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## MISS ANNA'S 52nd ANNIVERSARY

### Miss Anna Butner Has Lived At Salem For 52 Years

Fifty-two years at Salem seems a very long time to those of us who are expecting to spend just four years here. But fifty-two years is how long Miss Anna Butner has lived on Salem's campus.

All of the upperclassmen already know "Miss Anna," for they have seen her many, many times as she worked among her flowers in different spots on upper campus; even the new girls may already recognize her, but probably they, like many of us, will know her by the affectionate "Miss Anna" which she is always called.

On September 19, 1886 (52 years ago last Monday), Anna Butner came to Salem from her home in Bethania, to be a "dining-room girl." For three years "Miss Anna" waited on tables and helped things to move along just right in the kitchen and dining room. And, shall I let you in on a secret? Well, Mrs. Jones (Hollywood), who was in chapel the other day, says that she remembers many times when "Miss Anna" used to slip little things out of the dining-room to the girls when they were hungry in the afternoon.

When "Miss Anna" first came to Salem, the enrollment of students was just past the 100 mark. Of course, Salem was then an Academy, and "Miss Anna's" grandmother had been an early teacher here. The dining-room was as big then as it is now and in the same place, but not nearly so full; and the faculty dining-room was divided into little music rooms.

After her dining-room days, "Miss Anna" became a house-girl for sixteen years. During that time her duty was to keep things clean, for the "room companies" which used to exist here.

Then, for 20 years, she was house-keeper, and her job was "to see after everything." Since 1925 "Miss Anna" has been "retired," but she says that she doesn't feel much like it. She mends all of the bedding from the infirmary and all of the curtains (except the student ones), from various campus buildings. Her countless lovely flowers alone would be enough to keep a less energetic



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person busy, but "Miss Anna" still has time for "everything that comes around." She used to have a garden of her own where the library now stands, but two years ago it was sacrificed to the new building; and now "Miss Anna" does all of her gardening in the college gardens. Her flowers brighten the corners in nearly every building on the campus — Alice Clewell, Louisa Bitting, Main Hall, Office Building, Library, Sister's House, the dining-room, and frequently chapel. She usually cuts all of the flowers and arranges the ones for Main Hall and the Sister's House. Winter is her least busy season of the year, for then she takes care of just the things in the hothouse. She lives here all

year except for occasional week-ends away.

You would think, wouldn't you that "Miss Anna" would have very little spare time, but since last November she has finished four beautiful afghans. She is now working on a fifth one — vivid shades of orange, green, yellow, and brown — and she's planning to crochet another as soon as the present one is finished.

Over the easy chair in "Miss Anna's" sitting room hangs a picture of that Salemite as she sits every evening at work on her bright afghan, and the picture looks as natural and unposed as "Miss Anna" herself.

## BACK STAGE WITH THE DAWN PATROL

### Salemities Crash Stage Door To Interview George Hall, Mrs. Hall, Dolly Dawn, And the Boys

Two aspiring young Salemities crashed the stage door of the State Theatre last Monday evening with hopeful intentions of interviewing orchestra leader George Hall and his vocalist Dolly Dawn — and to their very great surprise found themselves warmly received. Not only did they succeed in breaking through the barriers to chat informally with George Hall, but also they met Mrs. Hall, who turned out to be a very jolly sort of person, became quite chummy with Dolly Dawn, and as a special privilege were allowed to see the evening performance from backstage! — all of which led them to say that orchestra leaders are human!

Off-stage, dressed in sport shirt and smoking his after-dinner cigar, Mr. Hall seemed quite like an ordinary person, in spite of his mustache and make-up. His likes and dislikes

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## SALEM GRADUATE AWARDED MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

### Miss Jane Leibfried Receives Scholarship To Woman's Medical College In Philadelphia

Miss Jane Leibfried of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, graduate of Salem College, has been awarded a full tuition scholarship for this year by the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia, where she has been a student for the past year. The scholarship was given her for her outstanding record in her studies, character, and personality.

Miss Leibfried is a graduate of the Moravian Preparatory School and attended Moravian College for Women. She completed her collegiate work at Salem College in the class of 1937. This past year was her first in medical college.

You may admire those who are brilliantly sarcastic, but you can't love them.

## FIRST FORMAL DANCE INVITATIONS ISSUED

### Student Government Association To Sponsor Dance In Honor of New Students

The Student Government Association will open the year's social activities with a formal dance in honor of the new students in the gymnasium on Saturday evening, October first at eight-thirty. The entire student body is cordially invited to attend. Music will be furnished by Claude Little and his Rhythmairs who have played here for several previous dances. The invitations are being issued this week. If anyone wishes to invite a guest for this dance please get in touch immediately with some member of the invitation committee which is made up of the following girls: Kate Pratt, Martha McNair, Margaret Holbrook, Marian Johnson and Josephine Hutchison.

