

**YWCA NOTES**

Monday afternoon the Community Service Committee of the Y. gave the second of a series of birthday parties for the ladies at the Salem Home on Church Street. The party was a combination of a Christmas and birthday affair, with the Christmas motif used in both decorations and entertainment. The attention centered chiefly around a small tree under which had been placed gifts for the honor guests. A program of Christmas carols, arranged by a freshman committee, was presented by Christine Dunn, violinist, and Jane Rondthaler, Harriet Taylor, and Frances Watlington. Following the formal program, the old ladies joined the college girls in singing carols.

**LAST Y. P. M. OF YEAR WEDNESDAY**

**Dr. Rondthaler Speaks; German Club Sings Carols**

Among the many activities which are fast becoming a part of the beloved Christmas traditions at Salem, is the last Young People's meeting, preceding the holidays. Wednesday after the processional, "Softly The Night is Sleeping," the German Club contributed a group of Christmas Carols in German.

Dr. Rondthaler enhanced the beauty of the Christmas story by reading and interpreting the second chapter of Luke. Dr. Rondthaler emphasized the ingenuity with which Luke, as the great physician, wrote—the valuable data, the exact wording and the startling phraseology, which Luke presented in reverent but intense inspection of the scriptures. Dr. Rondthaler closed his explanation with a poem, "The First Christmas Eve," by Edgar A. Guest: "Not to the men of pomp and power, Nor unto them of worldly fame, Upon that holy midnight hour The heavenly herald angels came. But to the shepherds far away, Who watched their little flocks afield

As dawned the first glad Christmas Day The Star of Bethlehem was revealed.

"Was it by chance or by design That men of simple faith should be Selected by the Will Divine, The first to hear, the first to see? Within that inn when Christ was born

Wise leaders slept the whole night through Nor did they know upon the morn What Mary and the shepherds knew.

"Night and the stars and silent hills, And the broad spaces where they plod

And the long hours reflection fills. Draw shepherds very near to God. So unto them the angel came Upon that wondrous Christmas Eve Because, unspoiled by wealth or fame, In miracles they could believe."

**PROF. CAMPBELL DELIVERS LECTURE AT GREENSBORO**

(Continued From Page One) been acquired since 1880, that rapid strides have been made in the last few years.

The following organisms were discussed in relation to their discovery, morphological and cultural characteristics, diagnosis and cure: tuberculosis, diphtheria, pneumonia, typhoid, anthrax, tetanus, cholera vibrio, staphylococci, streptococci, botulinus, scarlet fever. The viruses of smallpox, chickenpox and measles were explained.

At the close of the lecture slides showing the bacteria mentioned were shown and the distinctive characteristics of each noted.

Following the lecture Professor was entertained at dinner by the members of the faculty.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR IN JAPAN**

By Eiko Nakajima

As the celebration of Christmas has come to Japan from America and from Holland and Portugal, it is not very different from that in America. Because I live in Tokyo, Christmas in Tokyo seems to me to be more brilliant and beautiful than in London or in New York. The stores are open until ten o'clock at night and the city is decorated with green cedars, especially on Ginza Street, and the big department stores illuminate their buildings and make the street like day time.

Ginza Street, a well known street such as Fifth Avenue in New York and Oxford Street in London, has several department stores which are said to be the best stores in the world. These department stores begin to decorate their show-windows for Christmas shopping from about the middle of December to the end of the month.

After Christmas day, the decoration is for New Year shopping, because in New Year in Japan all the stores are closed from the first day to the seventh day.

The show-windows of the stores are decorated with dolls which are as large as people. Some of the show-windows are like a stage on which dolls are playing by means of electricity. After about two or three minutes, the floor of the show-window rotates and shows other scenes. Santa Claus is always used in one of the scenes in which he is riding on his sled in the snowy sky or climbing up the chimney of a home.

Children always like to see Santa Claus' smiling face, his long white mustache and his red clothes.

In the home, on Christmas eve, children, like American children, expect nice presents, and it is hard for them to go to sleep, but Japanese children know that their mothers bring them presents; so they never write letters to Santa Claus. As they know that Santa Claus is a person in a fairy tale, they say to their mothers, "Will you be Santa Claus tonight for me?" For this reason children usually do not hang up stockings although some of them do, because they imitate the pictures in children's books.

In Japan the Christmas celebration is chiefly for the children; so they decorate the Christmas tree themselves and father and mother help them. They use pretty, small, colored lights, gold and silver paper for stars and masks of Santa Claus, and they hang up small presents for their parents, brothers, sisters and friends. Mothers give Christmas parties for their children. Radio-broadcasting stations broadcast a Christmas program in which there are hymns, a church sermon and the Bible story. Sometimes they relay the quiet sound of bells from all the world.

I heard that last year the sound of the bells of Westminster Abbey was broadcasted from London.

Parties for grown people are mostly held during the New Year vacation. Accordingly the big dinner is the New Year dinner. Christmas dinner is the same as in America, but the New Year dinner is the real Japanese dinner which is cooked in the Japanese way which has been used for a thousand years. It is very delicious. People have special dishes and plates for this dinner, and a formal way of serving is used. Each person has a tray on the big table. On the tray food is divided into small china dishes. Rich soup dishes are placed in the front of the tray. The middle dish is for pickles. At the back of the tray two plates are for vegetables and for meat or fish. Two of the vegetables that we use are the sprouts of bamboo and Japanese mushrooms.

The Japanese formal dinner has no desert. Tea is served last. Sweet cakes are served only at tea time about three o'clock in the afternoon. Coffee, coco or black tea is used at tea time.

