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GLEE CLUB GIVES BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

Large Audience At Meeting Of Music Club

The Salem College Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Clifford Bair, presented a very beautiful and impressive Christmas musicologue at the meeting of the Thursday Morning Music Club, December 9. The unusual and successful program was as follows:

In the Ancient Mode
"O Domine Jesu"
(Brumel d. 1495)
O Lord Jesus, hear our prayers;
Good Shepherds save Thy Erring
Sheep.
"Quem Vidistis Pastores?"
Dering d. 1630
Tell us, Shepherds, have you seen
the Child? Heard you the Heavenly
Host singing praise to God and
Allelulia.

How Far Is It To Bethlehem
Donovan
Gold we have not, only love for
the King. We, too, would greet
him and our homage bring.
Thus, Then, the Law Bach
In Christ has the law been revealed.
And He shall save us from
pain and error.

Harp Interlude — Ann Nisbet
The Christmas Story In The
Modern Mode
Listen to the Lambs Dett
O Holy Night Adam
Subsidence Williams
Jesu Mambino Yon
Noel Dickinson
The Choral Ensemble is composed
of Willena Couch, president; Mildred
Minter, Secretary-Treasurer; Helen
Savage, accompanist; Mr. Clifford
Bair, conductor.

CHORAL ENSEMBLE PRESENTS PROGRAM

Christmas Program Directed By Mr. Clifford Bair

Last Monday evening, December 6, the Salem Choral Ensemble under the very efficient direction of Mr. Clifford Bair, presented a yuletide program of music and mime. The formal part of the program consisted of religious numbers in both ancient and modern modes. Dickinson's "Noel" was a fitting and impressive climax to the part. After a Christmas sing and an orchestra number, the singing angels emerge as farmers and their wives, serving maids and ballet dancers for the excerpt from Von Flotow's opera Martha. The principal characters were taken by Misses Harriette Taylor, Kathryn Swain, Jean Davis, Lucille Davis, and Frances Watlington and Kenneth Bryant, Brooks Bynum, James Blair, Francis Grunert, and Jack Madrey.

MRS. MILNER SPEAKS TO PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

Thursday night in the recreation room of Louisa Wilson Bitting Building, the Psychology Club held its third meeting of the year. Josephine Gibson, president of the club, called the meeting to order and introduced the speaker, Mrs. Clyde Milner.

Mrs. Milner, a member of the psychology department of Guilford College, spoke on "Psychology — Its Use in Vocational Choice."

Many psychology members and guests attended the lecture.



The Arden Farm Store

The Arden Farm Store, located as it is on historic Salem Square, is more the revival of an entertaining institution than a purely commercial establishment in the generally accepted sense.

From the very earliest days in Salem, the west side of the Square was the site of local commerce and industry. Here was located the Community Store, which from 1856 was the trading center for the entire section, bringing to the settlers in what was still backwoods country, the commodities they would not otherwise have had. Wares from Europe, landed at Fayetteville and were transported by wagon over the old Plank Road to Salem, were ranged side by side on the shelves with the handiwork of local citizens.

It is appropriate that the Arden Farm Store should serve, in one of the restored old buildings, as an outlet for native arts and crafts — a

real folk — art center — and for the type of pure table delicacies and fresh farm products that made the South famous for its cooking.

The Arden Farm Store has assembled rugs and other products made by the North Carolina mountaineers in their picturesque mountain homes; pottery from the famous Sandhills artisans; unusual novelties of a superior but not expensive type; good things to eat from a large, well-stocked farm. A few of these are: jams and jellies made from fresh fruits and berries that ripen in the nearby farm orchards and fields; genuine sourwood honey; ham and bacon from Tamworth hogs; fish, milk and heavy cream; fresh vegetables; and poultry and eggs.

You will find both Arden Farm and Arden Farm Store interesting places to visit and you will always be welcome.

MUSIC NEWS

GLEE CLUB PROGRAM GIVEN IN CHARLOTTE

Fifty members of the Choral Ensemble accompanied by Mr. Clifford Bair, Miss Virginia Thompson, Miss Margaret McLean and Mrs. John Creech, presented a Christmas festival of music at the Myers Park Presbyterian Church, December 5. They sang over station WBT from 1:45 to 2:15. While in Charlotte, the Ensemble members were the guests of the Music Club and the Charlotte Branch of Salem Alumnae who entertained them at a buffet supper in the recreation room of the church.

ORGAN GUILD AT SALEM

On Tuesday, December 7, the North Carolina Organ Guild had dinner at Salem, and then attended the second performance of the Buxtehude Cantata.

TOWN HALL OFFERS AWARD

Walter W. Naumberg, Chairman of the Town Hall Music Committee, announces an annual award, available to gifted young musicians who appear at Town Hall during the music season. The award, suggested by Kenneth Klein, manager of Town Hall, will consist of an appearance on the Town Hall Endowment Series for 1938-39, and will be given to the young artist giving the "most outstanding performance" of this season.

The candidate, vocalist or instrumentalist, must be under 30 years of age, and must appear in a Town

Hall recital before June 30 of the following year. At least one work on the Endowment Series program played by the winner must be by an American composer. The committee will reserve the right to withhold the award if no talent is found worthy. If two worthy talents are discovered, they will appear in joint recital on the Endowment Series. The award paid to the winner will not be less than \$200.

Members of the Town Hall committee, sponsors of the award, are Mr. Naumberg, Mrs. Harry W. Chase, Mrs. Hermes Fontaine, Mrs. Leonard Hill, Mrs. Harold Millijan, Mrs. I. C. Muscherheim, Mrs. Arthur Reis, Mrs. Frederick Steinway, Mrs. Theodore Steinway, Olga Samaroff Stokowski, and William Ziegler, Jr.

