

## MRS. STRONG VISITS NEW STRONG REFECTORY

As guest in the Hattie Strong Refectory on Sunday, December 7, Mrs. Strong in person en route to Washington for the Christmas holidays, was presented and introduced to the students and faculty by President Rondthaler in the following words:

"I am happy to present to you our guest of honor, 'Mother' Hattie M. Strong, who as you know, is the donor of this beautiful memorial building and who for the first time is present in the completed structure which bears her name, and which has become already an indispensable and beloved part of this institution.

"'Mother' Strong, whom we also love to know as 'Sister,' 'Aunt,' and now Trustee, has asked me to voice for her the great joy which fills her heart today and her entire happiness in the beauty and completeness of this building.

"You will be glad to know that the building has more than fulfilled her expectations and that she deeply realizes how appropriately its structure fits into the time-honored architectural plans of Salem College. There is not only the friendly beauty which characterizes the 'Salem type' of building, but there is also the gentle strength which is so pronounced a characteristic of these structures.

"Our guest of honor was last week elected to the Trusteeship of Salem College so that in a new and very influential way her presence here is both the presence of a loving donor and of an influential

member of the Official Staff. More than a year ago 'Aunt' Hattie received honorary membership in the Alumnae Association of Salem College and when as we hope she attends the Trustee meeting which will be in session on Friday of this week, December 12, she will be associated with this additional and responsible relationship to our institution.

"'Sister' Hattie has asked me not to call on her for formal remarks today but nevertheless I know that in her heart there are thoughts and voice which we would appreciate hearing, and, therefore, I am now asking her to say just a few words in this informal gathering."

Mrs. Strong graciously and cheerfully responded to President Rondthaler's invitation and in her characteristically friendly manner said: "It is always important to realize that bricks and cement, tiles and steel, do not really make a building; they supply the framework. But the real building is the 'spirit' which abides, and you as students of Salem have within your power the making of this building and I feel very happy in the full belief that you will give this structure the real Salem spirit which is what most of all should characterize the campus and all its structures.

"I am delighted with the beauty and friendliness of this new building, and I am most happy to have had a part in its erection and commit it to your loving care in the spirit of this great institution."

### THE STRONG REFECTORY

The honor guests for dinner Sunday, December 7, were: Mrs. Strong, Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Starbuck, Miss Addie Allen, Miss Furlington, Miss Lawrence, Reece Thomas, Nancy Downes, Martha Bowman and Miss Nettie Allen Thomas.

### SENIORS HOLD VESPERS SUNDAY

Sunday, December 14, at 7:00 o'clock, the Seniors of Salem College will conduct the traditional Christmas Vespers in Memorial Hall. All faculty underclassmen, friends and families of the Seniors are invited to attend the candle service.

The program opens with a prelude, "Carol Fantasy on Three Provençal Noels," played by Dr. Charles G. Vardell, head of the School of Music. The Seniors enter with the processional, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," after which Dr. Howard Rondthaler, president of Salem College, will lead the scripture and give the invocation. The Seniors stand to sing "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," with the congregation and remain standing for their own song, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night." Remarks and a poem read by Dr. Rondthaler follow. Jennie Linn will give the vocal solo, "Gesù Bambina," by Yon. During the distribution and lighting of the Christmas candles by the Seniors and their Sophomore pages who are dressed in white, Dr. Vardell will play. Then follows the antiphonal singing of the hymn, "Morning Star" with Sophomores and congregation seated. The Seniors file out with the recessional, "Silent Night." Dr. Rondthaler will give the benediction. The Seniors and pages stand in the lobby until the postlude, "This Day that is so Rich in Joy" is finished.

