

I Heard I This Way...

Sunday, December 7, will go down in all history as a red letter day. The Japanese declared war upon us . . . and Salem college served ice cream with both goo and cake for dinner. The food was good, there were many trustees present, and did you know that even Mother Strong was there? Incidentally, did you ever . . . well yes, I guess you did!

At least there's one spark of humor in all this depressing business of war. While Japan was beating us to the draw in declaring war, and Roosevelt was intimating that the U. S. was in a state of war with Germany and Italy, and the South American nations were rallying to our support, and Great Britain followed suit . . . China declared war on Japan. Honestly they did! The date . . . December 8, 1941!

Rumors about are that the faculty (or parts of it . . . you can guess where this tale is through) has been bribing one of the SALEMITE reporters to quote Ruth Draper in her column this week. It seems that the reporter walked into Miss Draper's dressing room to find her jobbering something foreign to her maid; and when she enquired just what manner of language it was, the reporter was told that she'd better go on back to college and learn her languages because no educated individual could possibly enter into the world without a knowledge of French . . . at least enough to know what language was being spoken! Furthermore, Miss Draper continued, speaking French increased the beauty of one's English . . . for what exact reason the reporter was never able to fathom . . . and furthermore, etc., etc., etc. Take heed, my children, and will Dr. Downs please call at the SALEMITE office at midnight to pay off.

And table conversation has gotten so witty of late. The best crack was at Mam-selle Bralower (behind her back) about her bangs "tie right in with the war!" . . . take it any way you like!

Enough has been said . . . A sweet goodnight to you all.

PROF. FRASER SPEAKS ON WAR

Professor Keener Frazer, instructor of government at the University of N. C., spoke at the Tuesday morning chapel in Memorial Hall. Mr. Frazer is a member of the Southern Council of International Affairs and a leading authority of the South on international matters.

In discussing the present world situation, the speaker said that we cannot over-emphasize the seriousness of the situation. Responsibility in great part rests on the American people for bringing on the attack of a few days ago. He said that Japanese individuals had explained to him the fear on the part of their people of encirclement. The "irresponsible and brutal" ruling group of Japan refused overtures of America for peace. They retracted all peace negotiations.

Eighty years ago Japan broke a treaty with America by firing on British and American merchant ships in Japanese waters. We received compensation for the damages, but returned a portion of the money when it was discovered that the damages were slight.

In 1894 Japan went to war with China. After 1914, in her war with Russia, Japan wanted the U. S. to be peace intermediary with Russia—we agreed. In 1915 the world faced the German militarists.

Japan wanted uncontested supremacy of the Orient. In 1912 Japan signed a treaty with the U. S. to demilitarize, and we, in turn, agreed to reduce fortifications. Today we rue that act. Another pact was signed in 1927 in which Japan promised no war of aggression while a possibility of peace existed. Japan invaded Northern China in 1931 under cover of the claim that they were protecting Japanese rights, and that China was not a responsible nation.

By continuing trade with Japan, America has contributed to the supply of planes which attacked Manila. The power of Japan is in the steel, scrap iron, and oil which America sends to Japan plus the disarmed generosity of the American people who felt that a tradition of friendship between Japan and the U. S. existed. Thus is our responsibility for the war pointed out.

The war will not end today, tomorrow, nor the next day. It can only end in the "extermination of the virus of the Pacific, Japan, and

AND ITS HIT HOME

For a long time we have known that there was a war going on in this old world. Only the few conscientious ones of us kept up with the details of it. The general tendency was to change to another station when the news came on the radio, or to skip over it in the papers.

Now, it's hit home. A few of the classes were stopped Monday to listen to the president. In every group on the campus, there would be talk of the war. Naturally enough, it was concerning the boys off in camp that the girls knew. Many were declaring that they would get married during Christmas, preferring to be "a widow rather than an old maid." This attitude seems very selfish and it is. But deep down inside, the girls are honestly worried.

As well as being worried they are eager to do their part. When the girls from eighteen and up being drafted was mentioned, the majority declared they were glad to be able to help. And they didn't want to be in the background just rolling bandages; they wanted to be in the middle of it—driving ambulances or spotting airplanes.

