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## LET'S KEEP MAIN HALL LOVELY

Do you remember the ecstasy of old students and the delight of new ones upon discovery of a transformed Main Hall at the beginning of this term? I believe that as time has passed all students have come to appreciate more and more the beautiful old chandeliers, the soft carpet, the benches covered with white leather, and above all the lovely murals done by Miss Ada Allen and her assistant, Mr. Knoxon. Main Hall was never so resplendent as it now is with its quiet air of grandeur. I'm quite certain that in our appreciation for the way Main Hall has been decorated we shall take excellent care of it. Surely it will stay as lovely as it now is for years to come if we remember to conduct ourselves as college students should whenever we visit there.

## TWO CLASSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

It seems to me that college students may be divided into two classes: those who strive to pass their work and those who strive to make the honor roll. It is not a question of what one learns but what one "makes" in a course, that counts. Should this be the goal of a real college student, or even of a high school student?

In high school the value of a grade depends upon what one's best friend or the best student in the class makes on the test or the course. Even this does not matter in college because in most cases one's best friend is not in one's class, or the best student in one class is not the best student in another. What I am trying to say is that even healthy competition does not exist to any extent in college classes. Am I right or wrong?

Do you agree with this student? The "Salemite" would like for you to express your opinion on the attitude of college students towards grades. Please leave your signed article in the Salemite Office.

## HOCKEY SEASON BEGINS

The Hockey season has started off with a bang, if by bang is meant the large number of girls who were out for the opening hockey practice on Monday. But it was rumored around that there were mostly Freshmen — at least fifty — in attendance, while only a few Upperclassmen appeared on the field. Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores — take warning! Come to practice and run some of the dignity, love-sickness and boldness from your weary bones; and remember — the green young Freshmen learn quickly.

## CANDLE TEA AT WIDOW'S HOUSE

On Thursday, October 24, at the Widows' House, there was a "Candle Tea," at which Miss Ellie Butner, the clever maker of the 8,000 Candles used for the Moravian love feasts on Christmas eve, entertained the visitors with stories of the past in Salem. Miss Butner also explained to the callers how she makes the candles.

About two and one-half months are required for the making of the candles, so Miss Butner gets an early start. In October she begins melting the pure beeswax in huge vats which were once used for the boiling of clothes in the Sisters' House.

After it is strained, the wax is poured in large pans to ease, and is cut into blocks small enough to be put into a coffee pot. The wicks are fastened in, and the wax poured into age-old molds, now black with wax.

The room in which Miss Ellie works is the same one in which she went to school as a child. As she works, she describes her interesting experiences in this little school and in the Sisters' House.

## NEWS FROM DR. RONDTHALER

In a letter received from Mrs. Rondthaler, we learn that they are very glad to be back in America. Dr. Rondthaler is feeling much better and is enjoying the "autumnal foliage to its fullest extent." Mrs. Rondthaler says that once again Dr. Rondthaler is "like his old witty wise-cracking self."

## SALEM FRENCH CLUB IS REORGANIZED

Ruth Kuykendall was elected president of the newly re-organized French Club of Salem College at a meeting held last Monday. Carolyn Diehl was elected to serve as secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Downs was chosen sponsor.

Students taking French 7 and 13 compose the membership of the club, but persons who have had a year's French and are interested in continuing their study of it may be elected into the club. To be eligible for membership in the French Club, one must make at least a "B" average on French, be recommended by the faculty, and prepare a paper to be read before the club in French.

Meetings will be held each month, and members who are absent twice without presenting proper excuses will be dropped from the roll.

## FALSE FINGERNAILS

No, our Salem freshmen do not belong in the genus of the feline family as one might infer from the dangerous looking claws they are flashing about these days. They do not make frantic trips to the dime store to purchase long artificial fingernails solely for the exercise. Neither do they shiver through the early morning hours while attaching this alluring witchery merely for the purpose of postponing their study. Their aim is to keep their nails beautiful and fascinating even though their shoulders may become stooped under the weighty burden of education. In their search for beauty, our young collegians paint their false prizes a bright, violent scarlet. Although the freshmen may return to their fond mothers with circles beneath their eyes, at least they can display glamorous hands.

A decided swing against the New Deal in the last 15 months among members of the Yale class of '24 is reflected in a recent poll. Sixty-nine per cent of the class voted against the President while 15 months ago 68 per cent favored New Deal policies.

To solve the small school's problem of obtaining enough football material, five Iowa high schools of small enrollment have formed a conference and agreed to develop teams of six rather than eleven players.

## EXCHANGE

(By Associated Collegiate Press)  
Philadelphia, Pa.—You'll dispense with heavy lunches if you want to be alert for your afternoon classes. That is, you will if you heed the advice of Dr Donald A. Laird, Colgate University psychologist.

While on a recent visit here, Dr. Laird had this to say about the effect of eating large meals at noon-time: "Our experiments showed conclusively that brain, or cerebral, anemia, caused by the digestive organs drawing the blood away from the brain, is the cause of the sluggish mental condition which afflicts office workers after the noon lunch period, and that this condition results in a definite impairment of the speed and accuracy with which their minds work."

"When the brain is adequately supplied with blood, and literally 'in the pink of condition,' mental efficiency tends to be at its highest point. When the digestive system is called upon to digest a heavy meal and draws upon the blood supply of the brain, mental efficiency is lowered."

(By Associated Collegiate Press)  
Bournemouth, England — College men are too diffident and refined to make good salesmen, in the opinion of Charles C. Knights, an English business executive who addressed a meeting of sales managers here recently.

