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### HOW DID YOU REGISTER?

Two days this week we have had preliminary registration—registration for another school year. Perhaps this didn't seem very important to Susie and she "signed up" for the easiest things she could find in the catalogue without much thought or deliberation. Or she might have said to you, "For goodness' sake, don't tell me you're taking more than 16 hours!"

But you remember the hours you had pondered over just what to do next year—except that you didn't have the courage to say to her that in these critical war days that this registration, though it is just a preliminary one, deserves thoughtful consideration. You realize that everyone has been rather upset this year because things aren't normal, but in spite of the unrest and the tense feeling someone has to keep calm and think clearly about what to take next year and what not to take. For the coming year will probably be less stable in world events, and the current happenings do influence our quiet campus.

You have fully made up your mind what causes will help prepare you for your contribution as a citizen after graduation and this summer. You have planned to consider the things you can do while in school next year so that you might do more for your country. You know that you should appreciate the opportunity of being able to stay in college and so you have kept your head and planned carefully, though it was difficult to decide definitely some things. However, in spite of the disturbance you had a goal. Now why don't you go and talk to Susie about using a little more wisdom and common sense about this thing. It isn't too late to plan again this summer—it's her privilege.

## Le Coin Francais

### L'HIPPOPOTAME

L'hippopotame au large ventre  
Habite aux jungles de Java,  
Où grondent, au fond de chaque antre,  
Plus de monstres qu'on n'en rêva.

Le boa se déroule et siffle,  
Le tigre fait son hurlement,  
Le buffle en colère renifle;  
Lui, dort ou paît tranquillement.

Il ne craint ni kriss\* ni zagaies,†  
Il regarde l'homme sans fuir,  
Et rit des balles des cipayes‡  
Qui rebondissent sur son cuir.

Je suis comme l'hippopotame:  
De ma conviction couvert,  
Forte armure que rien n'entame,  
Je vais sans puer par le désert.

—de LA COMEDIE DE LA MORT par Théophile Gautier.

\* Short malay sword with a wavy blade.  
† Assagai (wooden spear).  
‡ Sepoys (native Hindu soldiers).

## It Seems to Me

—THAT from all the talk I've heard the Spanish conversation class is one of the most interesting and profitable classes in the curricula and there is something amusing always going on.

—THAT May Day was elegant—especially so when the fountains even burst forth and played all day.

—THAT the past Sunday night broadcast from Memorial Hall was one of the best—and Mr. Holder's talk was good too.

—THAT our Service Flag should have more stars on it. Have you told Vivian Smith Ingram about your brother or Father now in the Service?

—THAT Monday evening's program of Student Compositions in celebration of National Music Week was quite successful. And the Community Sing at the end, led by Dr. Vardell and Mr. Bair, was fun. Don't forget there is another one on April 16 in Memorial Hall at 8:30 P. M.

—THAT Miss Averill hasn't lost her grand sense of humor in spite of her illness. We like Mrs. Lawson, her substitute, but we'll also be glad to see Miss Averill back.

—THAT Mother Strong is doing her share in the Victory Garden Way, too. Happy Mother's Day to her.

—THAT if a soldier in Africa has time to write a letter such as is found in this issue then why can't we keep those replies going to all that we know in the service, especially those overseas.

## Apuntes Espanoles

### APUNTES ESPANOLES

Ahora las vacaciones están terminadas y todas las muchachas han regresado a la escuela.

Solamente quedan tres semanas antes de los exámenes del semestre. Las estudiantes tendrán que estudiar mucho en preparación, pero la primavera ha llegado con las hermosas flores y los vientos calientes. Todos los árboles son verdes y los pájaros han vuelto. Cantan cada día de la mañana hasta la noche. Estas cosas no nos ayudan a estudiar. Pronto el nadadero estará lleno de agua y todo el mundo irá a nadar. Acaban de pintarlo un hermoso color azul. Con agua fresca y clara será un placer usar el nadadero. Las que no desean nadar, pueden pasearse, jugar al tenis, a la pelota, o al golf.

La recreación más importante de la primavera y del verano es la de obtener un tostadura del sol. Ya hay muchas personas que tienen tostadura.

Porque la primavera está aquí, no les gusta a las estudiantes sentarse en sus cuartos y tratar de estudiar.

### THE WORST GREMLIN OF THEM ALL

I guess you have heard of Gremlins—you know, those overgrown causes of trouble in all assorted sizes, shapes, and colors. Our fair campus has had its share and it's only cocker to give warning of the coming of the worst one of all—the final exam Gremlin. He has several different colors splashed around him, green and blue being the most predominating. He has a giant nose especially turned so as to dig as much as possible in everybody's business. His ears are equipped with sponges so as to soak up all the bits of news and grumbings. With his specially-designed fingers in shapes of hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, and such, he ruins many a well-meaning Salem gal. He loosens screws of pencil sharpeners; he plugs ears with cotton which ends in the same 'ole comment "Where did teacher find that question?" And to top it all, he dumps morale in the river when he hides our mail. Perhaps his greatest strength is put to work when he yanks the books and papers away and pulls his victim over to bull sessions. "Why I have plenty of time to study. Even if I don't finish, I can stay up tonight." All the time like this never won a fair A. But if you do, dear lassie, find a neat looking F on your paper—don't fret, just blame it on the Gremlins. —R. C.

### A BEWILDERED FRESHMAN

In my first week at Salem I was deeply impressed by the high ideals of Salem as presented to us by both faculty and students. It was inspiring to think that here really was a school with an honor system that worked. As a result of all these impressions, I resolved to live up to the honor system as I started into the routine of regular college life.

Eight months have passed since September. What has happened to my conception of the honor system? I have seen my classmates, and even upper classmen, deliberately cheat. When? During the frequent examinations I have taken. On one test a girl put her hand over her eyes and then slanted her eyes directly at my paper. Another time a Salemite had all her notes with her and used them on a test. Both girls knew that these practices were dishonest; both girls knew that these practices were against all principles of honor. But this is evidence that it does not phase some of our number.

\* Salemites, frankly, I am bewildered. You may ask why, if I live up to the honor system, I personally did not report these cases. Our honor system does not seem to work well enough for me to feel free to report these girls. I have gotten the impression that it would be the unpopular thing to do in reporting someone.

What is the reason for the fairly widespread cheating among freshmen at Salem? Is this caused by lack of training in the home? Let's get busy and if possible discover the remedy for this. Let's improve by next year so that the incoming freshmen may have us as good examples of obeying the honor system and may be allowed to keep their high ideals!

—J. L.

### THE LITTLE THINGS

Unfortunately most of us are prone to keep doing a thing until someone asks us to stop. As long as we are getting by though life is rosy. Did you ever stop to think that the little rose you enjoy may be the thorn another is forced to sit on?

The point is this. Since we can't put the breaks on alone, then let's help the other fellow and maybe he will turn around and do the same for us. Let's begin with the food situation. Yes, again. Stop taking more food than you can possibly eat. Stop shifting it from one side of the plate to the other and whining about not liking this or that and stop asking your hostess to get more of a certain food that you know yourself is extremely scarce.

—E. S.