YEHUDI MENUHIN RECITAL CARNEGIE HALL

Of unusual interest to the musical world was the first American performance of Robert Schumann's "Concerto in D minor," last opus, by Yehudi Menuhin, violinist, at Carnegie Hall, Monday evening, December 6. The concerto, which publications and magazines erroneously called "lost" violin concerto in D minor of Schumann, remained unpublished until very recently, because the violist Joachim, for whom it was written in 1853, refused to perform it, and directed in his will that the score should not be published until 100 years after Schumann's death. Publication would have been in 1956.

Yehudi Menuhin, who was known as the boy prodigy when he first ap-

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JUNIORS TO SPONSOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Seniors Eagerly Await Occasion

On Wednesday evening, December 15 the traditional Salem Christmas Party will be given.

Every year the Junior Class has given this party with the help of the rest of the students honoring the senior class. It has become one of the high lights of the Christmas season at Salem to which every one looks forward.

There is always a delicious banquet which thanks to Miss Stockton, is exactly what a Christmas banquet should be with beautiful decorations and good food.

The program of the party for this year is not known yet, of course, but in previous years it has meant a lot of fun for all, including Dr. Rondthaler who was always cracking at Santa. Santa, alias Dean Vardell, was not above making cracks either not only at Dr. Rondthaler but also at the seniors. He always knew which seniors had been good little girls and which had not. He did not keep his knowledge to himself either. Of course Dean Vardell can not be here this year, but he has left a very able assistant behind him, it's rumored.

And so Wednesday night, the tradition will be carried on.

MISS ELLIE BUTNER, MAKER OF CANDLES

Has Been Making Christmas Candles For the Past Seventeen Years

One of the most beautiful and most appealing traditions of the Moravian church is that of the beeswax Christmas candles. The candles for about fifteen Moravian churches in this vicinity are made just across Salem Square from our college.

Miss Ellie Butner, whose mother was from Salem and whose father was from Bethabara, has always lived in Salem. Seventeen years ago she moved to the Sisters' House, and ever since then she has been making Christmas candles in a basement room there. Prior to that time Mrs. Flossie Stockton had made the candles and she started Miss Ellie and Mrs. Louis Smith doing it. Mrs. Stockton, according to Miss Ellie, was the grandmother of Salem's two Misses Stockton now, and Mrs. Smith's father was Salem's president Grunert. Miss Ellie has two living sisters and one brother; one of her sister's is Muriel Brietz's grandmother.

Candle-making was not new to Miss Ellie when she came to the Sister's House because she had seen her mother make candles for their Christmas trees. Now Miss Ellie makes over 8000 each year for the past several years, and the number increases each time. The Home Church itself uses about 2000, and fourteen other churches depend on Miss Ellie for their supply. She begins each year on her work late in September or early in October (as soon as the weather is cold enough), and she will finish next week on this year's work. So for about three and a half months she makes approximately 125 or 150 candles a day. She starts about one o'clock in the afternoon and works until five.

She gets her beeswax in small quantities (totaling, though, about 200 pounds each year), from B. Swartz's store on North Main Street, and he gets it from the bee raisers around Winston-Salem. First, Miss Ellie refines the wax by heating and

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DR. RONDTHALER SPEAKS TO STUDENTS IN EXPANDED CHAPEL

Gives Traditional Reading And Explanation of Christmas Story

Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock, the regular expanded chapel was in charge of Dr. Rondthaler. In accordance with a long standing tradition of the school, this chapel was devoted to the reading of the Christmas story — the birth of Jesus as told by Luke. Just before reading the story, Dr. Rondthaler gave a brief explanation of the writing and sources of the account. Luke was not an eye-witness to these events. In the beginning of his book, he states that he is telling the story as it was told him by those who were eye-witnesses. No doubt he heard the account of the birth of Christ from the lips of Mary. The influence of the Aramaic dialect — that which Mary spoke — is to be found in the original of Luke's Christmas story. Mary herself heard the account of what happened in the fields from the shepherds and adding her own story, told it to Luke, who transcribed it.

In reading the story, Dr. Rondthaler paused often to insert interesting and helpful explanation about the choice of words, phrasing, and the meaning of various parts. Where the familiar King James version varies slightly from the original, he told the meaning of the Greek work, in that way making the story clearer.

Next week in expanded chapel Dr. Rondthaler will continue the Christmas story with the account of the visit of the Magi as told by Matthew.

SENIORS GO CAROLING NEXT THURSDAY

Christmas Carols Will Be Sung According to Tradition

Following a fine old tradition, on next Thursday night Salem seniors will don their caps and gowns, polish up their bird-like voices, and, candles in hand, fare forth to sing Christmas carols for the community. The carolers will meet at Alice Clewell Building at seven o'clock and will sing first at Salem Home and last at Dr. Rondthaler's. The rest of the route has not yet been planned, but will include the homes of trustees and friends of the college living in Salem. Seniors are looking forward to and hoping for a beautiful and not too frosty evening, and frequent "thowing out" periods with hot fires and coffee.

ORGANIST RECITAL AT ST. PAUL'S

Opens Guild Meet

James Christian Pfohl, son of Bishop and Mrs. Pfohl, and Thore MacDonald, both graduates of the University of Michigan and organists on the faculty at Davidson College, presented a joint recital, Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. This recital opened the convention of the North Carolina branch of the organists' Guild. Mr. Pfohl is sub-dean.