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LECTURE COURSE AT SALEM NEXT YEAR

PROFESSOR KITRIDGE IS GUEST AT COLLEGE

Famous Harvard Professor Speaks

Professor George Lyman Kittridge, famous Shakespearean scholar of Harvard University, visited Salem last Saturday and spoke informally before Dr. Willoughby's drama class. Mr. Kittridge, who was a classmate of Col. William A. Blair, was a guest in the Blair home.

In his impromptu lecture to the drama class, Mr. Kittridge spoke briefly on three subjects: "Miracle and Bacon," "Shakespeare and Chaucer," and "Brandeis and Macbeth."

As regards the fact that some of Shakespeare's plays have been attributed to Sir Francis Bacon, Mr. Kittridge stated that while Bacon was a great writer of philosophical essays, he did not have the genius of dramatic expression shown in the plays. This genius is a miracle, regardless of who the author may have been.

Then the Shakespearean scholar compared Shakespeare and Chaucer. The two figures are of almost equal importance, the great difference in them being the difference in the literary trends of each man's age.

Finally Mr. Kittridge discussed the theory of the critic, George Brandeis who says that "a biography of the soul of a dramatist" may be read in his various plays. Mr. Kittridge believes this theory to be erroneous, since a dramatist can change his own personality at will and convert himself into the character he is portraying.

After his lecture, Mr. Kittridge was shown over the campus. In the afternoon he left for Florida where he will visit the University at Gainesville.

JUNIOR PARTY

Every girl at Salem College who could manage to squeeze 50c from her next week's allowance came. Every boy who was lucky enough to have an invitation or who could get a ride with his room-mate or his uncle's cousin came. Senor Roberta Dela Ross came. A few members of the faculty wandered down. In fact, everybody who could come to the Junior frolic in the recreation room of Alice Clewell Saturday night and had a perfectly glorious time dancing to the music of "The Rhythm Knights."

The guests were greeted at the door by Miss Riggan and the following officers of the Junior Class: Margaret Briggs, Mary Louise McClung, Dot Hutaff, and Lelia Williams. Blevins Vogler and Frances Alexander escorted the boys downstairs, where Miss Lawrence was receiving.

Dancing was enjoyed in both rooms, which were artistically decorated to represent a winter snow scene. Blue and white crepe paper streamers floated overhead, and white cotton, cut to resemble icicles, cicled the ceiling. Pine trees, glistening with artificial snow, were banked against white picket fences in the corners. Delicious punch was served in the second room from a table, gayly decorated with evergreens and red and silver berries.

Mary Hart, much to everyone's amusement and delight, took pictures of different couples as they danced by.

SALEM SEAL PRESENTED TO DR. RONDTHALER

The J. D. Wilkins Company of Greensboro, N. C., has presented Dr. Rondthaler with a replica of the Salem seal, cast in bronze. This company made the iron seals and grill work used in the new gymnasium.

In announcing the gift, Dr. Rondthaler spoke briefly on the history of the Salem seal. The originator of the seal is not known, nor is the motto for which the three Greek letters stand. However, through careful research it is hoped that these facts may be discovered. The seal in addition to the Greek letter bears the crown of victory and the scroll of learning. On the earliest seals on the line across the top was a replica of Pilot Mountain. When the seal was printed in smaller sizes some years ago, an error was made and the mountain scene was changed into a shelf of books. This still appears on the Salem seal.

MISS ELIZABETH JEROME WINS BLUE RIBBON

Best Drawing In Junior League Art Exhibit

Miss Elizabeth Jerome, assistant librarian, has been notified that she is winner of the blue ribbon for her drawing entered in the Junior League Art exhibit. The exhibit held at St. Petersburg, Fla. included all the Southern states.

There were twenty-three entrants in the fine arts class in which Miss Jerome was entered. Miss Jerome's drawing is a pastel entitled, "In the Studio." Miss Helen Findlay, national art director of the Junior League said of it, "Clever piece of work and original use of the medium."

