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SALEM LIBRARY IS A YEAR OLD

Celebrates Birthday With Party

The library has had a birthday party! On Tuesday night, January 31, the library celebrated its first birthday by giving Salem a party. Exactly a year before, the last book had been moved into the new building.

Miss Grace Siewers, who acted as mistress of ceremonies, introduced Miss Ida Wilkinson, the honor guest. Miss Wilkinson, a Salem alumna, read poetry of her own selections to the group gathered in celebration of the library's birthday. The poems which Miss Wilkinson interpreted ranged from Shelley's works to those of Longfellow.

At the close of the poetry selections the presidents of the various classes and organizations throughout the college presented their birthday gifts of checks and books to the library. There were also several individual gifts of books and magazines. Miss Siewers accepted the presents for the library, then invited everyone to have refreshments in the assembly room.

The lovely cake with one candle on it was cut and served with fruit punch. There were those who passed their plates back for more as they heartily exclaimed with the others, "Many more happy birthdays, library!"

SENIORS HOSTESS AT MARDI GRAS

Carnival Queen Will Be Crowned Saturday Night, February 18th

Saturday, February 18 is Make Believe Night at Salem. On this Night the Seniors will transport the glory of the New Orleans Mardi Gras to Salem and the gymnasium will become a rendezvous of ghosts and wraiths of a romantic past. This is the time for one last glorious celebration over which to reflect happily during the more sober days of Lent. There will be gay music for those who want to dance amid the profusion of colorful decorations. There will be games for those who wish to enter into an exciting conflict; for all there will be the spirit of the Mardi Gras which includes careless abandonment of all cares and worries.

Mysterious and glamorous will be this celebration of the Mardi Gras. Mysterious because who knows what fair young men might lurk behind those disguising masks, and glamorous because who knows what great ladies of the past will dance to our music that night — Marie Antoinette, Cleopatra, Jean D'Are, Mother Goose and Pierrette. The excitement of the celebration will reach its peak in the crowning of the Queen of the Carnival. Among the fair ladies there is one who is destined to be Queen for a night. Who will she be?

All of Salem and its friends are invited to come to the Mardi Gras. There is only one condition: all sober thought and common sense must be left at home. At the Mardi Gras Joy and Frivolity are King and Queen. If you join their court the mind must be prepared to accept all it sees, to accept illusion as truth for one night. So if your head aches from too much studying, come on and lose your head with the Seniors at the Mardi Gras.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Entrance to the Salem College Library which celebrated its first birthday this week.

SALEM CELEBRATES FOUNDERS' DAY

Salem Founded One Hundred and Sixty-Seven Years Ago

Today, February the Third, Salem College again celebrates its annual Founders' Day. Exactly one hundred and sixty-seven years ago this school was founded, and each year on this day, students and alumnae and trustees join in remembering and honoring that day of very long ago.

Dr. Rondthaler began the day this morning with a short chapel talk on the beginning and significance of Founders' Day. The seniors entertained the twenty-seven trustees and their wives or husbands at dinner in the college dining-room tonight; and at eight o'clock the trustees went up to the Old Chapel to hold their annual meeting. Mrs. Ralph Stockton, was the presiding officer at that meeting which was in the form of a musical program. On the program were many former Salemites who attended the School of Music here, and the whole affair was reminiscent of numerous musical programs held in former years in our recently redecorated Old Chapel.

Last year on Founders' Day, Salem witnessed the presentation of its new library. The year before, the new gymnasium was presented on Founders Day; and in 1936 there was an alumna reunion.

SENIORS HOSTESSES AT FOUNDERS' DAY BANQUET

On Friday night the Seniors were hostesses to the trustees and their wives and husbands at the annual Founders' Day Banquet. At six o'clock, hors d'oeuvres were served to the trustees, the faculty and the seniors in Main Hall and at six-thirty dinner was served in the college dining room. Evelyn McCarty, president of the senior class, welcomed the guests and Bishop Pfohl, as chairman of the Board of Trustees, responded. During the dinner Dr. Rondthaler introduced the trustees to the students.

SALEM ALUMNAE MEET TONIGHT

Twelve Alumnae of School of Music Give Program

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock the Winston-Salem branch of the Salem College Alumnae Association held its meeting in the newly restored Old Chapel.

This was the annual meeting of the chapter and came as the closing feature of the celebration of Founders' Day. A concert given by twelve local alumnae who are graduates of the Salem College School of Music was the main attraction of the evening.

The program for the meeting was as follows:

Duo, "Invitation to a Dance" (Von Weber) by Francis D. Rainey and Lola D. Gary; solo, "The Spirit Song" (Haydn), "The Little Hills Are Calling" (Morris), and "Lift Thine Eyes" (Logan), by Mary Mills; solo, "Will o' the Wisp" (Spross) by Millicent W. McKeithan; duo, "Chorale" (Bach) and "Etude" (Chopin) by Bessie W. Pfohl and Dorothy T. Davis. Solo, "O Sleep Why Dost Thou Leave Me" (Handel) and "A Birthday" (Woodman), Agnes Dodson; quartet, "Symphonic No. 40" (Mozart), Frances D. Rainey, Lola D. Gary, Maggie Mae T. Stockton and Virginia W. Horton; solo, "Zueignung" (Strauss) and "Do Not Go, My Love" (Hageman), Elizabeth T. Jensen; duo, "Sicilienne" (Bach) and "Turkish March" (Beethoven), by Louise B. Haywood and Louise C. Bowen.

