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SALEMITE 1937 PLATFORM

1. Honor Society.
2. New Library.
3. New Science Building.

LECTURE COURSE

One point in the Salemite's 1937 platform has been accomplished; a lecture course has been assured for next year.

The Salemite does not wish to take any special credit for this fact. Rather, we think the credit is due the splendid co-operation among Administration, Faculty, and student body. Student interest was shown in the lectures sponsored by the faculty this year. This interest led to the evolving of the splendid plan for next year. The plan was worked out by representatives of all of these groups, and will be presented to the student body. It has been suggested that the committee which chooses the speakers be partly a student group.

The friendly spirit which prevails among Administration Faculty, and students should be a source of real pride to us. The significant events concerning this plan should present a challenge to the student body. It has been clearly proved that students have a great influence in accomplishing things for the betterment of Salem.

Two points in the Salemite's platform remain to be accomplished — an Honor Society, and a new Library. And now another has been suggested by the students — a New Science Building. Are Salem students interested in these? Have they others to add? If so, talk to other students, do all you can to boost your plans, and use the Open Forum column of the Salemite for presentation and discussion of your ideas.

Students of organic chemistry at Colby College who study under Prof. Lester F. Weeks have found that tea during an exam makes a test sweeter to take.

During one of the past three-hour exams, some of the students complained that they were too tired to think and write at the close of the test.

"I guess I'll serve tea next time," replied Prof. Weeks.

At the last exam, he and his two assistants passed out steaming cups of tea and dozens of filled cookies.

Prof. to Delta: "Fred, is that your cigarette butt under the desk?"

Freddie: "Why, no, Prof., you saw it first!"

University of Chicago fraternity men are going gigolo to furnish material for the newly established Escort Bureau. To qualify as "dowager-thrillers" bureau men must:

Be physically presentable; have personality and an easy manner; be a gentleman of the Lord Chesterfield type; possess knowledge in at least one social activity — opera, bridge, conversation or ordering from a menu; be a good dancer and be well known on the campus.

The co-eds hire more tall brunettes than any of the other types.

Upon being selected to conform with the woman's specifications, the young man meets her at a designated spot and is free to use his own name or a fictitious one. Thereafter he is responsible for the success of the evening.

JETSAM

(Being material collected by the Editor to be used as filler when assignments are missing at the last minute).

Have you seen the new edition of the Holy Bible? It is written as a straight narrative, instead of being divided into verses. The poetry is written as poetry, the drama in drama form. This edition will be interesting to read for its literary as well as its religious value.

Salem students will be enthusiastic over a new book of Christopher Morley's. It is a tiny volume called "Briefcase" and costs only twenty-five cents. It contains pieces chosen from his recent writing and nothing has previously appeared in book form. Several poems which Mr. Morley read during his lecture here are included.

Quoting from Joseph Auslander's newest book of verse, "More Than Bread."

"I am Poetry —
Against the tooth and treachery of time
I preserve the splendour of the world.
I am your memory.
I am the most beautiful way of remembering
What it would impoverish you to forget."

We wonder how many copies of "Gone With the Wind," have been sold. Her publishers sent Margaret Mitchell the millionth copy for a Christmas gift. That was a month ago.

THE DEAD BEE

Beside me there is resting
A great biography,
That crumpled panorama—
The history of the bee.
A husk of ebon velvet,
A powdering of gold,
Lies, at the end, a bankrupt
With honey still unsold.
What an extensive failure
(Sheriffs are in the air)
Barrels of good wild honey
Nobody knows just where;
Only a little bankrupt,
Truly too tired to care.

By Nathalia Crane from "Modern American Poetry," edited by Louis Untermeyer.

"Books are a substantial world . . . round these our pastime and our happiness will grow."

Wordsworth.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AND WAR

Hanover, N. H.—(ACP)—War has put in its appearance on the extra-curricular study program of Dartmouth College.

Interest in warfare has been so manifest that certain members of the Dartmouth faculty — not the college itself, have organized a course that deals with the various phases of conflict.

Prof. Bruce W. Knight, sponsor of the new course, has announced that the series of eighteen evening meetings is open, without fee, to anyone who wishes to enroll. Many of the sixteen speakers who have agreed to lecture saw service in the world war.

