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THANK YOU

This year we have a new organization on the campus. It is the Student Chapel Committee. This group, which has been functioning since September, is headed by our able student government president, Dorothy Hutaff and she has chosen well picked assistants from each class. Half of the chapel periods have been turned over to the committee and, working in co-operation with Doctor Rondthaler, they have given us varied and interesting programs. Chapel is now something for every student and faculty member to enjoy. The filled benches and fewer open books during the service speak for themselves. So here's a vote of thanks from the student body to the Chapel Committee. Keep up the good work.

—M. Me.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ST. NICK

Salem College,
December 18, 1937

Dear Santa Claus,
Since it would be rather inconvenient, to say the least, to try to come down the dormitory chimney, Suzie Salem is all packed, trunk and trunkage (plus stuffed laundry bag plus many coats plus Christmas gifts), for home. The seniors had their presents at the Christmas party, but the underclassmen are brim-full of expectancy. There need not be many swiches this year for most Salemites, under the guidance of Mr. Owens have been "good children." Here are some suggestions: a big box for Martha McNair to put all of her mail in, a set of false teeth for Mildred Minter to giggle for Cecelia McKeithan, a blue ribbon for Frances Turnage to wrap around Harry's telegrams; a book on fortune-telling for Stella Rosenblatt; a Brookfield advertisement with a picture of "Brooksie" for Kelly Ann Smith; a letter from Frank for Esther Alexander; a box of food for Mildred Kelly; a West Point uniform for Katherine King and a decision for Betty Gillespie; "Basin Street Blues" for "Jo" Carmichael; some peace and solitude for Frances Klutz away from the maddening crowd of her admirers; a picture of Courtney for Annette McNeely; an

alarm clock for Lillian Panks; a cat for McCarty in return for gossip columns; a Mickey Mouse for Virginia Bruce Davis; a special delivery from Bob for Frances Heldreth since she doesn't get but one a week; some soothing balm for Sybil Wimmer to use on "Brud;" some dancing slippers for Helene Stras; a car for Frances Huggins to get from Leaksville to Spencer or vice versa; a pair of boxing gloves for Prather Sisk so that she can hold her own; whistles for Maud Battle and Lee Rice to keep halls quiet; a Hershey Bar for "Tillie" Hines; a rubber neck for Helen Savage to gaze at the Empire State; a blanket for Peggy Bowen to keep her toes warm; a Willis car for Tootie Powell; religion for Peggy Rogers to get along with the preacher; an orchestra leader for Mary Grier; anything for Louisa Sloan so long as it's Little; a scrap book for Alice Horsefield to keep her friends' essays and poetry safe; a whole S. P. E. house for Bonnie Ray, divided into sections to prevent fights; an elevator for Miss Mattie to use when the telephone won't react; and for little Sarah Turlington a history book or Biology manual to help her keep up with the times.

Don't forget oranges and apples. (Mary Thomas has delicious ones!) We have plenty of nuts.
Regards to Mrs. Claus and the

CHATTER & PATTY

Ed sends red roses to Janie — red — what do you think about that Billy? I'm warning you, these North Wilkesboro boys are keen competitors.

There seems to be quite a large amount of business done at those Press Conventions (or is it monkey business). At any rate it brings big returns. Did you see Tweak and Helen stepping out with two Duke boys Saturday night? (all the result of that eventful Press Conference).

Ginny was in the infirmary this week-end and couldn't see Bill, but that didn't stop him from sending her a two pound box of candy, a sweet letter, and calling her up Sunday night. Ain't love grand!!

I hope the Flu epidemic is over before Edith gets to Rocky Mount for the holidays. We would hate for you to have a repetition of Thanksgiving.

Frances Cole is the girl who has been running around in a blue and expensive car these days in addition to a blue and pensive mood — more or less.

Joe Gribbin was so engrossed in conversation with Hector the other nite that she gave him a date for Wednesday nite completely and definitely forgetting the Christmas Party.

Martha said "goodbye" to Sid last week and says that he's the third one this year that she's had to do that to.