Judges of the event were five professional artists and all prize winning drawings will be sent to Chicago for the National Junior League art exhibit to be held in May.

ANCIENT PAVEMENT UNCOVERED BY WORKMEN

Workmen excavating at the intersection of Main and Academy streets uncovered an ancient Salem pavement consisted of exactly-placed, large flat stones which were the original street surfacing materials used in Salem.

This event confirmed the report that Main Street have been filled in and the street level raised between Academy and Bank Streets.

Although officials could not estimate the exact age of the pavement it was agreed that it was laid more than a hundred years ago.

NO SALEMITE NEXT WEEK

This is the last issue of the Salemite this semester, due to examinations next week. The paper will come out again on February 5.

CORNER STONE OF HALL OF HISTORY TO BE LAID FEB. 22

Dr. Rondthaler Heads Program Committee

Dr. Howard Rondthaler has been appointed by President Fain of the Chamber of Commerce as chairman of the committee to plan a program for the laying of the corner stone of the Hall of History. February 22, Washington's birthday has been chosen as the date for the ceremony.

An invitation will be extended to an official of the Williamsburg, Virginia Restoration Organization to take part on the program.

The Hall of History adjacent to the Wachovia Historical Museum is now under construction. It was designed by Hall Crews, local architect.

SCHOOL MASTERS MEET AT SALEM

Approximately one hundred schoolmasters from surrounding cities in the Northwestern District attended the meeting of the School Master Club, which met at Salem College, Wednesday night. The club was entertained at dinner by the college, before its business meeting.

Tables for dinner, at which the girls of the college were present were divided into twelve groups, each group representing a department of the government. Miss Virginia Lee, of Kinston, acting as toastmistress for the social organization, I. R. S. of Salem, introduced Dr. Rondthaler as President Howard E. Roosevelt. With mock ceremony, the college president turned all women school teachers out of the profession and organized a school masters club for men only. John W. Moore, superintendent of Winston-Salem City Schools was unanimously elected "Secretary of Education" by the president's cabinet.

During the three course dinner, several members of the club were called upon for impromptu addresses on the subject "Why Schoolmasters are Better than Schoolmistresses." Among those responding were T. H. Cash, of Winston-Salem, Dr. W. C. Jackson, of Greensboro, Mr. Moore, and K. G. Phillips of Winston-Salem.

After dinner, the club adjourned to the Recreation Room of Louisa Wilson Biting Building, where they were entertained by the Salem Choral Ensemble under the direction of Clifford Bair, after which the business meeting was opened.

The chief address of the evening was made by Dr. Rondthaler.

Science News

Forsyth Medical Society to Hold Meeting at Salem

On Tuesday, February 9, the Science Department will have the members of the Forsyth Medical Society as their guests at a dinner meeting.

The members of the Society will meet at Park Hall at 7 o'clock for dinner. Following the dinner they will inspect the laboratories, in which will be displayed, some of the latest equipment used in the science courses.

The society will hold its regular business meeting in the large science lecture room. Several papers will be presented.

MEXICAN STUDENT ON GOOD WILL TOUR

Senor Roberta de la Rosa (he really has a much longer name, but you couldn't remember it if I told you), is visiting the United States in a good will tour and spoke in the recreation room of Louisa Wilson Biting Building.

Mrs. Rondthaler in announcing his talk described him as a handsome, musical student; and the whole college turned out to hear him, after getting a glimpse of him in the dining-room.

He was as interesting as we expected. He spoke very informally of a Mexican student's life, describing Mexico, Mexico City with great ease, and only a slight, but very delightful accent. He said that the Mexican colleges were co-ed, but that there are very few girls in college. They learn arts and home economics, usually by private instruction. "There are only six girls in my University and they are terrible looking," he said, with a shake of his head. A Mexican student's life is much like ours, except they have none of the freedom of relations between boys and girls that we have.