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL WILL MEET AT SALEM

Council Members from All Over State To Be Present

The Girl Scout Council of Field Institute will hold a committee meeting here at the Girl Scout headquarters on Thursday, February 9th. Council members from Winston-Salem, Asheville, Reidsville, Leaksville, Greensboro, Hight Point, Durham and Raleigh, will be present for the meeting. Mrs. Richard Stockton.

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KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD WILL SING IN CITY

Fourth Concert of Civic Music Series

Kirsten Flagstad, renowned Norwegian soprano, regarded as the greatest Wagnerian soprano in the world, will give a concert in Winston-Salem, Saturday evening, February 11, at the fourth concert in the Civic Music Series.

Miss Flagstad learned the role of Elsa in "Lohengrin" at the age of ten for her own amusement and made her debut at eighteen in D'Albert's "Tiefland." Since then she has sung thirty-eight grand opera roles and thirty in operettas and comic operas, in addition to song recitals and appearances as an orchestral soloist. Some of the operas in which she has sung are "Tosca," "Carmen," "Faust," "Aida," "La Boheme," "Pagliacci," "Girl of the Golden West," "Orpheus," "Der Freischutz," "Othello," and the Wagnerian roles.

ALUMNA TELLS OF EUROPEAN TRAVELS

Mrs. Lindsay Patterson Speaks In Expanded Chapel

Wednesday morning in expanded chapel, Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, beloved alumna of Salem, took the students and faculty of Salem "arm-chair-traveling" through the parts of Europe that she visited this summer.

Mrs. Patterson explained that Americans should learn not what people do, but why they do what they do. "We want all the good will and understanding possible in this struggling world," she declared. "Be an American who stands for freedom and understanding." To understand other people we should find out what they think and believe and put ourselves in their places and understand why.

Mrs. Patterson first went to Germany. Here she was impressed by the atmosphere of war in contrast to the lovely German music. She is convinced that Germany will be saved from her warlike spirit by music.

Seeking the German view-point, Mrs. Patterson questioned all types of German people as to their opinion of the situation existing in that country today. In giving a picture of Hitler through the eyes of the Germans, she said that all but one man she questioned were devoted to Hitler because he has saved them from the utter chaos and despair caused by the World War and the Treaty of Versailles.

Two things Mrs. Patterson likes about Hitler is that he loves birds and flowers and that he thinks "modern art is raving crazy."

To give further understanding Mrs. Patterson sketched the background of Germany today, beginning with the Treaty of Versailles and relating the German's fight for their country. "You cannot destroy a great nation," she claims. In comparing Germany and France, Mrs. Patterson said that Germany is growing and France is dying and is "seared stiff."

When she left Germany Mrs. Patterson felt as though she had been in a "condemned chamber with a bound man, who had a black mantle over his head."

Next Mrs. Patterson went to Hungary where she found great bitterness against America, because when America could have bought kindness and understanding she

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FOUNDERS' DAY CHAPEL PROGRAM

Dr. Rondthaler Is Guest Speaker

Each return of the anniversary day of Salem College is celebrated first in chapel under the auspices of the Scorpions, who invite each year a guest speaker.

This year, the Scorpions' invitation was extended to President H. E. Rondthaler, who in a fifteen-minute chapel talk, presented a portion of the story of February 3, 1772.

He said in part "The return of our anniversary date, February 3, reminds us that 1772 is one hundred and sixty-seven years ago. So great an age is both a privilege and a peril.

"The peril of extreme old age lies in the too easy assumption that priority of date and superiority of efficiency are one and the same. This, however, is not necessarily true.

"Priority is a fixed matter and an unalterable fact.

"February 3, 1772 carries the mind back into days earlier than the Republic, days anti-dating, therefore, the Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the first presidency, the very flag itself, not to mention the currency and coinage of our nation.

"Age alone commands attention and carries responsibility.

"It is unbecoming of age to be boastful, to be presumptuous, or intolerant.

"On the other hand, age carries sanctions and inescapably connotes a worthy succession of years, else that which age represents could not of itself have survived.

"To the thoughtful mind, age represents real responsibility and genuine opportunity.

"Nowhere is this better phrased than in the Word of God in the immortal challenge which opens the twelfth chapter of Hebrews.

"Seeing then that we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

"The picture of the year 1772 is (Continued on Page Four)

ATHLETIC COUNCIL GIVES MID-WINTER DANCES

Freddy Johnson's Orchestra To Play

The Athletic Council again comes to the front among campus activities and takes the lead in the first big social event of the new semester. And they are introducing something new this time too — new, that is, to all the underclassmen, for instead of having just one dance, they are to have also a tea dance Saturday afternoon to get everybody in proper spirits for the formal Saturday night. The tea-dance starts at four-thirty and lasts till six-thirty. The night dance begins at eight-thirty as usual and is over at twelve. For the tea dance the girls have agreed to cooperate and pay a small admission price for themselves and their dates.

Probably the most exciting part of this coming week-end is the fact that Freddy Johnson's orchestra has been engaged to play for both the dances. His band is well-known in schools all over the state.

Mary Thomas is chairman of the decorations committee, and will decorate the gym with snow flakes and snow balls. King Winter will rule in all his glory in his "Winter Wonderland."

Everybody come, bring your dates, and have a merry time!