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RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

February is the birthday month of three great men: Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and that beloved old saint — Valentine. These men have written their names across the pages of history and are remembered by every generation. Just what have they done to merit such recognition? Why should their names be honored when others have been forgotten?

Washington and Lincoln had one thing in common — they were both great leaders of their people. But in what respect was Saint Valentine similar to this famous couple? If the history of each of these men is examined carefully, one will find that they were not above their people, but rather the servants of countless thousands. Their greatness lay in their humility; their public recognition, in their willingness to serve the public.

The lives and success of these three men have their parallel in modern times. The leaders of the world today are in reality the servants of the world. The words of the greatest public servant of all can be aptly applied to daily living: "For he that is least among you, the same shall be great."

—R. T.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

One night several weeks ago a girl was given a call down for making too much noise during quiet hour. A few minutes after she had received the first one, the proctor was compelled by the disturbance to administer the second call down. Now our friend (and we'll call her that, because she is our friend), did not mind the first call down, but the second, to her way of thinking, was absolutely unjust — and she didn't mind telling everyone in the hall about it. Fussing and fuming over the injustice done, she even broke down in tears, begging the proctor to "take back one of 'em."

Did this Salemite remember the pledge she had signed when she first came to Salem College? She pledged herself to loyal support of the Constitution, By-Laws, and "Regulations," of the Student Self-Government Association and to honesty in academic work. Surely she had forgotten. Upon giving this pledge she became honorably responsible to her own conscience, and assumed the right, privilege and duty of approaching any other student in a spirit of helpfulness against the violation of any of these regulations.

When justice is meted out, it is usually done out of consideration for others, not to settle up old scores, or to get even with some one else. According to our pledge, no honorable, law-abiding Salemite will resent the thoughtfulness of a proctor, trying to keep peace on a hall, for the sake of those who study.

—M. B.

AT RANDOM

VIEWS

Other people's lives look strange to me.
I often wonder what they're all about.
The only view of any life that's clear,
I think, is from the inside looking out.

SELF-RELIANCE

I've had to stay alone for days,
However I am not complaining —
I never realized before
That I could be so entertaining.

SECRETS

When people tell me secrets
I'm often moved to ask
Since they themselves can't keep them
Why give to me that task.
By Rebecca McCann.

OPEN FORUM

More Opinions On Smoking

Here are a few more opinions on the suggestion of two weeks ago that the Green Room be kept open all the time. Felicia Martin thinks that something should be done about keeping the Smoke House open at night especially. She says that if the Green Room were open at all hours it would never be so crowded and smoky as it is now, because when it was open during exams it was never too full of people or smoke. Tillie Hines says, "The time will eventually come when it will be necessary to allow more toleration in smoking at Salem, by the general desire of the students; so why not begin now campaigning for more freedom?" Ann Johnson thinks that if the smoking rooms were kept open longer, smokers wouldn't smoke one cigarette right after another and get their lungs so full of smoke. Frances Walker, a freshman smoker, thinks that people would be willing to "freeze to death" with the windows open to ventilate the Green Room if it were kept open at all hours. An error was made last week in quoting Lee Rice's opinion. To avoid a misunderstanding she has asked that her opinion be retracted. Ruth Burton compares the rules at Salem with the rules at Hollins College. "There," she says, "the girls smoke only in a special room all the time, except when they have dates and then the boys and girls are both allowed to smoke in the living-rooms." She thinks that boys should not have to go outside to smoke here either.

That last idea does not particularly concern the question at hand of keeping our Green Room open all the time, nor does this suggestion; but because both relate to smoking at Salem they are included here. This is a suggestion for a change in the location of the Green Room. Can it be moved to the Little Gym? That building is farther from other building and so would not be so public as the present location; yet it is close enough to be easily accessible to the dormitories. It is an unused eye-sore now, and could be remodeled very cheaply to solve this smoking problem. It could be heated by little pot-belly stoves, walled with some sort of asbestos composition with a fireproof floor. It could be made

NO MATTER WHO WINS

On the campus during the past few days I have heard not one person but many talk about the good spirit the two teams showed in the Senior-Sophomore basketball game Monday night. Both teams fought hard; both teams played well. The players on both, while they were trying to do their very best for their team, had at the same time a friendly spirit for that "guard who was always in the way" and for that "forward who was too quick to give much opportunity for obstruction."

