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National Book Week Is November 13-18

"Growing Up With Books" Is Theme

National Book Week grew out of a Boy's Book Week Movement started many, many years ago by the Chief librarian of the Boy Scouts of America. He interested other librarians and, with cooperation, succeeded in setting off a week of each year between summer and the Christmas holidays for special emphasis on boys' books.

This group of enthusiastic librarians planned to show the young people of America, chiefly the boys, the pleasures and advantages of reading, and to cultivate in them a discriminating taste for good literature. This movement met with such approval and eager cooperation that it soon became Children's Book Week, there being no particular reason for the exclusion of girls. As Leigh Hunt says, "It is books that refine our pleasures when young and which, having so taught us, enables us to recall them with satisfaction to the end."

Before long, grown people began to welcome the movement with such interest that its original youthful significance was absorbed in a general observance by both young and old.

National Book Week has a different subject each year. This year the subject is "Growing Up With Books".

This movement has been beautifully endorsed by many outstanding literary figures of today, including William Rose Benet, William Frederick Bigelow, Henry Seidel Canby, John Farrior, Frederic Melcher, Anne Carroll Moore and Louis Untermeyer.

Book Week has shown thousands of people the way to mental and intellectual enjoyment and a never-failing source of entertainment. Also books need not be expensive. At a second hand book store old copies of valuable books may be bought for a few cents which will furnish many hours of diversion to poor, harrassed, and worried people. A healthy interest in books can make one forget financial worries and troubles and fill him with a deep sense of contentment such as is seldom found by any other means. As Aungerville aptly puts it, "Books are delightful when prosperity happily smiles; when adversity threatens, they are inseparable comforters. They give strength to human compacts, nor are grave opinions brought forward without books. Arts and sciences, the benefits of which no mind can calculate, depend on books."

Book Week is to start people on the way to happiness through books. Once started the pursuit will become a delightful pastime. A timely thought is found in Wilbur Dick Nesbit's poem "Who Hath A Book".

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Practice House Is Home For Home Economics Seniors

Girls Entertain Guests Frequently

The Practice House is beautiful. The hostesses are superb. The rooms are immaculate. It is certainly an honor to be invited to be a guest here.

There have been guests of distinction at the Practice House. Friday night, November 3, Mary Catherine Siewers had dinner here and Saturday night, Mary Catherine Thorpe had the banquet made in her honor.

Sunday night dinner was a gala occasion in spite of the tremendous disappointment over Miss Catherine Hanes' inability to attend. Miss Covington bore the honors alone at a handsome and delicious buffet supper.

During the middle of the week Ruth McLeod served as hostess, Mary Sample as chief cook, Betty Stough as assistant cook and Sara Horton and Francis Hill as maids. These girls served at these duties for four days. A hostess is permitted two dinner guests during her reign as such.

Especially impressing is the lovely old-English pattern china. It is superb. Then, too, the desirable qualities of an electric dishwasher, a folding attic stairway, a handy cook book and especially a convenient telephone (4857) cannot be over looked.

Salem Conducts Vesper Service at N. C. C. W.

Girls of Two Colleges Now Better Acquainted

On Sunday night representatives of the Salem "Y" Cabinet went to Greensboro, at the invitation of the Y. W. at N. C. C. W., to conduct a worship service. Libby Jerome's father took the girls over in his car. Miss Lucy Crisp, religious director at N. C. C. W., served a buffet supper before vespers to members of the two cabinets in her attractive apartment.

The service opened with a Chopin prelude played by Mary Absher, followed by the hymn "Softly Now the Light of Day." Mary Absher read the Scripture lesson from the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. Rebecca Hines, accompanied by Nancy McNeely, sang. Zina spoke on the place of friendship in college life and its true meaning. She used a passage from *The Prophet* to illustrate her talk. The service closed with the singing of "Day is Dying in the West".

After Vespers the girls all went to the "Y" Hut, where they sang and ate apples around a large fire. Coffee was served at Miss Crisp's before the trip back.

The Salem girls who went feel much better acquainted with N. C. girls now and hope that a new tradition has been started — that of exchanging Vesper services with other colleges.

Dean Vardell Discusses Opera, Siegfried

Continued Series in Music Hour Proves Popular

The hero of the opera, Siegfried, whose mother had died at his birth, was rescued by a wretched, little dwarf, who reared Siegfried carefully in order to prepare him to slay the dragon who guarded the precious ring of the Nibelungen. The crafty dwarf wanted the ring for himself, and spent a great deal of time forging swords which Siegfried invariably broke in a single blow. Siegfried, after forcing the story of his parents from the dwarf, ordered a sword to be forged from that of his father. Later, Wotan came to the dwarf's cave to see how things were coming along. The dwarf, alarmed and agitated by the presence of the stranger, asked three questions which he thought would be extremely difficult to answer. Wotan easily answered them all, then asked the dwarf three in return, the last of which was, "Who shall forge the sword which shall kill the dragon?" Here the dwarf lost control and Wotan answered his own question by saying that the one who forged the sword would be someone who had never known fear. The dwarf, finding that Siegfried had never known fear, advised him to forget his own sword. The dwarf then planned for Siegfried to get the ring, then to meet his death and lose the treasure.

