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DEATH TAKES NO HOLIDAY ON THE HIGHWAYS

We recommend for your careful attention the pamphlet called "Guides to Highway Safety" which you have received with this issue of the "Salemite." There are statistics and graphs in it which we hope may startle you out of some of your customary complacency. We of this generation, have grown up with the automobile and we seem to be so used to the accounts of accidents and appeals for carefulness, which we read every day that they are meaningless, far-off things. We merely shrug our shoulders slightly and accept them as inevitable and necessary. More Americans were slain by automobiles from 1920-1935 than were killed in all the wars of our history. Yet there are no pensions for the families of victims of automobile accidents and no "Poppy Day's" for crippled and maimed survivors.

One-third of all fatalities on the highways occur during the five-hour period — from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m. Don't rush! Remember that on an average three people in this state each day never reach their destination. They are killed on the streets and highways. Thirty or forty more are injured or crippled.

December is the month having the highest death rate.

Almost 40 per cent of an entire week's accidents occur on Saturday and Sunday.

The youthful driver is responsible for about one-third of all highway fatalities.

The death rate per 10,000,000 gallons of gasoline consumed is higher in North Carolina than in any other state.

Over one-half of all fatal accidents occur on a straight road.

In about 99 per cent of all fatal accidents, the road is in good condition.

Three-fourths of all accidents happen on a dry surface. Three-fourths of all accidents happen in good weather.

Too often we shed statistics such as these like the well known "water off a duck's back." If such is the case then you must be made to "translate dry statistics into a reality of blood and agony." In the back of your pamphlet is an article which does just that — "And Sudden Death," by J. C. Furnas, has created something of a sensation in America. It is something which every person who drives a car and every person, for that matter, who rides in one, should read. Mr. Furnas will force you to face the brutal, sickening facts, as no column of statistics ever could.

DEAN VARDELL HONORED

At the meeting in Philadelphia which Dean Vardell attended during the holidays, he was elected a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Schools of Music. This is an exclusive organization whose entrance requirements are extremely rigid, and it is one of the greatest honors which has ever come to Salem College to have a member of our faculty on the governing board of such an association. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Dean Vardell.

SALEM REPRESENTED AT STUDENT VOLUNTEER QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

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lowship strongly bound together by the love of Christ for the benefit of all? It is to nothing less than that that the Christian obligation calls us; and it is in nothing else that the full challenge and joy of Christian discipleship can be experienced."

E. McNeill Poteat, Jr.

"The only real revolution begins when a Christian starts living his Christianity."

Quoted by G. Baez Camargo.

"The chief obstacles of Christ in non-Christian lands are the un-Christian business and racial attitudes of those who wear the label Christian. Christian nations, Christian civilizations? There are none! If there were they would be like Christ. We must begin by turning in on self and asking, "Am I real?" Truth not backed up with life is a lie."

Frank Laubach.

"The future is with those who know how to pray."

Fay Campbell.

"There is no top in the world upon which there is room for everybody, except the top of Calvary."

—Richard Roberts.

"The mightiest forces are persons; and the mightiest persons are Christians."

Robert E. Speer.

"The next time you think evil of some-one, think that Christ thought him worthy enough to die for him."

"The cross is the place where God's love meets man's sin in mercy, but not only in mercy — also in justice."

Archbishop Temple of York.

"We'll never learn the art of living until we learn the giving of love to God."

T. Z. Koo.

A report volume is to be prepared at an early date as possible, of the major platform addresses, and some of these addresses will be published from time to time in the Salemite.

At the International Teas which were held for all delegates of the Convention, formality was skipped, and real acquaintances were made with other students from all parts of this country, and other countries, as well as with the leaders of the Convention. A one-act Drama of China "Operation at One" was given successfully for the benefit of the delegates at one of the theaters in Indianapolis. The Convention Choir, which was ably directed by Mr. Russell Ames Cook, rendered a Bach-Handel Concert on the closing afternoon of the conference.

The Christian fellowship and inspiration of the Convention left a challenge which must be accepted by those who are Christians. Christ brings joy and peace into life which demands sharing, and those to whom His Love has been made known, are under an inescapable obligation to pass it on to others. Wherever a Christian lives at all, he must be a missionary — and the mission is to build a unit of the Kingdom of God, no matter how small, wherever he is.

The staff of the Salemite joins the student body of Salem College in extending its deep and sincere sympathy to Mrs. Meinung in her bereavement.

