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## MR. HOLDER SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

### Discusses Marriage Customs of Old Salem

Mr. Edward Holder of the History Department, spoke in chapel on Thursday morning. He discussed the marriage customs of old Salem. To explain them interestingly and graphically he introduced two imaginary eighteenth century characters, Ludwig and Gertrude and told the following story:

"Now it so happens that Ludwig, as he came out the right aisle of the church at the daily morning and evening services and all six of the Sunday services has many times seen Gertrude coming down the left aisle, wearing her little white linen cap with the pink ribbon that was prescribed for the single sisters' choir. And perhaps on first Sunday afternoons when the young men walked out the north road and the young women walked out the south road, or on second Sunday afternoons when the young men walked out the south road and young women walked out the north road, Ludwig passed near Gertrude on the square, starting or returning. Or perhaps Ludwig delivered a new baking-dish, or a pickle jar, to the single sisters' choir house, or . . . but why should I try to explain when everyone knows how these things happen? Ludwig has a bright future in his pottery shop, and there can be no objection on that score to his proposal of marriage.

"Accordingly, Ludwig sends a request to the Aeltesten Conferenz, the Board of Elders, that they consider a proposal of marriage to Sister Gertrude. The Board of Elders discusses the proposal, and finding no objection to either person concerned, presents the matter in question to the Lord in prayer and by the lot. (Here, just a word in explanation of a practice which is easily misunderstood: The lot was used only by the official board for matters of importance. The board worked as near a decision as possible, and then, in all faith and trust, submitted a specific question to the lot. Three slips of paper were prepared. An affirmative, on negative, and one blank. The drawing of a blank was followed by further consideration or by a reframing of the question.) In this case the question is stated: Shall Brother Ludwig's proposal be presented to Sister Gertrude? For the sake of a story we'll assume the answer is affirmative; whereupon some designated member of the board presents the matter to Sister Gertrude, giving her as much time as she wishes to consider. If she refuses, the board informs Brother Ludwig, and by way of consolation suggest the name of some other eligible young woman. But we will assume that Gertrude has not been entirely unconscious of the existence of Ludwig up to this moment and that she accepts the proposal. The betrothal is announced in the congregation at a Sunday service and the approaching marriage recommended to the prayers of the congregation. A week after the first announcement, a second is made and a blessing invoked on the marriage. Two days later, in a gathering of the married members of the congregation only, the vows are read.

"This story has a trite, but nonetheless a satisfying ending: They lived happily ever afterward. That, from all records, seems to be the literal truth. There is no record of divorce in the congregation; and the diaries, which are full of human failings as well as accomplishments, record very few instances of domestic intractability. The lack of social contact before marriage was perhaps counterbalanced by the excellent training in forbearance, kindness, consideration,

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## DEAN VARDELL'S COMPOSITION GIVEN IN PROGRAM

### Played By Philharmonic Orchestra

American Music was played by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Howard Hanson from WJZ on Thursday, January 14, 3:15 to 4:00 P. M. The program included:

Joe Clark Steps Out (American Folk Dance) ..... Vardell  
Sinfonsietta ..... McKay  
Kaintuck ..... Still  
Selections from McGuffey's Readers:  
The One Hoss Shay; John Alden and Priscilla; Midnight Ride of Paul Revere—Phillips.

## SCIENCE NEWS

The Physics class of the Atkins High School visited the Weather Station at the Science Department of Salem College on Wednesday. This class is making a tour of the outstanding industries of Winston-Salem. The instructor in Physics, Mr. Newell, accompanied the group.

### Research Fellowship Offered

The J. T. Baker Chemical Company realizes the fundamental and inestimable importance of analytical Chemistry. The need for "pure research" in this field becomes more and more evident in the ever-progressing field of chemistry as a whole. The Baker Company, in order to promote further and more detailed study in this branch of work, has established two fellowships for one thousand dollars each. The persons who use these fellowships must do the research in a specified territory. Another such fellowship has been originated in the Mid-West and others are contemplated.

### Excerpts From "What the Colleges Are Doing."

Last Saturday the University of Heidelberg began the celebration of its five hundred and fiftieth anniversary. Dr. Bernhard Rust, Minister of Science spoke to the University and its visitors.

