



Committee Names Six Candidates For May Queen

Jean Fulton, Virginia McMurray, Leila Sullivan, Sebia Midyette, Nancy Stone, and Normie Tomlin have been chosen as candidates for May Queen and Maid of Honor by the nominating committee from students' suggestions. The election will be held Monday night, November 22, at 6:45 in the Old Chapel.

Petitions for any senior endorsed by thirty-two students may be submitted until 9:00 a. m. Monday.

The girl receiving the highest number of votes will be Queen and the runner-up will be Maid of Honor.

Essential for the May Queen and her court are good posture, gracefulness, neatness, beauty, and graciousness.

The nomination committee consisted of Jean Fulton, chairman; Sue Willis, Peggy Nimocks, Peggy Witherington, and Patty Zimmerman.

"VIVA ITALIA" — ANSCOMBE

Dr. Francis Ancombe spoke on "Italy, Her Builders and Her Invaders" in assembly on Tuesday, November 16th.

The lecture started with a brief resume of Roman history: the founding of Rome in 763, and the fall of Rome in 410. Dr. Ancombe pointed out the many great Roman contributions to civilization, including the building of bridges, cathedrals, state buildings, roads, and the advancements in law. In spite of the slavery and war, Italy had the best form of government known at that time.

At one time Italy was "a mere geographic expression." It had been invaded by many; the Church had spread its power, and it can easily be seen that unification was impossible under these circumstances. It was by the work of such men as Garibaldi, Cavour, Mezzini, and Napoleon that Italy eventually became unified.

Dr. Ancombe went on to tell the importance of the Renaissance, and the many great Italian contributors. Italy was the center of art, beauty, culture, genius, and trade at that time. Venice was the linking center of the world.

In speaking of Mussolini, Dr. Ancombe declared that he was immoral—the lack of a personal code of honor was one of the main reasons for his downfall. He was over-ambitious in his desire to restore the former Roman Empire.

Dr. Ancombe, in predicting the future of Italy, said that Victor Emanuel III, the present king of Italy, should not be deposed, for a bad government is still better than none at all. Italy has had a great past—she will have a great future.

HIGGINS ATTENDS MEET

Mr. Higgins, head of the science department, attended a meeting of the American Chemical Society in Charlotte this week. Dr. W. A. Gibbons, director of the General Research of the United States Rubber Company, spoke to the group on "Synthetic Rubber."

Dr. Laura Hall, a graduate of Salem, was also present.

There will be a meeting of the American Chemical Society in Winston-Salem about the last of February or the first of April. The science majors of Salem will be allowed to attend.

VOICE STUDENTS GIVE RECITAL

Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock in Memorial Hall, the School of Music will present an evening recital by the Voice Department. The program will be as follows:

- Una Voce Poco Fa (Barber of Seville) Rossini
- Jane Frazier
- Su, Crudele (La Favorita) Donizetti
- Juanita Miller
- Gavotte (Manon) Massenet
- Norma Rhodes
- How's My Boy? Homer
- Catherine Johnson
- My Lovely Celia Arr. Wilson
- Betty Lou Ball
- Passing By Purcell
- Dr. C. L. Gray
- Connais Tu (Mignon) Thomas
- Billie Wall
- Un Bel Di (Madame Butterfly) Puccini

Gwendolyn Mendenhall
Il Est Doux (Herodiade) Massenet
Ella Lou Taylor
Quando Me'n Vo Gollella Puccini
Jean McNew
I Will Extol Thee Costa
Becky Nifong
Miss Elizabeth Johnston will be the accompanist.

The performers are pupils of Mr. Bair and Mrs. Starr.

WEEK'S NEWS IN REVIEW

ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT—

The most decided successes this week have been made by Russia in pushing back the Germans.

The battle on the Russian front is in the midst of another crisis. The Reds have captured Zhitomir, thus cutting in two Hitler's thousand mile front. Now the Red Army is making final preparations for the Winter Campaign which authoritative sources believe will push the Germans from the last inch of Russia soil.

The Russians have been making steady advances and have swept up more than fifty towns and villages beyond Kiev. The biggest victories this week have been the capture of Chepovich, fifteen miles southwest of Korosten, a junction of the Kiev-Warsaw and Odessa-Leningrad railways.