And the people on the side-lines liked it. It made them yell louder and it made them feel good inside when the game ended. They felt as if they had seen a game played between girls who had all really learned that co-operation and good sportsmanship stands as high as putting the ball in the basket. And we all want it to stay that way — no matter who wins, or who loses.

—K. K.

Music News

RADIO PROGRAMS

Saturday:

WEAF, 1:40 —
"Tristan und Isolde, with
Flagstad and Melchior.
WJZ, 10:00 —
Toscanini in an all-Sibelius program.
Symphony No. 2.
En Saga
The Swan of Tuonela
Finlandia.

Sunday:

WABC, 3:00 —
Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra
with Mischa Elman as violin
soloist.
Overture to "Euryanthe" Weber
Symphon No. 6 (Pastoral) Beethoven
Violin Concerto in B minor Saint-Saens
Francesca da Rimini Tchaikowsky

MUSIC HOUR

The School of Music cordially invites the public to an evening recital, Monday, February 20, 1939, 8:30 o'clock, in Memorial Hall. The program will be as follows:

Romance in F major Beethoven
Christine Dunn
Lungi dal caro bene Secchi
Rugiadose Odorose Scarlatti
Harriette Taylor
Theme with Variations (from
Sonata, Op. 26) Beethoven
Catherine Brandon
Widmung Schumann
Rosalind Duncan
Wie bist du meine Konigin
Brahms
Richard Hine
Polichinelle Villa-Lobos
Mildred Minter
Zueignung Strauss
Kenneth Bryant
Banjo Picker John Powell
Glenn Griffin
Aria Jeanne d'Arc Bemberg
Frances Watlington
Piece Heroique Franck
Nancy McNeely
Piano Accompaniments by Miss
Virginia Thompson.
Those participating in Music Hour on Thursday afternoon were: Agnes Mae Johnson, Mary Charlotte Nelme, Betty Jane Nalley, Helen Savage, Catherine Brandon and Mildred Minter, pianists; Rosalind Duncan, Louise Norris, Harriette Taylor and Elroy Alexander, vocalists; and Christine Dunn, violinist.

BOOK NOTES

The epic of America, to a notable extent flows on the rhythms of its rivers, great and small, which open ways into the heart of a continent. So a treatment of our country's past in terms of the men and women who peopled it and the rivers which united them is a natural, effective way of recasting the great American romance to bring drama for Americans today.

The rivers of America books are under the editorship of Constance Lindsay Skinner. Each volume is proving to be not only a part of a literary and historical series which interprets America in a new and fascinating light, but an individual volume, a fine example of what can be accomplished when an author who is not a professional historian writes in his own particular manner of expression about a subject close to his own life and experience.

The library has the following out of this series — all illustrated by well known American artists:

"Powder River," by Struthers Burt; "Suwannee River," by Cecile Notschat; "Kennebec," by Robert P. T. Coffin; "Upper Mississippi," by Walter Harighurst.

"Y" News

Miss Carol Straus graduate of Duke University, will speak at Vespers Sunday night. Miss Straus was active this past summer at the conference at Blue Ridge and this winter she is taking post-graduate work here at Salem. She is young and interesting and we feel certain that everyone will enjoy hearing her.

CLUB NEWS

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Le Cercle Francais met Tuesday, February 14 to welcome Katherine King, Ruth Bralower, Betsy O'Brian, Nancy Suiter, Dorothy Mullins, Evelyn McGee, and Katherine Harrell into the club. Each one of the new members was required to tell a clever story in French and these tales constituted the program.

HISTORY CLUB

Dr. Francis Ancombe spoke at the History Club meeting, Thursday afternoon, on the Popes of Avignon, and the Great Schism when there were two or three popes at the same time. He told a number of interesting stories and to illustrate his talk, passed around post cards with pictures of the Palace at Avignon and of various chapels.

into a rather rustic recreation room that the smokers themselves could furnish with a radio, checker boards, etc. The ping-pong tables could be moved there from the basement of Clewell, and the same tables and chairs that are now in the Green Room could be used in the other building. Moreover, that building is surely better ventilated, with its high ceiling, more windows, and four sides that can be opened to keep the air moving out. Would the smokers be willing to pay for the renovation of Little Gym for a new Green Room?

(Editor's note: The little gym is not an "unused eye-sore" as it is called in the above column. It is being very profitably used as a work shop by Mr. Burrage and Roy.)