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## 165th Year Begins At Salem

### MRS. ELIZABETH MEINUNG SUCCEEDS MISS LEFTWICH

#### To Be In Charge of Home Economics Department

Mrs. Elizabeth O. Meinung, of Winston-Salem, replaces Miss Bessie Leftwich as head of the Home Economics Department. Mrs. Meinung was formerly an instructor in the department.

She received her B.S. and M. A. degrees from Columbia University.

Mrs. Meinung had taught at Salem Academy, and Guilford College, before coming to Salem. She was director of the cafeteria at Columbia University for five summer sessions and one fall term.

She has had wide teaching experience. For the past three months she has been engaged in home economics research work at Columbia University.

### ORGANIZATION HEADS AND TRUSTEES MEET

#### Informal Session and Dinner Given Monday Night

One of the opening events of the year was the dinner meeting given by the student council members and the heads of campus organizations for the trustees and faculty advisory board. Dinner was served at six-thirty in Louisa Wilson Biting Building.

An afterdinner meeting was held for the purpose of discussing plans for the coming year. Miss Ethel Highsmith of Fayetteville, president of Student Self-Government presided.

Presidents of the major organizations gave short talks about their various activities. The Y. W. C. A. was presented by Mary Louise Hayworth of High Point; the annual, 'Sights and Insights,' by Jane Crow of Mocksville; the Salemite by Sara Ingram of Winston-Salem; I. R. S. by Cordelia Lowry of Bedford, Va.; Athletic Association by Virginia Kea Council, of Whiteville.

After the student talks Dr. Rondthaler, Mrs. Rondthaler, and several trustees spoke briefly.

Guests at the dinner and meeting were: Archie Davis, J. B. Goslen, T. Holt Haywood, Mrs. Clarence Leinbach, Emil Shaffner, H. A. Pfohl, Dr. S. Fred Pfohl, Mrs. Robert Shore, Rufus Shore, Rev. R. Gordon Spough, C. S. Starbuck, Dean Charles G. Vardell, Jr., Dr. Howard Rondthaler, trustees; Dr. Minnie J. Smith, Miss Grace Lawrence, Miss Katherine Riffin, Miss Evabelle Covington, Faculty Advisors; Mrs. Howard Rondthaler and Miss Mary Louise Mickey.

### NEW EQUIPMENT OBTAINED FOR SALEM WEATHER STATION

Charles H. Higgins, head of the department of science, announces that new equipment has been added to the Salem weather station.

The equipment includes rain gauge, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard thermometer, mercurial barometer, sling psychrometer, thermograph, barograph, and the newly added anemometer with wind direction attachment.

Weather observations and forecasts are made daily at 8 o'clock. The weather station will be in charge of Miss Janet Stimpson.



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### NEW TEACHERS AND COURSES ADDED AT SALEM ACADEMY

Three new teachers have been added to the faculty of Salem Academy. They are Miss Edith Kirkland of Durham and Winston-Salem. She graduated from Salem in 1928. She will act as secretary of the administration and personal representative of the Academy.

Miss Sara Horton, also a Salem graduate, will be new head of the home economics department.

Miss Cam Rhodes Rawlinson of Rock Hill, S. C., has also been added to the faculty. She is a graduate of Winthrop College and Duke University.

Several new courses have been added to the Academy program, including courses in typing and short hand, English, French, Modern European and English History, and free Art instruction.

### RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING SUMMER

During the summer interesting improvements and restoration work has been going on at Salem.

The new gymnasium is nearing completion. It will be ready for use in a few weeks. It is 102 by 80 feet and will contain all modern equipment. It is designed for use by both college and academy.

The administration Building erected in 1811 has been completely restored. Furniture, wallpaper, draperies and interior decorations are as near as possible like that of the building in 1811. On the second floor a room has been furnished for trustee meetings and also a room for special guests of the college.

In Main Hall, beautiful offices have been made for Miss Blair, Miss Preston and Miss Mickey. Several of the classrooms have been painted and relighted.