### WILL THERE BE PEACE? . . .

*The days of agonizing uncertainty are over . . . war has been declared . . . the angels sang "Peace on earth, good will to men" . . . oh a long time ago, but the only peace to be found today is in our own hearts . . .*

*We must face this fact calmly . . . but all the while we must realize the importance of this fact of war . . . We must go on living and thinking . . . even more than before. It is our responsibility to keep the world sane, we the thinking, intelligent people . . .*

*The dreams, the aspirations, the hope and the ideas of the immortal spirit can not be destroyed by guns and poison gas. The spirit which created all the cathedrals and the priceless treasures of the past which are being destroyed today will be able to build others as great. There will be untold horrors of blood shed and loss of life, but there has been and there will always be the invincible spirit in mankind that will not die. If we can realize this, we will have the strength to remain calm in these trying days . . .*

*Is it asking too much then, of we, the people who are to sit around the peace table of this war, remember this Christmas that what to do with it . . . Wars may be won by "national unity" . . . but not until there is spiritual unity of man will there be peace . . .*

### CLASSES ENTERTAIN SENIORS SATURDAY

Another Salem tradition is the Christmas party which the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes are giving for the senior class this year on Saturday night in the refectory at 6:15. To quote Sara Henry who as junior class president is mistress of ceremonies, "Everyone is invited to come to a formal dinner to help the class of '42 celebrate its last Christmas at Salem." The seniors will receive presents and there will be singing of Christmas carols throughout the meal. Other entertainment will be a surprise.

The cozy atmosphere of the old  
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### GERMAN CLUB CHORAL ENSEMBLE SING TUESDAY

The chapel program for next Tuesday is one that Salem students look forward to each year. As has been the custom of the past, the last chapel before Christmas vacation is given over to the German club, whose members will sing favorite Christmas carols in German. The girls will wear the customary "robes" for the occasion and the same melodian played by Margaret Vardell used for many years will again accompany them. "Stillige Naecht, Heilige Nacht" and "O Tannenbaum" are among the old favorites to be sung. Following these carols, the Choral Ensemble will sing several Christmas numbers, some of which will be "What Can This Mean," by Staley, "The Prayer of the Norwegian Child," by Kountz, and "Say, O Shepherd," by Dering. Mr. Bair will conduct the Ensemble.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

With the Latin Club party held Thursday night, Dec. 11, in the Student Center, Salem began a round of festivities which will continue through Wednesday, Dec. 17. The events are:

Friday, Dec. 12—Home Economics Club Christmas tea in the Lizora Fortune Hanes House for faculty and friends, 4:00 - 5:30 p. m.

German Club Christmas party Christmas party including faculty, 8:00, Friday night.

Saturday, December 13, Collegity, boarders and senior day students. The party is in honor of the seniors.

Sunday, Dec. 14 — Christmas Vespers in Memorial Hall, 7:00.

Tuesday, Dec. 16—The German Club sings carols in Chapel, 10:20 a. m.

Wednesday, Dec. 17 — Senior Caroling.

### GERMAN CLUB HAS PARTY

To celebrate the Christmas season, Dr. Smith and Dr. Wenhold, sponsors of the German Club, are giving a party for the club members. The program begins at 8 o'clock in the Recreation Room of the Louisa Wilson Biting Building.

The party will be distinguished by the singing of Christmas carols in German, a reading of the Christmas story in German by Eugenia Baynes, and a discussion of German Christmas customs by Margaret Moran. According to Marie Fitzgerald, president of the German Club, "The refreshments will include authentic German sugar cakes. We have them every year on this occasion."

### MUSIC HOUR HELD THURSDAY

The following students' recital was heard yesterday afternoon, December 11, at the regular Music Hour.

Participating in the recital were: Margaret Anna Winstead who played "Sonata in A Major" by Mozart; Jannita Miller, "Lascia Ch'io Pianga" by Handel; Ruth Beard, "Rigaudon" by MacDowell; Elizabeth Swinson, "Andante" by Vivaldi; Bach-Poehon; Erwin Cook, "Ondolement" by Ferrari; Johnnie Bason, "A Pastoral" by Carey; and Edna Baughman, "Fugue in E Minor" by Bach.

### HOME EC. CLUB HOLDS TEA

Unique decorations were used at the tea given by the Home Economics Seniors this afternoon. The tea, which was held from 4:00 to 5:30 in the Lizora Fortune Hanes Building, was given for the members of the faculty and the administration.

The guests were greeted at the door by Flora Avera. Marguerite Bettinger, who was in the hall, took the guests into the living room where they were greeted by Mrs. Meinung, Marge McMullen, Goldie Lefkowitz and Dot McLean. In the dining room, Mrs. Ball poured coffee, and Miss Crow and Edith Horsefield assisted.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the house. Besides a large Christmas tree in the living room, the mantel was decorated with little angels holding hymn books, candles, and stars, representing "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." One of the small table decorations was a center piece made of a combination of things picked up from the campus and then painted, such as tulip poplar and dogwood. Also, on display were Christmas packages, originally wrapped. The dining room table was decorated with candles and Christmas greens. The seniors were assisted by the juniors in the Home Economics Department.