"The true freedom of science is to be an organ of a nation's living strength and of its historic fate and to present this in obedience to the law of truth . . ."

—(The Baltimore Sun).

We are told by Arthur E. Morgan that Social progress comes by admitting an objective, giving criticism, and "craving for the truth and excellence." By these means astrology has become astronomy, blood-letting surgery and alchemy chemistry. He says that if we apply it to other fields we may change politics into statesmanship, morality into ethics and blind custom to purposeful conduct.

—(Antioch Notes).

Since it is the privilege of young people to deal with serious matters frivolously we find a group of students using this privilege. Satire is a great part of literature and literature is studied in colleges. The Veterans of Future Wars have profited by their sardonic literature and decided to have a little clean fun with current politics.

—Howard Alumni Bulletin.

## THE JUNIOR FROLIC

Just in case you didn't know, the Junior Class is frolicking Saturday night, and inviting the rest of the school to attend. The place is the recreation room of Alice Clewell Building, the time is from 8:30 to 11:30.

The officers of the Junior class, with Miss Riggan, will receive in the living room. They are Margaret Briggs, president, Mary Louise McClung, vice-president; Dot Hutaff, secretary, and Lelia Williams, treasurer. Frances Alexander and Blevins Vogler will be at the door to show the guests downstairs, where Miss Grace Lawrence will be receiving.

Punch will be served in the room adjoining the recreation room, and there will be a short intermission.

The committee on decoration: Virginia Lee, Virginia Carter. Committee on Invitations: Frances Apple, Idaliza Dunn. Music: Jane Boren. Refreshments: Martha O'Keefe. Publicity: Eloise Sample.

## A FRENCH STUDENT LOOKS AT AMERICA

New York, N. Y.—(ACP)—Jean Pierre Le Mee, the 19-year-old French student sent to the United States by his government to make a survey of social life in American colleges, is convinced that college life here would be "too lovely for French students."

Le Mee expressed amazement that American students have such a good time. If the college life in the United States were suddenly transplanted to my country, he said, the students there "wouldn't think of working." As it is at present, life for them is all "work, work, work."

Le Mee's inspection tour began on September 21. He first visited five colleges on the West coast. En route to the East, he dropped in at the University of Chicago. In the East he visited Columbia University, New York University, Temple University, the University of Pennsylvania, Bryn Mawr, Princeton, and Harvard.

In reference to the five football games he saw, Le Mee said: "At first I thought they were all crazy playing such a game. All those boys ready to kill each other and the man whistling all the time. The shouting and the singing were the only things I liked. But by the fifth time I began to see how marvelous the game was mathematically."

He cited the differences he observed in the universities of the West and East coasts. "The students don't work very hard in the West. All they could talk about was politics and sports. Everything was parties—singing parties, bridge parties, dancing parties, radio parties, and weekend parties. The University of California at Los Angeles is very near Hollywood, and all the girls there seemed to think of going into the movies instead of working."

Le Mee declared that the East was different. He said that the girls at Bryn Mawr didn't "shout" and students really worked. Columbia and New York Universities held little interest for him because they were too much like "What we have in Paris." They did not have the campus life that seemed to be almost everywhere else, he said.

He stated that students at French universities live alone and seldom get to know one another. In the United States students even get to know some of their professors, he remarked, something that is impossible in France without the proper introduction.

Le Mee, in his report to the French ministry of education, is going to recommend six American features for adoption in French universities: playing fields, fraternities and clubs, large dining rooms, good reproductions of great works of art in college buildings, and university theatres, magazines, and newspapers.

## PSYCHOLOGY CLUB MEETS

### Interesting Films Shown

The Psychology Club held its monthly meeting on Thursday evening, January 7, in the Recreation Room of Louisa Bitting Building. Through the kindness of South High, the Club was fortunate in securing films for the showing of a five reel production on "Overcoming Limitations to Learning." The pictures proved quite educational and helpful in the line of teaching of sciences, particularly the necessity of chemistry in the making of modern products and also botanical studies.

Committees were appointed for the remainder of the school year.

The time and place for the next meeting will be designated later.

## MR. SNAVELY RECEIVES LETTER FROM MR. MORLEY

Mr. Snavely has received a letter from Christopher Morley. The book store sent Mr. Morley the photographs taken while he was here, autographed on the back by each girl who bought a photograph.