The Red Army also isolated the big German garrison at Gomel in White Russia, sent an armored spearhead to within striking distance of the prewar Polish border, and converged on the Northern Ukraine rail bastion of Korosten, whose fall is expected soon.

The Russians killed 3,000 Germans and seized fourteen villages, including the rail station of Demekhi. This cut the Gomel-Kalinkovichi railway and highway.

General Vatutin's northern Ukraine army took Baranovka, thirty-five miles from the old Polish border.

The Russians were converging on Korosten. They were less than fifteen miles southeast of that vital rail junction on the Leningrad-Odessa line, and twenty-five miles to the northeast, where they captured Kaganovich-Khabnaya.

ON THE ITALIAN FRONT—

The Yanks have not been quite so successful as the Russians. Two German counterattacks have driven American outposts from a small area of Mount Croce north of Venafro. Bad weather immobilized most Allied forces, but the British Eighth Army gained some ground north of Atessa. They lost only one feature of the hill and firmly held other heights above Venafro.

Only minor patrol skirmishes were reported along the Eighth Army, running from the central heights of the Appennines to the Sangro (Continued On Back Page)

Stee Gee Votes To Change Social Laws

The Legislative board of the Student Government held its first meeting Thursday night, November 18, in the Day Students' Center. The Legislative board meets at least twice a year to alter old rules or laws and to make new ones.

Becky Cozart, on-campus vice-president of the Student Government Association and chairman of the Legislative board, opened the meeting.

The first action taken at the meeting was to elect a secretary for the Legislative board. Mary Lewis was elected and immediately assumed office.

The following petitions were presented:

1. Smoking (see paragraph in Handbook on designated smoking rooms). The above places will be closed from 10:30 p. m. to 7:00 a. m. except on Saturday when they will remain open. Girls may smoke in these designated places after 10:30 when taking light cuts. This does not apply to the campus living room of Alice Clewell.

2. Shopping—Students may visit neighborhood drug stores without signing out from 8:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. Students may go to neighborhood drug stores on Sunday between the hours of 8:00 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. and 1:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m. Girls who go to the drug store on Sunday with dates must sign in and out in the office of the dean of residence.

These two social regulations became rules by the unanimous vote of the board.

3. A student, in order to be eligible for a principal office must have an average of C for the previous semester. She must maintain at least this average or forfeit the office.

This third petition involves a change in the constitution and consequently must be passed on by the student body after a two-thirds majority vote of the board.

MISS ETHYLENE SAMPLY CHALLENGES STUDENTS

Miss Ethylene Samply, Director of Christian Education at the Centenary Methodist Church spoke at Assembly on Thursday, November 18. Miss Samply, who has had extensive University connections with Georgian and Northern Universities, opened her talk by saying that she had chosen the future, our future, as her subject. He asked several questions that are intensely pertinent to our future roles in life. Are we, as representatives of youth, the hope of the world? Are we intellectually aware of our responsibilities in the future solving of the problems of races, hungry peoples, the tragedies of the world? Are we physically able to face these problems? Are we spiritually awake and emotionally mature for building the new world?

Jesus Christ, "The Light of the World," is our help and sustaining force. We may make this light shine more brightly in our lives by thinking of the Light as a Torch, the strength of flame that causes people to give themselves to a purpose. We must have that flame. We may think of the Light as an acetylene torch, a blue-white flame that stands against the elements to cut or weld; so we must have this flame to cut through great bonds of problems and to weld together the right forces to make a strong, democratic world. Do we have the strength of flame in our hearts to accomplish our purpose? Are we the hope of the world?

WAR CORRESPONDENT LECTURES HERE TUESDAY



FRESHMAN CLASS LEADS IN ENDOWMENT RETURNS

In the report of percentage results, announced in Assembly Thursday, November 18, the freshman class was leading the student body with 91% of its members pledging to the Endowment Fund. Other class percentages were: Senior class, 82%; Junior class, 67%; Sophomore class, 83%, and Business department, 67.5%, bringing the student body average to about 80%. Faculty report has not yet been announced.