Well, the stark reality that we are in this war has finally dawned on us, and we'll slowly become adjusted to it. If Salem can go through a Civil War, we hope it can go through a still more serious one—and still come out on top!

WHITE COLLAR CLUB VISITS WACHOVIA BANK

Thursday afternoon the remaining group of the White Collar Club visited Wachovia Bank. The other girls went a week ago.

Mr. Ralph Spaugh very kindly showed the girls over the bank explaining each process. The group started in the Trust Department and gradually came back to the main floor of the bank. It was an interesting as well as an educational trip and we recommend it to all who have the same opportunity.

Eastern Asia." In the words of President Roosevelt we "must look forward to making sure that this frightful menace is never renewed in this generation nor the next."

America cannot be isolated nor neutral in the world around her. We must be sure that the "symbols of decency shall not perish from this earth."

Martha's Musings

Martha's musings this week . . . as everyone else's — naturally turn toward the war. But on the Salem College campus, in spite of the anxiety and excitement, there are some few kind souls who are still giving us fleeting moments of pleasure. For example, Margaret Vardell, when informed that all girls would probably be drafted to fill up sandbags, objected very seriously, saying, "But what would I do in a sandbag?" Margaret's bright yellow cotton stockings, too, are two bright rays of sunshine in the gloomy atmosphere.

Please excuse me for harping on Miss Bralower, but I can't refrain from making a comment on that admirable natural color photo of Paul that she received Wednesday. No, I'm not a bit covetous, but a photograph like that would look lovely on anybody's dressing table.

As I passed by the court back of South Hall the other afternoon I was watching the workmen laying down strings to indicate where the walks were to be placed, when, to my utter astonishment, I saw with my perfectly good eyes that the strings went "right through" the fountain, pond, and all!!!! What? I thought. Are they going to make us walk straight through that fountain to get to South Hall? Perhaps through the exercise of my imagination I could force my spirit to do it, but I know that it is contrary to all laws of nature for me to pick up my feet and propel my body into the fountain. No! It just isn't possible. Well then, perhaps they will build a bridge over the fountain — like the Cooper River Bridge in miniature — But that seemed rather stupid to me, although for the moment I can't see just why. I decided that I'd better ask someone who knew to tell me just what were their intentions before I let my imagination run away with me. Roy very kindly appeared on the scene just then and explained: The walk will divide at the fountain and go around each side of it. Simple! I'll say I am!!!

And for Christmas, Dear Santa, please bring me three well-written interesting term papers to be used before the end of the semester. It would save me no end of work . . . Leila Johnston would like for you to bring her another money-making project to start on after Christmas, although in my opinion she can't possibly make much because my pocket-book was drained — like Mary Worth's — long before the holidays, and I haven't even paid my Latin, French, or German Club dues yet — and I know that everyone else is in the same predicament.

DR. ANSCOMBE SPEAKS TO INTERNAT'L CLUB

Both sides of the question — that is what Dr. Ancombe presented to the International Relations Club at their meeting in Biting Wednesday night. He stated the grievances of the Japanese against us and then gave ours against Japan — and the reasons neither could arrive at a compromise in the recent conference. In answering questions of the girls, Dr. Ancombe said that he felt that the war would last about two more years, but he feels that there is no possibility of either Japanese or German invasion of the United States. After the war to insure peace, he said, some plan of confederation of Europe may have to be worked out; it will either be confederation or Chaos.

FIRST-AID COURSE MEETS

On Tuesday evening from seven till nine o'clock, the first aid class met in room 18. During this time Miss Averill taught the class artificial respiration. Each person wore slacks, and they applied what they had learned.

At the two previous meetings of the class, the topics of blood pressure and bandaging were discussed.

Miss Averill has asked that all those who have signed up for the course, please attend meetings in order to learn the essentials and get a certificate.