The letter reads in part: "Dear Mr. Snavely,

I don't know how to thank you and your delicious clients for that charming surprise. I am only sorry that the photographs were not of the girls themselves instead of the touring Chimpanzee. At any rate, I am grateful that the budget included so agreeable a glimpse of Miss Preston and also of President Rondthaler glimmering in the doorway.

I wish I knew somehow to convey to you all how happy a memory I have of that too brief visit to Salem. Please give them all my affectionate greetings.

And my special homage to dear old Mrs. Stevenson.

Cordially yours,  
Christopher Morley.

## AROUND WASHINGTON

By Marvin Cox  
(Associated Collegiate Press  
Correspondent)

Washington, D. C. — When the bugles blow and the bands strike up their marching songs at the beginning of the Inaugural Parade, January 20, the college youth of the land will be represented in all of the pomp and pageantry of the occasion. Uncle Sam's own colleges, the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, will have brightly uniformed young men in the procession.

In other years, bearded veterans of long past wars shared the parade honors with gay young cadets from many corps, but this year with the Inauguration taking place on January 20 instead of March 4, the old order has changed in many ways. From the time George Washington took the oath as Chief Executive of the infant United States of America up to this year, March 4 has been the date when the President was sworn in, but the 21st Amendment has changed the date of the President's term of office and the mid-winter weather is changing the traditional Parade.

Instead of the long parade of other years which took hours to pass by the Capitol, this year there will be a comparatively short procession with soldiers and sailors from nearby army posts and naval stations making up the bulk of the marchers. The theory is that January weather will not permit marchers to brave the elements as they did when the ceremonies were held on March 4. But the cadets from West Point and the midshipmen from Annapolis will

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## MISS HERMANC SPEAKS AT Y.P.M.

### Discusses Changes in Social Work During Last Five Years

Miss Helena Hermance, director of the Winston-Salem Associated Charities, spoke on Wednesday morning, January 13, 1937, at Y. P. M. Miss Hermance stated that conditions in Winston-Salem were representative of conditions throughout the United States, and to understand these conditions, it is necessary to know of the changes which have recently taken place.

In 1932, Miss Hermance stated, the County Welfare Department and the Associated Charities were supported by public funds. Later, in that year, a change was made, the first of many which were to take place in the ensuing years, and these two organizations were supported by the government.

In 1933, the Associated Charities became the City Relief Commission, and the first Work Relief Program in Winston-Salem was started. This embodied a plan by which men who wanted and needed work could work for one dollar per day. In November, 1933, the City Relief Commission became the Civil Works Administration, and the employees became employees of the United States Government. Under the C. W. A., projects were started, but the dissolving of the C. W. A. forced many people out of work. "However," Miss Hermance said, "people who worked under the C. W. A. felt that they had had a real job."

The E. R. A. Emergency Relief Administration took the place of the C. W. A. The E. R. A. gave relief under two divisions: direct relief and work relief.

In 1935 the Works Progress Administration was organized, and in that same year, the Associated Charities were re-organized to care for local people who were not able to work. Under this plan, relief work in Winston-Salem is continuing.

There are at present, Miss Hermance said, eight organizations in Winston-Salem which are connected with relief work: The Associated Charities, The County Welfare Department, The City Welfare Department, The Good Will Industries, The Traveler's Aid, The Red Cross, The Salvation Army, and the Social Service Exchange.

Miss Hermance brought out the point Social Service Work carries with it much responsibility. The worker must answer every request and must try to solve unhappy situations. The average amount given by the relief organizations per family per month is \$16.00 or \$4.61, per person which is supposed to cover all expenditures. The goal of a social worker is to help the persons who come for help as they have failed to become self maintaining persons in their communities. It is necessary to find the cause of the social breakdown to eliminate this cause, and to help each individual family readjust itself to its new circumstances. "This work," said Miss Hermance, "is the most lasting work a social worker can do for society."

## HISTORY CLUB MEETS

Miss Gladys Moore of Reynolds High School History Department spoke to the History Club Thursday afternoon on the Monroe Doctrine. She made a very interesting and instructive talk, which was greatly enjoyed by all the members.

After a short business session refreshments of tea, sandwiches and cakes were served.

The meeting was held at 5 o'clock in the Recreation Room of Louisa Bitting Building.