

# FOUNDER'S DAY MONDAY

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## SALEM SEES MANY CHANGES

Last year on Founder's Day the cornerstone for the Hattie M. Strong Refectory was laid recalling many such occasions in the past.

In the 170 years since the founding of Salem College its 56 acres of campus have seen many changes. The friendly and substantial structures of early days are even now giving tone to the new dormitory which is being constructed.

For one generation the school and church were conducted in the Congregation House which is reproduced in the Louisa Wilson Bitting building for seniors. It stood on the present foundations of Main Hall erected in 1854. Main Hall therefore, has two cornerstones, one 1770 and one 1854. It is the oldest and largest building on the campus.

Visitors' admiration of the unusual educational advantages of Salem girls instigated in 1802 the founding of a boarding school, Salem Female Academy, by the governing board of the Moravian congregation at Salem, North Carolina. Rev. Samuel Kronisch was Salem's first principal.

The following year active measures were inaugurated to erect a new building called South Hall, between the Congregation House and Sisters House which was erected in 1785. With its eye-brow arched windows, tile roofs, window stairs, dignified and friendly paved halls, and deep arched cellars, the Sisters House remains today as one of the most beloved buildings on the campus.

Although South Hall's cornerstone was laid in 1803 the building was not completed until 1805. During that time the school was held in the Congregational House. Those who moved into this house were the principal and his family and two "room companies" each consisting of two teachers and ten girls.

The cornerstone was laid with the words, "In the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost with fervent prayer to our Lord that by this school, to be established in His house, His name may be glorified, His kingdom of grace be enlarged in this country, and the salvation of souls of those who shall be educated therein be promoted."

In the year 1810 erection began on the then known Principal's House which remains today as the Office Building. Neighboring these historical structure are other buildings each of which represents the devotion of alumnae and friends, the growing needs of this college, the friendly worshipping of a group of buildings doing architectural homage and honor to the ancient structures of a century and a half ago.

## FORMER FACULTY MEMBER IN PHILADELPHIA

Miss Eleanor Stafford, who was assistant in the laboratory here last year and who is taking a course for technicians at the Baptist Hospital, left Wednesday for Philadelphia. She has been chosen to do special work with Dr. William Waff at Philadelphia Hospital for two months. Then she will return to the Baptist Hospital here to work in the laboratory.

## Dr. Rondthaler Reviews Salem

In chapel, Tuesday, October 29, Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler edified the students and faculty of the college concerning the history of the 175 year old community of Salem, which had its beginning in London when a group of Moravians gathered to consider settling somewhere in America to escape religious oppression in Germany.

### SENIOR DANCE

Saturday night the social season at Salem College will be initiated when the senior class will entertain at an informal dance.

The seniors will have as their guests and escorts, the students of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. There will be dancing from 9:00 till 12:00 in the Recreation Room of the Louisa Wilson Bitting Building, during which time, seniors with their escorts may go up to the living room for refreshments.

### CIVIC MUSIC ASSO. CHAIRMAN CHOSEN

Barbara Whittier has been chosen as chairman of the students doing advance publicity for the Civic Music Artists. This work is in connection with the work in the second year English Composition Class under the direction of Miss Byrd. The Civic Music Association has presented Barbara with a ticket for her work. Other students working on this publicity are: Frances Yelverton, Ceil Nuchols, Helen Fakoury, and Mary Lib Rand.

Having decided to accept Lord Granville's invitation to settle part of his grant in the new world five men journeyed southward from Philadelphia where a Moravian settlement had already been started, in order to select a suitable spot. The men arrived in Edentown, which was then the capital of North Carolina, after a 17 day trip on horseback through wild untraveled country. According to Dr. Rondthaler the Moravians bought 100,000 acres at \$5 per acre on which they made three settlements, one of which was Salem. This territory was selected because it so closely resembles Saxony with its sloping hills, abundant rainfall, and comfortable climate from which they had lately come.

In 1766 Salem's first tree was hewn. Four years later the thirteen original settlers had increased enough to warrant the erecting of a school and church combined in one building. This building is reproduced in the Louisa Wilson Bitting Building. It stood on the present foundation of Main Hall.

Twice in Salem's history the Continental Congress met at the Brother's House across the Square from Main Hall. During the Revolutionary War Cornwallis and his troops entered Salem by Academy street demanding supplies for his army. Neutral and peace loving Salem was forced to comply with these demands. Shortly after he left Salem he fought in the Battle of Guilford College.

Following the war the school grew steadily. One of the few

Last year's Founder's Day was indeed a very happy occasion. The cornerstone of the Hattie M. Strong Refectory was laid. Ready with the trowel and representing Mrs. Strong, was Miss Nettie Allan Thomas and Dr. Rondthaler was ready to tap the stone in place. Standing, left to right: Mr. Brant Snavely, Mrs. Thomas Farrow, Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, Rev. Gordon Spaugh, Mr. Agnew H. Bahnsen, Mrs. Robert Shore, Mr. Clark Starbuck

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS ON FOUNDERS DAY

Monday, October 6, 1941

11:00 o'clock:

Executive Board Meeting of the Salem College Alumnae Association, in The Trustee's Room, Mrs. J. R. Cunningham of Davidson presiding.

1:15 o'clock:

Executive Board luncheon in the club dining room of the Refectory followed by inspection of the Refectory. Classes suspended after lunch with the afternoon free for the fair, shopping, movies, etc.

6:15 o'clock:

Senior class hostesses at a formal dinner in the Refectory with the faculty, trustees and Salem Academy senior class as guests of honor. The Scorpions will be hostesses for demi-tasse served in the club dining room following the dinner.

## ELEANOR WELCH WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Eleanor Welch, of High Point, who received her Bachelor of Music degree from Salem College in June, 1941, has been awarded a scholarship in the harp department of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. This outstanding harp department is under the direction of Carlos Salzedo and is limited to seven harp students. Only two of this number were taken in this year.

Eleanor was admitted after a competitive audition with several other applicants from all over the country. One of the judges was Carlos Salzedo. She played for this examining committee two movements of the Sonata in C minor by Peseetti, the Cadenza from Introduction and Allegro by Ravel, and La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin by Debussy.

Eleanor was a pupil of Mrs. R. E. Guthrie and of Carlos Salzedo in Camden, Maine, this summer. She began her studies in Philadelphia on September 29.

Another Salem graduate of 1941 to be the recipient of a scholarship at Curtis Institute of Music is Miss Sarah Linn of Landis, N. C., Miss Linn's graduating recital last spring was an outstanding feature of the commencement program. Miss Linn is a pianist of unusual promise.

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