WAFFLE BREAKFASTS — A SUNDAY MORNING LUXURY

Sunday morning is the one morning in the week when Salemites can turn over for a second nap, and with such a sigh of satisfaction! However, after 8:45 has past, one begins to wonder why she didn't go to breakfast — and she wonders more and more before one o'clock rolls around. That seems to be rapidly becoming a thing of the past, now that waffle breakfasts have come into vogue, and Salemites are foresighted enough on Thursday or Friday to put in their orders for waffles, sausage, tomato juice, buns, and coffee. Then, on Sunday morning, they arise leisurely at 9:30 and saunter down the stairs. The most delicious odors drift up to meet them and they go down a little faster. The tea-room looks lovely, with its gay printed curtains and painted tables and chairs, and the waffles always taste like more. The charge is nominal, and the food and the hour are worth any price!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS IN BRIEF

The President's annual message as delivered by him in person before Congress on the night of January 3, was, in brief, as follows:

"The good neighbor policy is 'permanent' in America. This policy of the good neighbor among the Americas is no longer a hope — no longer an objective remaining to be accomplished — it is a fact, active, present, pertinent and effective. In this achievement, every American nation takes an understanding part. There is neither war, nor rumor of war, nor desire for war. Not only have peace and good-will among men grown more remote in Europe and Asia, but a point has been reached where the people of the Americas must take cognizance of growing ill-will, of marked trends toward aggression, of increasing armaments, of shortening tempers — a situation which has in it many of the elements that lead to the tragedy of general war."

He says, that "the 'masses' abroad blindly follow autocrats." That, unfortunately, is so. "It might be true that the masses of the people in these nations would change the policies of their governments if they could be allowed full freedom, full access to the processes of democratic government as we understand them. But they do not have that access, lacking it, they follow blindly and fervently the lead of those who seek autocratic power."

"The policy of the United States has been clear and consistent. We have sought with earnestness in every possible way to limit world armaments and to attain the peaceful solution of disputes among nations."

A high light in his message concerning the New Deal was: "The legislative and the executive sections established a new relationship between government and people, and appeal from private and selfish interests, partisan interest, to the ideal of the public interest. To create such an economic constitutional order we had to build upon a broad base. Now we contemplate a fairly rounded whole."

"We have sought by every legitimate means to exert our moral influence against repression, against intolerance and against autocracy and in favor of freedom of expres-

the many. Peace is threatened by those who seek selfish power. Through a well-ordered neutrality to do naught to encourage the contest, through adequate defense to save ourselves from embroilment and attack, and through example and all legitimate encouragement and assistance, we can persuade other nations to return to the ways of peace and religious tolerance and popular rule. A well-ordered neutrality is the only role for the United States. Peace is jeopardized by the few and not by return to the ways of peace and good-will. Autocracy in world affairs endangers peace.

"We face the arduous days that lie before us in the warm courage of national unity; with a clear consciousness of seeking old and precious moral values; with a clean satisfaction that comes from the stern performance of duty by old assurance of a rounded and permanent national life. We do not distrust the future of essential democracy."

A quoted philosopher, on the duty of a citizen, has said:

"What great crises teach all men whom the example and counsel of the brave inspire is this lesson: Fear not, view all the tasks of life as sacred, have faith in the triumph of the ideal, give daily all you have to give, be loyal and rejoice whenever you find yourselves part of a great ideal enterprise. You, at this moment, have the honor to belong to a generation whose lives are touched by fire. You live in a land that now enjoys the blessings of peace. But let nothing human be wholly alien to you. The human race now passes through one of its great crises. New ideas, new issues — a new call for men to carry on the work of righteousness, of charity, of courage, of patience, of loyalty. However, memory brings back this moment to your minds, let it be able to say to you: That was a great moment. It was the beginning of a new era. This world in its crisis called for volunteers, for men of faith in life, of patience in service, of charity and of insight. I responded to the call however I could. I volunteered to give myself to my Master—the cause of humane and brave living. I studied, I love, I labored, unspairingly and hopefully, to be worthy of my generation."

DEAN VARDELL HONORED BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

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and a very wonderful collection of the works of the Dutch painter, Vincent Van Gove.

Dean Vardell's talk was preceded by Dr. Rondthaler reading a letter of thank from the Junior Chamber of Commerce for our participation in "Bundle Day," and Dr. Rondthaler thanking Mr. Henry Shaffner for his wonderful gift to the library of the set "America."

You can teach an old dog new tricks, say Stanford University Psychologists. Age has little to do with learning, and one can learn almost as easily at 50 as at 20.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Do you feel after every Christmas that all the Christmas cards that you got saying "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" were wishing you the impossible? You can't have both a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year because a Merry Christmas must be followed by "Thank-you" notes. These hang over your head until eventually on New Year's day your mother approaches you, fountain pen in hand, drags you to a desk and sets you down with instructions not to get up until you have finished any and all "thank-you" notes. You pick up the pen, fill it, and write "Dear Aunt Agatha." At this point you realize that your enthusiasm over the compact that she sent you has worn off. You pause and decide that you are thirsty so you go to get a drink of water. When you come back you decide that you will write Aunt Agatha later so you begin "Dear Elmer," to give thanks for the evening bag that he sent, which is by the way the third one you got this Christmas. How can anyone be naturally grateful for her third evening bag? At last the most urgent notes are written and by that time even that troubled feeling over those that are unwritten is gone and you settle down comfortably until next Christmas.

At the University of California it is possible for a student to insure himself against being called upon in class unprepared. The rates are five cents a class, and if called upon, the damages amount to twenty-five cents.

—Tower Times.