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HERE'S TO MACARTHUR, FREEDOM, AND THE MAGAZINE . . .

Last week with the final and fatal news that all dreams of a literary magazine for Salem were truly dreams, those of us who had dreamed and planned and figured and drawn plans and talked until we were blue in the face shed a few painful, though silent tears and prayed that our dream was not truly dead but merely dormant.

We could not publish a magazine this year. If we drop the subject there, our efforts in publication would probably have been wasted anyhow . . . but if we decide now not to be licked either at home or abroad by this war, we can lay plans now and make arrangements now to HAVE A LITERARY MAGAZINE. We who conceived and labored over the idea of the magazine think it one worthy of sacrifice . . . we have not given up, we are merely gathering our strength in good military fashion to strike at the right moment.

The idea of a magazine is now an embryo . . . let's nurture it with thoughts this year, and make it an actuality with all-out work next year.

—M. B.

THINK IT OVER, SALEMITES

Salem is a school of implicit trust in one's fellow man; there are no keys; there is an enviable honor system. It would seem though that we shall soon be forced to reverse things — to obtain keys and do away with our honor system. This is a dire state of affairs especially at the present time. We have been urged by the President of the United States to finish school so that we may be the leaders of tomorrow. What sort of leaders shall we be? If we can't maintain a sense of honor and integrity in school, what hope have we of doing so in life? And what right have we to lead others?

Salem girls are essentially fine, and each of us is proud to be one, but if the present state of affairs continues, we shall doubt our right to be proud and become ashamed. There is no acceptable excuse in the world for cheating or for stealing.

Those innocent of any wrong must not be made to give up an honor system and mistrust everybody. Those guilty of doing wrong have no right to drag down the name and reputation of Salem College.

Think it over. Something must be done.

—M. L. G.

THE NEW EDITORIAL POLICY

There has been some criticism of the new policy of the Salemite as announced in the last issue of the paper. After the recent light cut "victory" in which we, as the voice of the student body, felt we had a part, we were encouraged to concentrate on a new campaign, the betterment of the recreation room in the basement of Alice Clewell. The critics of our policy say that in reality the recreation room is nothing but the smoking room, and as such does not concern the entire student body. Indeed, this room is known on the campus as the "smokehouse" and the students who use it are called the "smokehouse crowd." Our censors say that since the smokehouse is used by only approximately one-third of the student body the reform should come from within that minority group.

The point is that the recreation room was originally intended for the pleasure of everyone; but under present conditions those who do not smoke cannot enjoy it. The atmosphere is so smokey that that one not immune through constant proximity to cigarette smoke can not see through the denseness to hit a ping pong ball or play cards. And then it is always nice to be able to see the persons with whom one is conversing, whether that person be a date or an acquaintance here at school. In other girls' schools the students use the smoking room both as a place of study and play.

There are dreams of installing a ventilating machine, a water cooler, a "juke box," and of improving the general appearance with murals and more comfortable furniture. These dreams will never be realized unless the "smokehouse crowd" and their friends show that they really want such improvements and are capable of enjoying them. As long as ashes are flicked on the floor, and cigarettes are ground out on the walls or floor or whatever happens to be convenient, and destruction of furniture through careless burns continues, the administration will not heed our cry for improvement of the smokehouse. Won't you do your part in keeping the smokehouse looking its best as it is?

—B. W.

Le Coin Francais

Bien que tout le monde dise que la France est morte, la France vit . . . et vivra toujours! La France nous a légué une littérature magnifique, des peintures fameuses, des découvertes scientifiques, et une belle langue; mais surtout elle nous a transmis un esprit de liberté qui va, tôt ou tard, triompher.

Quand la France nous a donné la Statue de Liberté, nous avons pensé, peut-être, que c'était très belle. Avons-nous déjà oublié que le nom de cette belle statue, "La Liberté Illuminant le Monde" représente l'Idéal éternel de ces Français qui ont été obligés, plus d'une fois, de se fléchir sous un joug tyrannique imposé par une force physique supérieure? Savons-nous, par hasard, que la jeune fille qui tient le flambeau représente Marianne, symbole de la nation française?

Depuis le temps de la Révolution, et même avant, l'esprit de liberté a prévalu en France. Ce pays a une histoire longue et compliquée, mais La France a toujours survécu à tous les distateurs, à toutes les invasions, et à tous les efforts de l'écraser. Peut-être serait-il à propos de se rappeler la devise de la Cité de Paris, (cette partie de la ville de Paris située sur une île au milieu de la Seine). Puisqu'il cette île a la forme d'un bateau, on a adopté la devise "Fluctuat nec mergitur." Cette devise tient bon aujourd'hui parcequ'elle est fondée dans une croyance inébranlable en la nation française.