"No college, so far as I know," said Prof. Knight, "offers a general course on war. This apparently strange gap in the curriculum may be due to sharp departmental cleavages of the social sciences. Of course the problem is a broad one. A teacher in a given department knows something of war but mainly the part immediate to his own field.

"This is a study of war, not a chance for confirmed pacifists to blow off steam. We have taken the precautions to keep thrill-hunters out of the course. Nevertheless, we have found enough students willing to do the work without college credit and enough teachers ready to present it in addition to their regular work.

"The whole thing is roughly divided into three parts: first, the nature of war along its various fronts — political, propaganda, military, economic and so on; second, the costs of war — economic, cultural, eugenic; third, the means of preserving peace as related to the leading causes of war."

AT RANDOM

They shut me up in prose —
As when, a little girl,
They put me in the closet
Because they liked me "still."

"Still!" could themselves have peeped
And seen my brain go round,
They might as wise have lodged a bird
For treason in the pound!

Himself has but to will,
And, easy as a star,
Look down upon captivity
And laugh. Nor more have I!

—Emily Dickinson.

FROLIC

The children were shouting together
And racing along the sands,
A glimmer of dancing shadows,
A dovelike flutter of hands.

The stars were shouting in heaven,
The sun was chasing the moon:
The game was the same as the children's,
They danced to the self-same tune.

The whole of the world was merry,
One joy from the vale to th height,
Where the blue woods of twilight encircled
The lovely lawns of the light.

—"A. E."

NATIONAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETS

New York City—When it comes to making speeches, the college athletic coaches and directors take all prizes.

At their annual conclave here a couple of weeks ago they broke the silence that characterize them during days and harangued on a lot of things that have been bothering coaches, fans and players for a long time, and then held several roasting sessions that did not exclude the fellow that foots the bill for it all, the fan.

After hotel janitors had started to clean up after the final sessions of the conventions of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the American Football Coaches Association, delegates sat down to rest and recount highlights of the meetings. Here's their summary:

At the opening meeting of the N. C. A. A., Dr. William L. Hughes, associate professor of physical education, Columbia University, suggested open payment of college football players in order to end "hypo-crisy."

"What is the difference between payment and non-payment of a college athlete so long as he keeps his scholastic work up to the proper standard and conducts himself like a gentleman," he said.

Dr. J. N. Nichols, director of athletics at Oberlin College, suggested professionalism for small colleges but along a different route. The chief points in his program are: the elimination of gate receipts; the financing of athletics in the same way in which other college activities are financed; the abolition of leagues and conferences; the matching of schools of the same size; the establishment of coaches on a full time basis and the simplification of eligibility rules.

Halley was the first man to establish the fact that comets travel definite courses and return at regular intervals.

Several thousand persons in the United States wear contact spectacles — thin, invisible lenses that slip beneath the eyelids and over the eyeball.

In Germany it is estimated that insects destroy one out of every five apples, one out of every ten grains of wheat and one of every thirteen potatoes.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

(By Associated Collegiate Press)
"At times we have been criticized for allowing radicals to speak on our platforms — but we still let them speak. After they speak our students and faculty members discuss their speeches in classrooms and often many worthwhile ideas, both pro and con, evolve from such discussion." Dr. George Barton Cutten, president of Colgate University, refuses to put a preferential padlock on the speaker's platform.

"I wouldn't claim for educational radio the same values that can be claimed for campus study. If there should ever develop an overlapping of values, there would still be no conflict, for radio can reach those who find it impossible to attend regular campus classes." Dean Ned H. Dearborn of the division of general education at New York University does not fear the competition of "either-education."

"We are wasting time if we indulge in prolonged discussions as to the place of analytical geometry in a freshman curriculum while jails and park benches are being filled by those who need an education which has some meaning in everyday life." Temple University's President Charles E. Beury suggests a waste-basket for the old curriculum.

FRENCH CLUB MEETS

The French Club is not dead. It came to life last Thursday afternoon, January 14, when the members met for their monthly meeting in the Day Student's Recreation Room. The program committee Misses Helen McArthur, Martha McNair, and Kathryn Snead had planned the game, bingo, and Miss Vest won a lovely box of stationery for the prize. Tea was served by Misses Helen Toter and Marian Sosnik. The next meeting will be a dinner in February.

The word is that "reading in public libraries" is faltering. For that matter it falters elsewhere.

Orchids so large that four men were required to carry the plant, have been found in the Everglade National Park of Florida.