## Dr. Rondthaler Speaks At First Expanded Chapel

### FIRST FULL WEEK OF CHAPEL PROGRAMS

#### Students Delighted With Visit of Alumnae

All campus activities got underway this week and for the first time this year an entire week of chapel programs was carried out. The first 8:30 chapel was on Tuesday morning with Dr. Rondthaler as speaker. Much to everyone's delight a loyal alumna of Salem was present also — Mrs. Mattie Woodell Jones from Hollywood, California. She is a member of the class of '91.

"If you girls think you know happiness," she said, "you should know the supreme happiness that I feel at this moment — back at Salem, I'd always wanted my daughter to come to school here, but since I have no girls, my sons have promised me that my granddaughters will come and learn to love Salem as I love it."

The Thursday morning program was primarily for the Freshmen and new students. Mr. McEwen, head of the department of education and psychology, spoke on adapting one's self to the life at college. He laid stress on establishing favorable attitudes toward the subjects being studied and toward the faculty, and on forming habits that will help rather than hinder progress. He said it was necessary that a student adjust herself to the different physical conditions on a college campus, and to become accustomed also, to the difference in the ways of studying and teaching as compared to the high school methods. Last he gave some important note making aids.

To get the most out of a class "one should," he said, "enter into the classroom with an attitude of willingness and of co-operation."

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## MAY DAY SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED

### Election of Queen and Court To Take Place in Middle of October

Mary Turner Willis, of New Bern, N. C., chairman of May Day for 1939, announced the following heads of sub-committees:

- Vice-chairman: Virginia Bruce Davis, Danville, Va.
- Nominating: Grace Gillespie, Tazewell, Va.
- Ten Room: Jane Alice Dilling, Gastonia, N. C.
- Publicity: Madeleine Hayes, Winston-Salem.
- Music: Helen Savage, Wilmington, N. C.
- Costumes: Mary Thomas, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Dances: Frances Klutz, Salisbury, N. C.
- Flowers: Forest Mosby, Waynesboro, Va.
- Properties: Katharine King, Leaksville, N. C.
- Program: Jessie Skinner, Elizabeth City, N. C.
- Dresses: Kate Pratt, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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### President Speaks About Early History of Salem

"Seeing Double" is sometimes a profitable experience, Dr. Rondthaler told Salem College students at the first expanded chapel of the year. It is well, he said to observe what is outwardly visible in a community and also to observe the invisible or historical back ground.

Dr. Rondthaler took his listeners back with him one hundred and seventy-two years, to a cold Monday morning, January 6, 1766, when twelve pioneer men stood on a spot now two and a half blocks from Memorial Hall to hew the first tree of a town dreamed of and already mapped out. Their first act in that dense forest was to open the word of God, by lot, believing that they would be divinely guided to choose a fitting passage. The chapter to which they opened was Isaiah 37:35 — "I will defend the city saith the Lord." Upon hearing these words they began to prepare for building. By Wednesday there was sufficient clearance to erect a rough shelter, the beginning of the town Salem. Salem, named by Count Zinzendorf means "Peace." The town was located on this site because of its geographical advantages, topography, and the slope that provided warm sun on winter days. Many springs were available.

The Continental plan was followed for the laying out of the town. According to the European village fashion the buildings were to surround a square, the heart and center of the town.

The oldest surviving of these buildings is the frame one across from the square, and was built within a year and a half of the first rude shelter. This was the center of the youthful industry. The next oldest is the Sister's House, now used as a teacher's dormitory. The old church house, of which the Louisa Bitting Building is a reproduction, was built in 1770 where Main Hall now stands. It is for this reason that Main Hall has the date 1770 on its cornerstone. This early church included the home of the pastor and the first school for girls, which was opened in 1772.

In 1781, said Dr. Rondthaler, the peace of the tranquil little community was interrupted by six thousand Redcoats under command of Cornwallis. These soldiers, marching through from Charleston demanded recourses of every kind and stayed for three days.

Ten years later, continued Dr. Rondthaler, Salem had another visit which was prolonged three days. In 1791 George Washington made his long journey southward and arrived in the town one May morning. In his personal diary as well as in his correspondence he wrote of the joy and appreciative interest in what he found.

Returning to the present, Dr. Rondthaler encouraged the students to live a vigorous present, appreciative of the past. Were these pioneer men misguided, he asked, when they opened the word of God and found written: "I will defend this city to save it for my own sake, saith the Lord."

plans are now being made for it. The election of the court and the queen will take place in the middle of October.