Siegfried went to the cave of the dragon, and was met by a bird which he tried and failed to imitate. He then brought forth his silver horn, the playing of which aroused the dragon. Siegfried killed the dragon and was told by the bird how to get the ring. The dwarf and Alberich appeared and fought for possession of the ring. The dwarf was killed, and Siegfried was ordered by the bird to rescure the maiden surrounded by fire. The bird guided Siegfried, who, against the orders of Wotan, continued on his way to the woman. At the sight of the woman, the hero, who had never before known fear, was immediately overcome with fright. Brunhilde, who on hailing her return to life, realized that her godhood had been taken away, found happiness in her love for Siegfried.

"Y" ASSOCIATION MEETS

Wednesday night the Recreation Room of Bitting was the scene of a jolly get-together Y Association Meeting. The Academy dramatic club presented *Gretna Greene* with Katherien Madden, Ann Perkins and Helen Litz. After refreshments were served there was a song contest on round singing. Miss Rigsan and Miss Left wich acted as informal judges. Dr. Randthaler chimed in with bass, but somehow his side never won.

Mr. Andrews Speaks on Use of Leisure Time

"Variety is the Spice of Life" the Theme

Wednesday morning in expanded chapel Mr. Wingate Andrews, superintendent of the High Point schools, spoke on the use of leisure time.

In the past the problem has been that of physical existence, but that has been solved now. The present problem concerns spiritual existence To escape boredom and to use leisure properly one must develop a variety of wholesome interests. Lord Byron said society is composed of two classes, the bores and the bored. Boredom is a sign of stupidity, either in the speaker or in the audience.

Right now the big question is prohibition and many ask why liquor is harmful. The brain of a man and the brain of a pig are alike, except that man has a thin covering of gray matter. This matter is almost entirely water and alcohol has a strong afinity for water. So a man who drinks loses his gray matter and his superior status. It takes an intelligent person to be amused without artificial stimulant. Stimulated pleasure leaves a dissatisfied taste.

There are three levels of interest which can be probed in leisure time. The physical side includes exercise, such as tennis and football. One should play the game and not be merely a spectator.

The field of learning offers great opportunities. The spirit of learning that makes man strive to widen the boundaries of knowledge prevents humdrum, boring work. For example, men who explore unknown lands and unknown fields of science have interesting and useful lives.

Then there is the power to see and recognize the beautiful, good and true in nature. There are the eternal things, such as seven mountains and the heavens, which make modern man contemporary with man of all times. One can find great pleasure in these primal natural objects if he considers them in more than a purely physical way.

ALPHA CHI ALPHA PLEDGES NEW MEMBERS

On Friday night Lambda chapter of Alpha Chi Alpha, National honorary journalistic sorority, pledged the following new members: Elizabeth Leake, Sarah Lindsay, Elizabeth Gray, Martha Binder, and Elizabeth Jerome. The girls will be initiated in about two weeks after which the chapter hopes to begin active work.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK OBSERVED

Salem is observing the 13th annual American Education Week, which started November 6, and will close on the 12th. It is based on the maintenance of free and universal education as an American ideal.

The theme for the 1933 program is Meeting the Emergency in Education. The three sponsors of American Education Week are: the American Legion, the United States Office of Education, and the National Education Association.

Those schools which have not already closed their doors in many cases have the "sad plight" staring them in the face; therefore, teachers and citizens are at work to protect the schools. If their work is a success, and we feel sure it will be, then the neglected, uneducated boys and girls of the nation will not be left in the cold to endure the hardships that might follow them through life if they don't have an education.

ANNIVERSARY TEA AT SALEM HOME

Yesterday from 2:30 until 5:30 a silver tea was held at the Salem Home. Proceeds will be used for current expenses at the home.

Rebecca Hines, Lucy James, Margaret Schwarze, Margaret Johnson, Mary Absher, Sunny Kirby, Wilda May Yingling, Jean Robinson and Nancy McNeely, all Salem girls, gave a musicale program at the tea.

Misses Read and Siewers To Present Joint Recital

Program to Consist of Violin and Piano Numbers

Monday evening, November 13, at 8:15, at Memorial Hall, Misses Margaret Siewers and Hazel Horton Read will present a joint recital in piano and violin. Miss Siewers was a pupil of Dean Charles G. Vardell, Jr., and graduated in music in 1932, having received her A. B. degree in 1931. During the past year, she studied at the University of Michigan. Miss Read was a pupil of Lillian Shattock of Boston, Kathleen Parlow, of Europe, and Eddy Brown of New York. The program will be composed of the following numbers.

