednesday, 22, he will talk to the O.Henry Club in Greensboro. That evening he returns to Salem.