He described a typical Mexican courtship (and the girls were all fascinated, including Miss Hanes). After seeing a girl, and becoming interested in her the Mexican boy finds out where she lives and for about a month he goes every night and walks up and down before her window for half an hour. Then he, with a group of friends serenades her for a week (he gave a demonstration). After all this, the boy may write his senorita a note asking to call. If she and her family consent, he comes for half an hour every evening and visits her with the whole family present. If he invites her to a movie, he must invite the family, or to a dance, only her parents. He is never allowed to be alone with her until they are married.

Senor de la Rosa has a fine tenor voice and everyone enjoyed Murchita, and La Palona, and other songs that he sang. His funny stories kept the audience laughing most of the time. He was indeed a success; such a success that he was invited to the Junior Frolic and got a bigger rush than anyone on the floor.

Thursday afternoon he was the guest at a Spanish tea.

STORY OF FORMER SALEM GIRL IN RADIO GUIDE

The "Radio Guide" in an article "Her Winding Road to Radio" tells the story of Nina Dean, who went "a-singing" from a South Carolina plantation, through Salem College, to the concert stage, and then to radio.

Nina Dean, whose real name is Nina Dean Jenkinson is on a sponsored program at Station WHOM in New Jersey. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jenkinson, 840 Hawthorne Road, Winston-Salem.

From her father's plantation, Miss Dean came to Salem College where she had the leading part in the college's annual operetta.

Her teacher, Mrs. Nell Starr agreed to continue teaching Miss Jenkinson if the girl would go with her to New York to live with her family there.

She made rapid progress, and soon was singing in choir, and in light opera with Gilbert and Sullivan Company.

She next turned to Radio where she, able to sing in six languages, received the sponsored program of WSOM for Sundays at 5:15 P. M., a program conducted for people of a variety of nationalities.

PLANS TO BE PRESENTED TO STUDENTS SOON

No Extra Cost to Students

Plans are now being worked on by which Salem students will have the benefit of a series of lectures next year. Great interest has been shown this year in the two lectures which have been presented under the sponsorship of the faculty, and since the students were interested it was thought a plan might be worked out by which they would be assured of lectures next year.

Co-operation of the Administration, Faculty, and student groups led to the following plan, soon to be presented to the student body, when final details are worked out. Money obtained in the annual budget fee paid by students is apportioned to various organizations on the campus. Certain of the organizations have agreed to cut their budgets, leaving a certain percentage of this money for a lecture fund. Students will receive next year a season ticket to the series of lectures, along with membership in the various organizations when the budget is paid.

Persons other than students who wish to attend the lectures may buy season tickets, and the plan is to work this similarly to the way in which the Civic Music Association runs.

Students will be assured, under the present plan, of three lectures with the probability of a fourth.

Steps were taken earlier this year, and tickets will go on sale for others than students, this spring in order that the best possible choice of speakers may be obtained.

Details of the plan have not been fully worked out, and as soon as this is done the plan will be presented to the students for their consideration.

ACADEMY SENIORS HONORED AT DINNER

Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler Entertain

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Rondthaler entertained the senior class of Salem Academy, Saturday evening, January 16, at a progressive dinner party, at their home. This was the annual dinner given to the seniors.

Thirty members of the class and their escorts were present. Other guests were: Miss Mary Weaver, Miss Elizabeth Zachary, Miss Carlotta Jackson, Miss Edith Kirkland, Miss Jane Rondthaler, Miss Jess Bird and Miss Cortlandt Preston.

Tables decorated with silver berries and red flowers, were arranged in the rooms on the lower floor of the Rondthaler home. Seven courses were served, favors were given at each course.

Glee Club Gives Program For School Master's Convention

The Glee Club under the direction of Mr. Bair presented the following program Wednesday evening in the Recreation Room of Louisa Wilson Biting Building for the School Master's Convention:

- "The Silver Swan" Gibbons
- "In These Delightful Pleasant Groves" Purell
- "Peace"