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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Popping corn over an open fire — lustily singing old songs “when good friends get together” gaily trimming the Christmas tree — placing sprigs of holly all around, buying bright red ribbons and sweet smelling candles — surreptitiously wrapping Mother and Daddy’s Christmas presents — hoping there will be snow on the ground Christmas morning — dashing downstairs, wide-awake, eager to open the presents — laughing and smiling to everyone — feeling very warm and happy inside — all of these, or part of these impressions belong to everyone’s Christmas.

But there also belongs to our Christmas celebration more serious thoughts about Christmas and its meaning. We remember once more to express our gratitude to our parents, to our friends, and, indeed, to everyone who has helped to make our lives richer and happier. These persons mean much to us, and we express our appreciation to them by giving gifts and exchanging greetings. Let us remember to be most gracious unto Him whose birthday we celebrate by offering Him the simple and reverent devotion of our minds and our hearts.

WORK FOR EXAMS ARE COMING

Nobody is asking anybody else to work during the Christmas holidays. But I am reminding you that if you don’t work when you are supposed to work, then it might be necessary that you work while others are galavanting about. It is truly very depressing to know that you have a vacation and yet feel burdened simply because you have to write a term paper that has been assigned since October 2, or because you must complete (or possibly begin and complete), a project that you have known about since the second meeting of the class in September, or because you have to read half of a psychology book which you have neglected to read as lessons day by day, or because you must stay on the campus a day or two in order to make up Chemistry experiments, or possibly because you have to “ink in” all of your General Biology or Zoology diagrams before you go home.

Also let me remind you that if you work diligently until your holiday begins, you will have a real vacation with much more fun than those who scurry home immediately or even a day before the 14th. You may be sure these are the people who have used this week for planning and have gotten little else done. And if you remember to check up, you will find that those people who are the busiest just before and during examinations will be the people who are doing little these last few days before Christmas vacation.

Just remember that a “stitch in time” prevents a mad rush and much excitement the last week in January.

ON WHAT WE EAT

It is very easy to tell exactly what Salem girls like to eat. By merely walking across the front campus the casual

CHRISTMAS MORNING

Elizabeth Maddox Roberts

For all of you who love the Christmas poem which Dr. Rondthaler reads at Senior Christmas Vespers we are publishing the poem that you may keep it with you always.

If Bethlehem were here today,
 Or this were very long ago,
 There wouldn't be a winter-time,
 Nor any cold or snow,

I'd run out through the garden gate,
 And down along the pasture walk,
 And off beside the cattle-barns
 I'd hear a gentle kind of talk.

I'd move the heavy iron chain
 And pull away the wooden pin;
 I'd push the door a little bit
 And tiptoe very softly in.

The pigeons and the yellow hens,
 And all the cows would stand away;
 Their eyes would open wide to see
 A lady in the manger hay.

If this were very long ago
 And Bethlehem were here today.

And Mother held my hand and
 smiled—
 I mean, the lady would — and she
 Would take the wooly blankets off
 Her Little Boy so I could see.

His shut-up eyes would be asleep
 And he would look like our John,
 And he would be all crumpled too,
 And have a pinkish color on.

I'd watch his breath go in and out.
 His little clothes would be all white.
 I'd slip my finger in his hand
 To feel how he could hold it tight.

And she would smile and say, “Take
 care,”
 The mother Mary would, “Take
 care;”
 And I would kiss his little hand
 And touch his hair.

While Mary put the blankets back
 The gentle talk would soon begin.
 And when I'd tiptoe softly out
 I'd meet the wise men going in.

SLOGAN CONTEST RESULTS

The “Salemite” is very sorry indeed to announce that the judges could find no slogan submitted worthy enough of Salem College to accept it. We wish to thank every person who submitted a Salem slogan for her interest, and to say that we have reached the conclusion that Salem cannot be represented in as few words as would be necessary in a slogan.

We did want someone to have that five dollars to spend for Christmas!

observer can quite accurately estimate the number of Mars, Butter-Boy Bars, Two Bits, or Snacks the campus has consumed in the past twenty-four hours. Salem Square seems to remain in a perpetual state of disorder, all because the majority of the girls are so thoughtless that they think nothing of throwing any kind of paper down on the square. Tinfoil and cellophane wrappings by the yard and dozens of papers from chocolate candy. It would do Mr. Hershey’s heart good, but to a visitor to the campus such a sight is anything but pleasant. It is disgusting to see Salem’s ancient honored square littered with trash. It is bad enough to throw paper on the back campus but it is even worse to do so on front campus where every visitor, every alumna, every person who comes by Salem Square can gaze on the evidence of the drug stores’ flourishing state. If you must live on “dopes,” and cheese nabs, and ice cream sandwiches, do so, but please, Salem girls, try using a waste basket instead of Salem square to throw down old cups and candy wrappings.

And think how glad the janitors would be!

IMPORTANCE OF CONCENTRATION

How many students are there who could not find a pleasant way to spend a leisure moment now and then? There are some students who have been known actually to have a spare moment once in a while. The reason we do not have more time to go to shows or read books we have always wanted to read is that we do not know how to concentrate. If we did, we could dispatch with one lesson in a very short while and proceed to another, probably learning more by concentration than by hours spent in idle reading. Concentration is veritably a gift of the gods. To be able to think only of physics for several hours and then to study French wholeheartedly, all thoughts of science fled for the moment, is an achievement not to be scorned.