## LIBRARY HOLDS CONTEST FOR STUDENTS

The library announces that the Student Library Contest will be held again this year to encourage and stimulate Salem students in building up personal libraries. The contest, held last year for the first time, met with an encouraging response of interest. Eighteen girls entered their libraries or lists of books which they would like to have in their libraries. All the libraries and lists showed discrimination in selection.

Elsie Newman won first prize (\$25); Louise Bralower won second prize (\$15) in the Personal Library Contest open to Juniors and Seniors. Justine Jones won first prize (\$10) and Mary Lloyd Glidwell won second prize (\$5) in the contest open to Freshmen and Sophomores. Prize money in each case was used by the girls to purchase books they wanted to own.

The general rules for the contest, practically the same as last year, are printed below. The names of those who wish to enter should be given to one of the Librarians by May 1, 1942. Last year's winners will not be eligible for prizes this year. Awards will be made around May 15, and the winning libraries and list will be put on display in the Library.

#### Juniors and Seniors—Personal Library Contest

1. Number of books to be entered: maximum—30.
2. All books must be the property of the student entering the contest and so marked.
3. Textbooks designed primarily for classroom use may not be included.

Prizes offered in this contest are:

1. For the best general collection of cultural and practical nature, \$25 for the purchase of books.
2. For the second best collection, which may be a specialized collection, \$15 for the purchase of books.

#### Freshman and Sophomores—Personal Library Contest

1. A typewritten list of not more than 30 books, cultural and practical, which the student desires to have in her personal library. Give author, title, publisher, price, with brief notes stating the reason for choice of each title.

Prizes offered for this contest are:

1. For the best general list, \$10 or the purchase of books from the list.
2. For the second best list, which may be a list for a special group of books, \$5 for the purchase of books from the list.

### ACADEMY HAS PAGEANT

The entire student body and faculty of Salem Academy will participate in the annual Christmas pageant to be given at eight o'clock on December 16 in the Academy Auditorium.

The theme of the pageant will be the celebration of Christmas in Medieval England around 1400. It will take place on one of the ancient estates. This pageant will be the result of the combined efforts of the choral singing, dancing, and dramatic groups.

Fourteen carols will be used as a basis, and they will be interspersed with dances. These dances will form a part of the entertainment for the lords and ladies at the English manor. However, there will be some speaking and more action than in the pageants of past years. The picturesque costumes of medieval England will contribute greatly.

The last scene will be the tra-  
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### BRIETZ ELECTED PRES. OF NEW SPANISH CLUB

Betty Brietz was elected president of the newly organized Spanish Club at its initial meeting on Tuesday night. Other officers elected were: Harriet Sink, vice-president; Martha Jones, secretary; Normie Tomlin, treasurer; Katharine McGenchy, program chairman; Ruth O'Neal, publicity chairman. Dr. Wenhold and Miss Vest are club sponsors.

After singing several songs in Spanish and playing a Spanish game, the meeting closed with a "pirate." The "pirate" is used to celebrate Christmas in Spanish speaking countries. A person is blindfolded and with a long stick tries to break the colored bag which contains balloons and candy.

Forty-two members were present.

### LATIN CLUB HAS PARTY

A Christmas program was the entertainment for the members of Alpha Iota Pi at their meeting Thursday night in the Student Activity Center.

The program was begun by the singing of Christmas carols, in Latin, with Mary Joe Conley accompanying at the piano. Following this, the officers of the organization went through the ceremony of lighting the Christmas candles, each officer saying "Io Saturnalia," Latin equivalent for "Merry Christmas."

Peggy Jane White gave a brief talk on the Roman Saturnalia, telling how some of the modern Christmas customs find their origin in the ancient civilization. Antoinette Barrow read the Christmas story from the Bible in Latin.

After an interesting contest refreshments were served, featuring the famous "Christmas punch" of Dr. Smith.

The meeting was closed with the singing of more Christmas carols in Latin. The program and invitations were in charge of Mary Worth Walker, President.