Improvements have been made in Park Hall and the rooms in Louisa Wilson Biting have been painted, as have some of the rooms in the Sisters' House. Lehman Hall has been made into a dormitory.

Three new courses have been added to the science curriculum this year. These include physiological chemistry, biological chemistry, and geography of countries outside of North America.

### OPENING EXERCISES HELD THURSDAY MORNING

The 165th session of Salem College and Academy began officially on Thursday morning with exercises in Memorial Hall at ten o'clock.

"Standing At the Portals of the Opening Year," traditional hymn was sung by the audience led by members of the Senior class who entered in caps and gowns and took their places on the platform.

Bishop Kenneth Pfohl, president of the board of trustees, gave a brief welcome. He spoke of the history of the Moravian Church in education and the emphasis placed on spiritual development.

Dr. Rondthaler spoke on the large "visible and invisible audiences" present. He explained the derivation of the names of the groups present. "Seniors" mean "the venerable ones"; they are to be leaders during the coming year. "Juniors" mean "children." This meaning does not apply to this group at Salem. "Sophomores" means "wise fools." This can serve both as an invitation and as a warning. "Freshman" is an English term. It implies the eagerness and energy of new students. "Faculty" means "easing ones" — those who smooth the path of learning for others: "Alumnae" very appropriately means "those who have been nourished."

Announcements were made and mention was made of the improvements which have taken place during the summer.

Telegrams of greeting were read from alumnae.

Rev. Gordon Spough, pastor of the Home Church, led in prayer. "Rise, Crowned With Light, Imperial Salem, Rise" was sung as a recessional.

### NEW FACULTY MEMBERS APPOINTED

#### Large Enrollment Necessitates Additions

In addition to the two new department heads, Clifford Bair, and Mrs. Elizabeth Meinung, there have been a number of new additions to the faculty.

Edward Holder, of Charlotte, replaces Miss Isabel Ferguson as assistant in the department of history. Mr. Holder graduated from Guilford College in 1925. He received his M. A. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1929. He has had teaching experience in the North Carolina high schools.

Miss Mary Duncan McAnally, of High Point, a Salem graduate in the class of 1928, assumes full assistantship in the home economics department.

Miss Ivy Hixson, of Atlanta, Georgia, has been named assistant to Dr. Minnie J. Smith, in the department of classical languages and history. Miss Hixson is a graduate of the University of Georgia and received her master's degree from the University of North Carolina in 1932. She was last associated with the University of Mississippi, as assistant professor of Latin.

Miss Lucille Vest replaces Mrs. Taylor Simpson in the modern language department. She graduated from Salem in 1930 and did advanced work at the University of North Carolina. For the past six years she has been a member of the faculty of the Moravian Seminary for Women, at Bethlehem, Pa.

Miss Virginia Thompson, of Statesville, replaces Mrs. Malloy Davis.

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CLIFFORD BAIR

### CAMPUS LEADERS ARE APPOINTED AS STUDENT ADVISORS

Student advisors to the freshmen and other new students have been appointed. In two informal meetings on Monday, plans were made for Orientation.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening. Thursday a tour of the campus was made. Discussion groups will continue until Tuesday when the handbook review will take place.

Student advisors are: Ruth Norman, Winston-Salem; Frances Salley, Asheville; Josephine Whitehead, Rocky Mount; Eloise Baynes, Winston-Salem; Sara Sherwood, Conway, S. C.; Eloise Sample, Fort Pierce, Fla.; Willena Couch, Winston-Salem; Jane McLean, Raleigh; Frances Watlington, Reidsville; Virginia Bruce Davis, Danville, Virginia; Caroline Pfohl, Winston-Salem; Mary Louise Hayworth, High Point; Sara Ingram, Winston-Salem; Virginia Council, Whiteville; Jane Crow, Mocksville, and Cordelia Lowry, Bedford, Va.; Arniece Topp, Winston-Salem.