Our First Christmas

And there were in the same country
Shepherds abiding in the fields
Keeping watch over their flock by
night
And, lo, the angel of the Lord came
upon them
And the glory of the Lord shone
round about them
And they were sore afraid.
And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for behold I bring you
good tidings
Of great joy, which shall be to all
people
For unto you is born this day
In the city of David a Savior which
is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you;
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in
swaddling clothes
Lying in a manger.
And suddenly there was with the
angel
A multitude of the heavenly host
praising God, and saying
Glory to God in the highest, and
on earth
Peace, good will toward men.

Y.W.C.A. DELEGATES ATTEND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Representing Salem College at the National Assembly of Student Christian Associations held during the holidays at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio will be eight leaders from the campus: Reece Thomas, president of the student council; Leila Johnston, president of the Y.W.C.A.; Frances Neal, Lucy Farmer, Vivian Smith, and Lindy Stokes, members of the "Y" cabinet; Nancy Lee Rogers, of the Athletic Council; and another girl to be elected.

The conference will be in session from the afternoon, December 27, 1941 through breakfast on January 3, 1942. Seminar groups will be the heart of the Assembly program. It will be here that the direction for Christian faith and social reconstruction for the next few years will be hammered out. These groups will meet twice a day — in the morning to consider the Christian faith — in the afternoon to work on an adequate social analysis. During the week these discussions will lead into a consideration of what this means for the life of the Student Christian Movement — locally and nationally. Findings and recommendations will be brought to the plenary sessions for action. Addresses by Dr. Edwin B. Aubrey on the Fundamentals of the Christian Faith and by Dr. Gregory Vlastos on a Social Analysis, will provide background material. Other men who have demonstrated in their lives how the Christian faith has motivated their action in effective political action, democracy in education, or the world Christian community and students who are actually working in projects of Christian Social Reconstruction, will also be invited to speak.

The trip for the Salem girls is being financed in part by the Salem Young Women's Christian Association, the Student Council, the Athletic Association, the IRS Council, and a member of the board of trustees. Minimum expenditures for each girl, including board and transportation, are \$40. Leila Johnston as 'Y' president is heading the group. She urges that any girls who would like to go and have not been considered by the various organizations see her before Monday night, December 15.

HOME EC. NEWS

At an Executive meeting of the North Carolina Dietetic Association Miss Jane Crow, instructor in the Home Economics department at Salem College was elected Vice-President of the Association. This election, according to the office, was held recently at Duke Hospital in Durham, North Carolina.

THE TRUE SPIRIT

Yes, I feel as you do. This war has really taken away most of my usual Christmas spirit. But although our enthusiasm has been dampened a little bit, although we don't feel the same gait and sense of expectation, I do think that this year will bring for all of us a true appreciation of the original Christmas. We have always connected with these holidays the thought of giving and receiving presents, firecrackers, good food, and the well-known "making whoopee." But this year the really true spirit is not the spirit of giving and receiving gifts but that of giving and receiving love. No, I don't mean going thump, thump over some cute little boy. I mean really loving life and freedom, feeling happy inside when you hear Christmas carols and knowing what it means to say "good will toward men."

Let's make it a merry Christmas in the true spirit by being thankful for the coming of Christ and we'll make it a Happy New Year by having faith in God and all mankind.

STUDENTS HUNT POSSUM

Those unfortunate possums which were inhabiting the woods of Arden Farm on Thursday night, December 11, were astonished at the sight of college girls and med students. The young people's department of the Home Moravian Church sponsored a possum hunt and had as their guests the associate members of the church from Salem Academy and College and the second year medical students of Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College. The group left the church at six o'clock for supper at seven-thirty o'clock and the hunt afterward.

The Salem College girls who were guilty of chasing possums are Lillian Stokes, Harriet Sutton, Jane Strohm, Kathryn Schwalbe, Ellen Hoarne, Adele Chase, Nona Cole, Mary Ellen Byrd, Marion Burvenick, Peggy Bolin, Mattie Latimer, Elizabeth Gudger, Aline Shamel, Sara Henry, Katharine Fort, Doris Shore and Carrie Donnell.

Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati and nationally known for his surveys of college registration, reports that numerous institutions, "including prominent eastern colleges for men," have conducted promotional campaigns and waived limitations on the size of freshman classes to offset losses in upper class enrollment.—A.C.P.

Watch for the Little Red Man.