On the first day of the New Year, children gather at their schools and hold a celebration. The Emperor gives the royal cakes which are in the shape of the royal crest to all the children of Japan. The Emperor gives a party on the same day for all the ministers and higher officers, and

**SPORTS NEWS**

The new gym is open at last — basket ball practice is held from 4-5 every afternoon. Come on down in your uniform and watch Miss At, in her little white suit. Learn how to play on a real size court. If you get "winded" pretty quick just get your breath and get going again. Be sure and scrape your sneakers before you go in the gym, because Miss At scrubs the floor with lux when practice is over — just to keep it clean.

**CANDLES**

Those candles are such lovely things, All amber-tipped and bright; They gave the mellow radiance I like on Christmas night.

So I have lighted small red ones Upon the waiting tree; Tall green ones on the mantel shelf To show the room to me.

But this so slender, silver one Much beauty cheaply priced — I bought to make my window sill With halo of the Christ.

And shepherd-like, all through the night Watching across the hill, It will remind some traveler Of peace and of good will! Clara Hood Rugel.

The first perfect relief map of West Virginia, produced after 35 years of research by the state geological survey, is now on display at Oglebay hall of West Virginia University.

foreign ambassadors and envoys.

The Japanese invite their friends for the New Year dinner and after dinner they gather around and play games. Girls play "Hanetsuki," which is something like badminton. Boys fly kites in the cold outside. Young and old people play with Japanese cards on which famous poems are written. Our card game is very interesting, because we have to know all the poems by heart.

The reason that we use the poem cards especially at New Year is that there is a poetical competition at the Imperial court in New Year. Poems which are contributed from all over the nation during the year are sorted out by scholars. The best ten are read at the New Year Poem party, and the best one is publically chosen. As the form of these poems is that of old and historical literature it is very hard to compose even for us Japanese. But I know an American, Mrs. Barnett, who wrote a poem every New Year and sent her poem to the competition. I think that her poem was received by the Emperor and that she could attend the party of the competition. She is now in America, but she is still contributing her poem.

The subject of the poem is announced about November in the paper. The setting of the poem is used for one of the outstanding scenes in the show-windows of the stores at Christmas.

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**SANTA CLAUS SNOWED UNDER BY LETTERS FROM SALEM**

Tuesday night, December 8, at the buffet supper given for the 160 members and associate members of the Home Moravian Church from Salem College and Academy, Mr. Santa Claus, an honored and unexpected guest from the North Pole, gave a pre-Christmas report of his activities and declared (in a later statement made in a special interview granted to your "Salemite" correspondent), that, "It looks like the biggest season since 1929!"

The jolly old gentleman stated to the assembled guests that he had received many letters from Salem this year, and he then read a few from some of his favorite boys and girls. (He seemed quite bewildered by some of these and seemed to hope that some of the guests might offer a few helpful suggestions; however, none did.) With the kind permission of Mr. Claus, we print the letters from the "problem children" below:

Grace Lawrence  
Salem College Dating Dept.  
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Santa Claus,  
North Pole,

My dear, dear Mr. Claus:  
Now at Meredith you always came on December 24th and I have tried to introduce this same regulation at Salem, however, without much success. This is the first year when the alumnae guest room will be vacant on that date and we will be so glad to have you and Mrs. Claus occupy it if you will let us know several days in advance so that we can save it for you. We can also accommodate your reindeer nearby in the old gymnasium where I am sure they will feel comfortable, and at home, being natives of the frozen north. If they are genuine reindeer they will no doubt enjoy the continuous leaking which I am told is a habit of the roof.

I have a fine antique love-seat which I am very anxious to use. Please bring me a nice gentleman to enjoy this with me, but don't forget to plead with the assistant dean, for my sake, not to flick the lights when it's time for the beautiful Christmas package to go home. He will be beautiful, won't he?

Your little girl friend,  
Gracie Lawrence.

Christian Siewers

Santa Claus:  
I am not old enough to know your address but I hope you're listening. Dear Santa:

I have a big brother. His name is John. All the Salem girls love my big brother John. Please bring me some power like his. Bring me some grape nuts too. They will make me big and strong.

Love,  
Christian Siewers.

Mary Louise Haywood

Santa Claus,  
North Pole, N. P.

Dear Santa:  
I recently lost my appendix and had a mighty fine time doing it. Please bring me another appendix so I can lose it too. Incidentally at the same time I lost several weeks work in school but you need not bother about replacing these.

Ignorantly yours,  
Mary Louise Haywood

Howard E. Rondthaler,  
Salem College,  
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Santa Claus,  
North Pole.

My dearly beloved and esteemed friend:

It is with deep and tender affection that I address one whose fellowship I held in such high regard when we were slender lads together in the greater University of North Carolina.

(author's note) I must ask Mrs. Rondthaler if his wife was a Salem girl at one time or another.

I am writing to inform you that it will be your privilege this Christmas to descend the venerable and ancient chimney of the Office Building, recently restored to its original beauty through the vision of Miss Ada Allen, talented interior decorator and former Salem college pupil and teacher.

When you emerge covered with soot from under the charming chimney piece please take care not to blacken the dainty muslin curtains or mar the wine-red carpets which are so becoming to my style of beauty.

I have on my new desk a memorandum which states that I am in great need of a perpetually blooming spring flower. A gift of this kind will furnish me with the proof I require every year at this time when I begin prophesying that spring is here. Invariably when I make my favorite prediction, the sleet descends and the snow falls and I am given the proverbial cold shoulder for my optimism.

And, in connection with perpetually growing things, I would like to make a secret request for a bottle of the peculiar brand of hair tonic which you have used with such evident success.

We, of Salem, anticipate with much pleasure your visit here.

Affectionately yours,  
Howard E. Rondthaler.  
P. S.—Give my fondest regards to your dear wife, Mrs. Claus whom I remember so well as an outstanding Salem student in '64.

H. E. R.

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