Il y a deux ans les journaux ont annoncé que la France était tombée. Peut-être être était-elle tombée, mais elle vit toujours, et elle se relèvera plus grande et plus belle que jamais!

NEW CLUB NEEDS MEMBER'S SUPPORT

The International Relations Club, a fairly recent organization at Salem, is thriving on the faithfulness of a few members. The club meets each week, and its members are trying to hold discussions on current topics at each meeting. A big meeting will be held at a later date. At this time there will be a lengthy discussion on what has been said in the former shorter meetings.

The club is divided into three groups: the political group of which Leila Johnson is chairman; the social group of which Polly Herman is chairman, the economic group of which Elvira Erwin is chairman.

A club of this sort is a worthwhile thing if it is supported well. However, at Salem, people sign up to do things, and somehow or other they don't do them. If the club is to live at Salem it will have to have more support. The club isn't going to work if people don't go to the meetings.

When I see a rattlesnake head in a hole, I just shies by, and I says to that snake: that hole belongs to ya.

—Josh Billings

THEATRE CALENDAR

- Carolina**
- Mon., Tues., Wed. — "Roxie Hart."
- Thurs., Fri., Sat. — "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."
- State**
- Mon., Tues. — "Forty Thousand Horsemen"
- Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. — "Cowboy Serenade."
- Forsyth**
- Mon., Tues. — "Bride came C. O. D."
- Wednesday — "Charley's Aunt."
- Thursday — "International Squadron"
- Fri., Sat. — "Trail of the Lonesome Pine."
- Colonial**
- Mon., Tues. — "Eagle and the Hawk."
- Wednesday — "This Way Please."
- Thursday — "In the Navy."
- Friday — "Billy, the Kid, in Santa Fe."
- Saturday — "Man from Montana."

DEFENSE BONDS FOR SALE

What do you, a woman, have at stake? What can you do about it? This is the question that is arising in the minds of the women of today, and the women in the college and universities are the ones who are going to answer it. Let us take a simple story of a mother with two children. As she reads the evening paper she wonders what the world will be like when her youngsters grow up. Stories from the Fascist countries, of toddlers in uniform learning how to carry a gun; of school boys and girls taught rare hatred from their textbooks; of sons and daughters spying on mothers and fathers and telling their teachers when their parents criticized the Government — these and other reports had made this mother say so often, "Thank God this is America and our children are safe from that."

She couldn't be sure any longer, because the Nazi hatred was spreading to the youth of other countries — the conquered countries of Europe. The real attack was launched where it would be most effective, in the schools. The on-slaught was effective. It is our job to launch a counter-attack through our schools and colleges. And this mother is typical of American women. She reads the daily papers and interprets the news in terms of what it means to her family and country. She sees in the news a threat to democracy. To her democracy means free speech, free press, and the right to vote. It means books, teachers, and schools free from censorship. It means racial tolerance and religious freedom. It means a childhood spent free from the shadow of a gun. It means family life free from spying and tattling. It means that the Government is the servant of the people, that the people are not the slaves of the state.

The men have done their part for their country by entering the army and working overtime in factories. But what can a woman do? Then came the President's appeal to aid the nation by buying Defense savings stamps and bonds. American women do 85 percent of the retail buying of the country. So many times a decision to save rather than to spend rests with them. Thus it was especially to them the President spoke, when he said that with jobs more plentiful and wages higher, a slight saving here and the omission of a few luxuries there, would make it possible to swell the coffers of the Federal Treasurer for defense.

Buying defense bonds is buying a share in the future. A better future for America's children. Women will save and endure any kind of hardship to make it possible for them to have healthy lives and free lives. Besides the goals of democracy that have already been mentioned, there are two others that President Roosevelt has added: freedom from want, and freedom from fear. The first means world economic organization that will secure for all peoples healthy lives. The second aims at world-wide reduction of armaments, so that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor. For all of these things, the women will support national defense. Women cannot wear a uniform and wield a gun, but they can buy a bond and get their friends to buy them. This is a part made for them to play.

Through college campaigns and a conscientious effort to buy your stamp every week the program will be successful.

—Clipped From "Campus Comments."

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