Three Intermezzi ..... Brahms
E Major
C Major
A Major
Rhapsody in B Minor ..... Brahms
Miss Siewers
Guitarre ..... Moskowski-Sarasate
Narcisse ..... Szymanowski
Love Song ..... Joseph Duk
Caprice XXII ..... Paganini-Brown
Miss Read
Suite pour le piano ..... Debussy
Prelude
Sarabande
Toccato
Miss Siewers
Concerto in D Minor .... Wieniawski
Allegro Moderato
Miss Read

Quaint Old Books On Library Shelves

Volumes Displayed During Book Week

In the college library are several shelves filled with the most quaintly interesting books imaginable. Perhaps your very own great grandmother spent delightful hours, when she should have been studying, eagerly absorbed in some of these same unique little volumes. All of them, on the inner flap, bear in faded lettering—"Salem Female Academy". On the fly leaf, a few even have the original owner's name in the quaint and delicate handwriting of a century of more ago.

Some of these antique literary treasures, which will be on display in the library for your pleasure and enjoyment through Book Week, were edited as far back as 1780. Among the volumes are *The Child's Botany*, edited in 1835, *The American Forest*, 1834, containing "Uncle Philip's" conversations with children about the trees of America, *Natural History for Infant Schools*, 1833, a questionnaire for the school masters of long ago, *Robinson Crusoe*, 1789, a German version, *Natural History of Quadrupeds*, 1828, by Henry Aitchans, filled with stories about all species of animals, maybe some tale about the great, great grandpaps of your pet dog, Bill. Other delightful books are *The Little Pilgram*, 1859, a monthly journal for boys and girls by Grace Greenwood, *Stories for Children*, 1824, intended to entertain wee, wee tots of bygone days instead of radio bed-time stories. *Lives of Distinguished Females*, 1833, by "An American Lady", *The Tales of Peter Parley*, 1835, about various and sundry parts of the known world, *Tales of Grandfather*, 1831, *Girl's Own Book*, 1837, by Mrs. Childs which contains, among other things, directions for "exercises" (?) calisthenics for grandmamies the great, such as swinging one arm at a time gently in a circle, or bending slightly forward (as far as her pot bellied grandpa would allow) and pointing towards the floor, and, also, *Curiosities for the Ingenious*, 1825, containing intricate puzzles and riddles for your great grandma's husband, who, no doubt, was very ingenious.

DR. RONDTHALER SPEAKS AT ASHEVILLE ON SUNDAY

On Saturday, November 4, Dr. Rondthaler left for Asheville. He preached Sunday morning at the Asheville School of Boys where he stayed till Sunday afternoon. He returned Sunday night to Salem.

Dr. Francis Anscombe Talks at Vespers

"The Bible As An Inspiration of Service" is Discussed

Dr. Anscombe made an interesting talk at Vespers, Sunday night. Jean Patterson was in charge, and the meeting was opened by a prelude by Margaret Johnson.

The subject was "The Bible As An Inspiration of Service." The ideal of the Quakers is that one should render service by being diligent in business, and, after retiring, should give one's life to social service. Everything with which we come in contact in daily life is a part of the work of God. Men do not produce things by themselves, but only put to work power which God has made. A power plant does not produce electricity. It merely gathers electricity which nature produces. In knowing this we should have a feeling of humbleness and obligation toward God and the concept of life, and should carry on the work that we have inherited from the past. During the vast changes that are taking place and that are coming in the future, there is a great call for service on the part of this younger generation in order that the changes might be for the best rather than for the worst. The question is asked, "When and How Shall we Know That We Are Called?" The recognition of the need and the ability and willingness to respond to the need of service is the call. In service is found the chief opportunity to show one's love for God, and to find satisfaction is found in working and praying. Service is he only way o repay God for who he has done for us. In serving God we laso serve ohers. We find in the Bible reference of what men and women in the past have done to serve God. Other than Jesus are two outstanding followers of God: Moses and Paul. These two have set up before mankind a record of glorious achievement. Moses gave up his home, and all he had, and would have been willing to give his nationality and life for the enslaved people. A person may not become a great leader by chance but by service.

We, of the present generation, have the challenge of the ages; to serve in deciding in what direction the coming revaluation shall change; for good or bad. We should observe political, economic, and religious conditions of the present and seek to understand the needs of the people today and in the future.

Academy Entertains On Last Friday

Dinner Honors Day Students and Parents

The Salem Academy Faculty and students entertained the parents of the day students Friday evening, November 3, 1933 with the first of the dinner series. The occasion took place in the Academy dining room which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. After the formal dinner the guests assembled in the social room for a short play presented by the students.

Guests were Mrs. W. P. Bell, and daughter, Betty Lou; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bennett and daughter, Louise; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Coan and daughter, Mary Spotswood; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cox and daughter Eleanor Sue; Mrs. G. M. Flynes, and daughter, Ann; Mrs. Joseph Glenn and daughter, Martha Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glenn and daughter, Sara Lysell; Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Gray and daughter, Cardine; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hill and daughter, Betsy; Mrs. Mary C. Hill and daughter, Fane; Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Johnson and daughter, Marion; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lassiter and daughter, Bob Ed; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Montague and daughter, Nita; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. O'brien and daughter, Betsy; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Peterson and Daughter, Marjorie; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Pritchett and daughter, Ann; Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Templeman and daughter Ruth; Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Valk and daughter, Hariett; Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Vardell and daughter, Margaret.