Sam Roper spends his week-ends working in Winston-Salem, and Mary McColl spends her week-ends working on Sam Roper.

And how did Millie happen to get the row on which Bob sat at Senior Vespers Sunday night? and how!

Lou wasn't quite as smart as Millie — she missed Dr. Withers by one pew! That's alright, Lou, I didn't even have one to miss — so pew.

children.
Love and kisses,
Alice Clewell.

Christmas

is on the
way, so the

Day Students think

with their Christmas

tree or rather chandelier

of Christmas, donated by John

Downs, Jr., claimed by Jo Hutchison

decorated by admirers with icicles, balls

and stars. This holiday reminder makes our

mouths water for pop corn, our eyes strain

to see beautiful sights of candles, snow scenes

and evergreens, and our ears tingle to hear the first

glad tidings of Christmas and a happy new year,

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May didn't tell here, but Mary found out what a close call he had Sunday nite going back home. All Mary could say was, "and suppose the car had been hurt!"

What's this I hear about Jean Knox beating Meredith's time with the mighty Johtz? Well, at least he's picking on somebody his own size.

Jo Gibson's Richard was up for Senior Vespers Sunday nite and took Jo out to dinner. I think he came as a surprise.

EVOLUTION OF A CHRISTMAS STOCKING

From a size one and a half (Baby's socks), to a size six (adults') — that has been the growth of my Christmas stocking.

First came the little white cotton sock hanging timidly for the first time on the mantle; and in it — no, no holes as yet, but in the toe a rubber teething ring. Five years and a bright red striped sock hangs up, weighed down by my first real tea set. Then again as time marches on, the foot grows and grows and soon a knee length brown cotton sock dangles from the mantle. In its toe I find my first compact — how beautiful!

Years have passed in which a gradual transition has taken place, and now — tra la — my sheer silk hose hangs on the mantle. Probably there will be a hole in the toe this year, but maybe in the heel I'll find those pearls I've been wanting.

A BOX OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

The choral ensemble sent a Christmas gift to Dean Vardell. It was a box of names and voices — or rather an autographed record of Salem Christmas music. Just imagine the surprised look on Dean Vardell's face when he starts unpacking just another record of a symphony or something and finds a concentrated glee club. He'll have the advantage over Mr. Bair now. He can listen by bits or for hours and may have it with his meals or to entertain his friends. Since Salem can't have him he can have Salem this Christmas, and may those voices give him our best wishes.

JINGLE BELLS

And what are you going to do for Christmas? We know that you've had your plans made for weeks now; so let us in on them. Are they thrilling, unusual, sensational? Or are you expecting just a good old-fashioned two weeks at home with your whole family? Are you going on a trip to Miami or New York or on a shorter visit to some relatives? Or will you stay in the old hometown to go to the dances and teas and open-houses and other get-togethers and parties?

Will you be traveling through strange towns and country and visiting unfamiliar hotels and places of recreation? Or will you be in the familiar places around home surrounded by all of the heart-warming traditions of Christmas — prickly holly wreaths, creamy egg-nog, mysterious packages, countless friends and relatives, crisp and chewy cookies, rich fruitcake, colored lights and bright decorations, the pungent odor and exciting radiance of the cedar tree, huge boxes of luscious candy, the dainty tinkle of tiny bells, and of course the high-hung twig of trembling mistletoe?

Will your Christmas tree be silver and blue to reflect a modernistic spirit, or will it be an untouched green with vari-colored lights to reflect an old-fashioned spirit? Will you have visitors at your house, or will you need your whole two weeks for your family and friends at home without any outsiders? Will you be continually "on the go" to see every one and do everything, or will you stay by your own fireside while people and things come to you?

Maybe you'll have a "white" Christmas with plenty of snow, or maybe you will have warm sunshine during your vacation.

In other words, will you spend a calm and content two weeks or a high-powered and hurried two weeks? Choose the way that you prefer, and make the most of this longest and loveliest holiday of our school year; and then tell us all about it when you see us again on January the 3rd.

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