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THE FIRST SALEM MAY DAY

This is the tenth anniversary of formal May Day exercises at Salem. In 1927 the first May Day was held on lower campus, and since then has become one of the outstanding Salem traditions.

From the college newspaper of 1927 the following description of May Day was taken:

"The Queen of May, Bessie Clark (now Mrs. Sam Ray, of Leaksville) entered majestically, preceded by two small children, Norman Stockton and Ann Rainey, who carried baskets of flowers."

Two heralds, Miss Mary Duncan McAnally and Mary Audrey Stough (now Mrs. John Kimbrough, of Davidson), announced the queen's approach. The maids of the court, dressed in a shaded rose taffeta dresses and carrying large hats filled with spring flowers — the dresses were up to the knees in front, with hoops on the hips and waistlines in the same place . . . descended the hill and stood on either side of the queen in the following order: Mary Johnson (now Mrs. Deryl Hart, Durham); Sara Kincaid (now Mrs. D. Milstead of York, S. C.) Louise Thompson (now Mrs. Charles Creech of this city), LaVerne Ware (now Mrs. G. H. Simpson, Greensboro); Frances McCormick (now Mrs. W. L.

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Thus ended the first Salem May Day.

This is the last issue of the Salemite under the direction of this year's staff. Next week, Eloise Sample will take charge of the paper. Election of a new Business Manager will be held Monday at 1:30.

The men of the faculty are acting as ushers today.

The May Day Committee wishes to thank Silver's Store for the use of the bird cages.

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