BUNDLE DAY

Don't forget to leave your bundles for Bundle Day in Miss Lawrence's office before you go home for Christmas. The Junior Chamber of Commerce will call for any wearing apparel, furniture or toys which you wish to contribute to the cause of the poor for Christmas.

BOOKS MISSING

“A Shropshire Lad,” and “Last Poems,” two red-leather bound volumes by A. E. Housman, have been borrowed from Dr. Willoughby’s room. These books were a gift and Dr. Willoughby would like very much to have them returned. She will be most grateful to anyone who can assist her in recovering them.

EXCHANGE

Smoking before breakfast is the quickest way to ulcer of the stomach. Report made by the American College of Surgeons. If you suffer from ulcer, eat some food which is not acid, every two hours during the day except when when sleeping, because this counteracts the acid condition which causes ulcers to live. Watch your eating, drinking and smoking habits.

WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

Watchman, tell us of the night,
 What its signs of promise are!
 Traveller, o'er yon mountain's
 height
 See that glory-beaming star!
 Watchman, doth its beauteous
 ray
 Aught of hope or joy fortell?
 Traveller, yes! it brings the day,
 Promis'd day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night,
 Higher yet that star ascends!
 Traveller, blessedness and light,
 Peace and truth, its course
 portends.
 Watchman, will its beams alone
 Gild the spot that gave them
 birth?
 Traveller, ages are its own,
 And it bursts o'er all the earth!

Watchman, tell us of the night,
 For the morning seems to dawn,
 Traveller, darkness takes its
 flight,
 Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
 Watchman, let thy wand'rings
 cease;
 Hie thee to thy quiet home.
 Traveller, lo! the Prince of
 Peace,
 Lo! the Son of God is come.
 —Sir John Browning.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS GLEANED FROM MAGAZINES

The magazines, this month, were filled with gift suggestions for all sorts of people. Among them we made mental notes of:

Colorful new monogrammed towels and sets of bath mat, two large bath towels, and two facecloths — good for mothers or married sisters.

Smart stationery, plain white, with the name and address in blue—very good for some male problems. (Excuse pun, it was unintentional.)

Scarves and belt sets — always useful and pretty.

Monogrammed pins and clips for almost any one.

Ornaments to be worn in the hair, for friends who gad about in evening clothes.

Irish hand-knit string gloves in yellow or white, for men or women.

Bed capes for persons who must do their reading in bed.

Unusual compacts, automatic lip-ticks that pop out at one from almost anywhere.

Good perfumes—some are put up now in small packages within reach of your purse—but be careful about giving these.

Desk sets, fountain pens, unusual paper weights, fountain pens on stands are welcomed by anyone who has studying to do.

ACADEMY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PROGRAM

- Prelude
- “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
- Processional—“O, Come All Ye Faithful.”
- “Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella.”
- “The First Noel.”
- “Entre le Boeuf et l’Anegril.”
- “What Child is This.”
- Christmas story read from Luke by Dr. Rondthaler.
- Tableau
- “Silent Night.”
- “March of the Kings.”
- “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (With solos by Margaret Vardell, Virginia Boyles, and Nancy Campbell).
- “Good Wenceslas.” (with solos by Rebecca Nifong and Miss Jane Rondthaler)
- “Joy to the World.”
- “Morning Star.”
- Recessional—“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.”

The following students were in the tableau: Sarah Harlburt, Sarah McCannless, Eleanor Sartin, Mary Lib Walston and Edith Womble.

A GLANCE THROUGH THE 1934-35 “BLACK AND GOLD

- Ethel Mae Angelo—Latin Course, Editor-in-Chief “Pine Whispers,” National Honor Society.
- Virginia Bratton—General Course, Three years at Central High Charlotte.
- Roy Hege—Latin Course, Ambition—To be a doctor, National Honor Society.
- Helen Hoover—Latin Course, Favorite study—Latin, National Honor Society.
- Viola E. Hutcherson — General Course, Ambition—I wouldn't know.
- Josephine Hutchison — Latin Course, Varsity Basketball 3, 4.
- Louise Lawrence—General Course, Ambition—To be a teacher.
- Dorothy McKaughan — General Course, Ambition—To grow tall.
- Violet Elise Orrell—Latin Course, Favorite Study—Spanish.
- Caroline Pfohl — Latin Course, Black and Gold business staff.
- Marjorie Porter — Modern Language Course, May Day 1.
- Mary Louise Siewers — Latin Course, Ambition—To be a buyer.
- Marion Sosnik—General Course, Soccer, hockey, basketball, National Honor Society.
- Virginia Taylor — Latin Course, Girls' Monogram Club 3, 4.
- Peggy Bowen—Latin Course, Miss Versatility 4, Chief Senior Marshall 3, Hockey, basketball, tennis, swimming, soccer and hiking.

There was an old lady from Wheeling,
 Who slipped on a 'nana peeling
 There was an old lady from Wheeling.