### WHAT THE GRADUATES OF 1936 ARE DOING

Graduates of the class of 1936 have scattered abroad, engaged in various occupations.

Virginia Thompson, Statesville, succeeds Mrs. Malloy Davis as accompanist in the music department of Salem.

Carlotta Ogburn and Janet Stimpson both of Winston-Salem will be assistants in the science department.

Agnes Brown of Davidson will be an assistant in the sociology department, coming in the second semester.

Others who have accepted teaching positions are:

Margaret Schwarze, Winston-Salem, will teach violin at the North Carolina School for the Blind. Wilda Mae Yingling of Salisbury will teach piano at the same school. Phyllis Clapp, Winston-Salem, will be instructor in piano and accompanist at the Marjorie Webster School in Washington, D. C. Virginia Garner, Winston-Salem, is teaching history at South High. Nancy McNeely, Coolemeo, is teaching public school music here. Grace Carter, Winston-Salem, is teaching grammar grades at Waughtown School. McArn Best, Goldshoro, is teaching at Mount Olive. Mary Daniel, Rocky Mount is teaching grammar grades at Battleboro. Erika Marx, Nazareth, Pa., is instructor in home economics at Yadkinville. Martha Schlegel, Nazareth, Pa., is also teaching home economics, at Taylorsville. Madeline Smith is teaching in her home town.

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### CLIFFORD BAIR HEADS VOICE DEPARTMENT

#### Noted Operatic Tenor Accepts Position Here

Clifford Bair, of Harrisburg, Pa., has been appointed head of the Salem College Voice Department. Mr. Bair, an operatic tenor, comes from State Teachers College, Wayne, Neb., where he has held a position for the past two years.

He attended St. Stephens Choir School, and later was a pupil of Herbert Witherspoon of New York. In Chicago he studied with Graham Reed and Isaac Van Grove. He graduated from the Chicago Musical College.

Mr. Bair spent a year and a half in Germany, where at Breslau he studied and coached with Hans Baron of the Breslau State Opera.

Returning to this country, he made his debut at the Studebaker Theatre, Chicago, in 1931. He is a notable figure in opera, having appeared with the Chicago and Detroit Civic opera companies.

Mr. Bair has had wide experience as a teacher. He has taught at the Columbia School of Music, Chicago, the Willard Institute of Music, Battle Creek, Mich., and at the State Teachers College, Wayne, Neb.

Mr. Bair has also done work as a radio artist.

### MRS. RONDTHALER GREET'S GIRLS

Dear New Girls and Dear Old Girls:

For the manyth time Salem, your Alma Mater holds out her arms to you. And you come rushing to her happily from here, there, and everywhere. How glad she is to see you, you can never really comprehend, for like a good and doting Mother she has been busing all these summer days making your college home beautiful and attractive and comfortable for you.

The campus is putting its very best foot forward to welcome you. Even the gay and brilliant amaryllis is in bloom for you and the tiny autumn lavender vases are still lingering in the border for you; the grass is greener than it has been all summer and the trees are piquant with a touch of color, sort of waving a banner to welcome you.

Down under the hill, the workmen have begun singing every morning early as they hammered away getting our hugh and magnificent Gymnasium ready for you. Just a week or two or three more and we shall all be saying, "Oh, come on down to the Gym." It will be our pet resort.

Over on the Square stands our beautiful and completed Administration Building and surely each time the thrill of stepping into and within its ancient walls and into its quaint and pristine simplicity, will make you feel that perhaps after all you are Salem girls of 1802.

But, no, you are Salem girls of 1936 with all the vision and aspirations and plans and down right common sense that we expect you to have and know that you possess; and soon, very soon, a great tide of education will engulf you. But you will swim, of course, you will. Sometimes it will be rough going and there will be ups and downs. Then remember that Salem is your "home" while you are at college and that there are many of us who are tenderly and affectionately watching over you and caring about what happens to you.

Once more we bid you be "at" (Continued On Page Four)

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