"For 99 per cent of salesman in their daily work, the university man has no advantage over the secondary schoolboy," he believes. "What use is a knowledge of Latin or Greek, or higher mathematics, to a salesman who is selling soap to a small shopkeeper — or, for that matter, selling steel to a motor-car manufacturer?"

"It is easy to talk in platitudes about a liberal education, but every employer of labor knows that the possession of a good academic record is absolutely no guarantee that commercial success will follow."

"I was tempted to wonder whether an education which continued into the early twenties does not tend to fuddle the mind rather than sharpen the wits," he concluded.

(By Associated Collegiate Press)

New York City—Teachers applying for jobs in New York City schools contemplating writing a new ditty which will have a title which goes something like this, "The Board of Examiners Will Git Ya If Ya Don't Watch Out."

And especially this new song will be chanted by the college and university graduates who hold masters and doctors degrees, for the board has a new pronunciation examination that is a "beaner," if we are to judge from some of the results given in a few of the tests.

Here are a few of the new additions to lexicology made by the examinees:

Manger rhymes with anger.  
Assuidity should rhyme with liq-

## IVY ON THE CHURCH

Bright yellow, orange, red  
The leaves come down in hosts.  
The trees are Indian princes  
But soon they'll turn to ghosts.

The ivy on the walls of the old church has turned from green to red and after flaming for a time begins to change to brown. The burning red of the leaves has blazed forth dimming the dull red of the brick, but now the tints of the old red wall are drawn out by the falling of the vine, and after the fading and falling of the leaves there will be only a black tracery on the crimson of the church wall.

Have you watched the flaming vine on the side of the old building? For days a sheet of crimson has covered the face of the church making it gleam among the others old buildings as does woodbine in an autumn wood. But such a flame must fade, retiring for a year, yielding place to the tones of the brick in a subtler rose. Yet now the vine on the old church wall is a scarlet alter cloth laid on the table of the Lord for an autumn feast.

## OUT OF SALEM'S DIARY

GETTING UP — early to run across to the Post Office and twirl the little dial and wonder why Sam writes to your room-mate every day while Dick does well to write you once a week — or perhaps at five past eight and jumping into your clothes and smearing on a little lipstick to rush over to the dining-room and be a straggler in the line of late "breakfasters" — or maybe at eight-twenty and rushing to chapel with out making up your bed only to get a little note from Miss Lawrence, "Please have your bed made by ten o'clock."

CHAPEL — with Main Hall filled with chattering girls and late-comers joining the line at the steps — the chattering ceases as the line reaches the vestibule — "Rise, crowned with light imperial Salem rise!" — Tweak, "The Sophomores will have a short but important meeting today at one-thirty in Room 17." Erika, "The Y. Cabinet will meet this afternoon at five o'clock." — McArn, "If you wish to play in the tennis tournament please sign up by four o'clock today."

CLASSES — with minds a thousand miles away on last week-end or next week-end — a few intelligent souls laboriously taking notes — the steady drum of the teachers voice interrupted occasionally by questions — a hurried visit to the Book Store between classes for a Health Bar or Mound — going to the drug for a "dope" in a "classless" period — back to the dormitory turning on the radio to get a concert miniature at WSJS.

LUNCH — "Come Lord Jesus our Guest to be . . ." the seniors at the head of the table — "Will the Sophomores please not forget their meeting . . ." the tables leave one by one. The smoking room — "May I borrow a match?"

AFTERNOON — "Let's go to the Carolina." "I can't, I have a lab." — dressing to go shopping at Davis, Sosniks, Ideal, etc. — signing out — "Call a taxi." 7121. Coming home — "Did I have a letter? Gosh do my feet hurt! Miss Mattie, did I get a call?"

SUPPER — "Come on, we'll be late. Did you get a letter from Harry today? Was the show good? Two forks, I hope it's cherry pie." Smoking room again — ". . . she has cut her hair . . . may I bum one? . . . have you read that Psychology? . . . when are you going home? . . . who does Carolina play this week-end? . . . and then he said . . . and then I said . . ."

"Dancing in the campus living room — 'Tick, do you know 'You are My Lucky Star'? Here is one a girl showed me yesterday — Dance with me. For goodness sake fix the radio."

SEVEN O'CLOCK BELL — "She has my book and there is a 'Busy' on the door — I've got to go to the library — Have you the new 'Cosmopolitan'? What did you have in Education? Come by at nine to hear Glen Gray. May I have that book next? Please get me a drink of ice water. I wish the Y. store would hurry and open. Let's order from the drug TEN O'CLOCK BELL — "There is a boy and the phone to talk to you. Keep the phone for me a minute. Let's go up on third, etc."

TEN THIRTY BELL — The dormitory is quiet except for an occasional smothered laugh, the low drone of voices, or a forgotten radio getting too loud — at last the lights go out one by one and another day is marked off our calendar.

—Elizabeth Moore.

uidity.  
Lamentable accented on the second syllable.  
Maniacal is accented on the first syllable.  
And, in the field of word definitions, their new contributions included:  
Noisome has to do with clamor.  
Literal with unpoetic language.  
Temerity with lack of courage.  
Machinations are a form of labor-saving machinery  
Fatuous is related to corpulency.  
Commenting, the report of the board said: "Apparently the explanation of a marked weakness in vocabulary is to be found in a habit of reading carelessly or inattentively, or perhaps in the lack of habit of reading at all outside of the limited field of elementary subject-matter."