The Endowment Campaign for \$500,000 authorized by the Board of Trustees for Salem Academy and College is now under way. Mr. David Weinland, associate to the President, returned today from trips to Atlanta, Ga.; Greenville, S. C., and High Point, N. C., where he visited this week developing the Alumnae Campaign which will begin in February, 1944.

The Endowment Campaign Plan, under professional direction, is in four phases as follows: (1) Special Gifts for which some 250 prospects with larger means have been interviewed by 36 of the leading business men of Winston-Salem. The goal set for this phase is \$350,000; (2) The Campus Effort, now in active solicitation in which the student bodies and faculties of Salem Academy and College are to subscribe; (3) The Winston-Salem Effort to be made during December, 1943 and January, 1944; (4) The Alumnae Campaign is set for February-March, 1944.

The Endowment Fund payments are to be made between December 1, 1943, and November 30, 1945. The fund is purely endowment designed:

- To meet the academic requirements of the leading American accrediting agencies, thereby bringing to a higher level the general standing of the institution.
- To endow for Salem Academy and College Library with a sufficient maintenance fund to assure its maximum usefulness.
- To establish and maintain certain chairs in major departments of the College, giving to these chairs, whenever appropriate and desirable, the names of persons who have been prominently connected with the institution.
- To establish a sound Retirement Plan under which members of the Administration, Faculty, and Staff may be assured a measure of social security.

HOUSE PRESIDENTS ELECTED FOR YEAR

In a close election November 17, Hazel Watts '45 was elected president of Strong Dormitory for 1943-44 over Virginia MacIver. Emily Harris '45 defeated Elizabeth Beckwith for that office in the Sisters' House. Sub-officers of the two houses will be announced later.

Ira Wolfert, Pulitzer Prize winning war correspondent in the Solomons for the North American Newspaper Alliance, will speak here at Memorial Hall, Tuesday night, November 23, at 8:00 o'clock. His subject will be: How Long Will it Take us to Defeat Japan?

Ira Wolfert is not only a famed war correspondent. He is the author of several books, including "Battle for the Solomons," "Torpedo 8," dealing with the Pacific war, and a novel titled, "Tuckers People," concerning the notorious numbers lottery in New York. He gathered this material while covering the Hines policy racket trials. His best books are, of course, those about war in the South Pacific where he distinguished himself as an eyewitness reporter of one major battle after another.

"I saw our navy sink sixteen Japanese warships in two days during the great November 13-15 battle off Guadalcanal, and I was excited," says Wolfert. "My friends back home refrained from being impressed. They could not see what was so important about sinking sixteen Japanese ships when we had lost six hundred merchant ships in the Atlantic. It never occurred to them that sinking these sixteen warships immobilized hundreds of convoys for the time and that it may be years before Japan can possibly replace them."

Wolfert will describe the magnificent performance of Uncle Sam's fighting airmen in these operations. He declares that, according to the Navy's confirmed reports, no fewer than eight hundred and eighty Japanese planes were destroyed in aerial combat or on the ground in the Solomons engagement alone.

Ira Wolfert cites the Battle of Guadalcanal as being indirectly responsible for the later triumph now recorded in history as the Battle of the Bismark Sea. This battle was fought more than eight-hundred miles from Guadalcanal and was not participated in by Guadalcanal forces. Yet that great victory by United States forces, according to Wolfert, was founded on the success at Guadalcanal. He explains this paradox—apparent at first sight—by asserting that because Tojo's warships were destroyed in the Solomons the Japanese were unable to send urgently needed reinforcements and supplies to the Bismark Sea engagement.

The 33 year old author of "Battle of the Solomons" who began his newspaper career at 15 will tell his audience why he believes that the war in the South Pacific has been, and must remain pre-eminently a sea and not an air campaign. Fighting aircraft, he contends, is a vital auxiliary force, but when Japan finally capitulates to combined allied assault, first laurels will go to the United States and British Navies.

GINGHAM TAVERN REOPENS SATURDAY

The first re-opening of the Gingham Tavern, prodigy of the Home Economics Club, will be held in the basement smokehouse of Clewell from eight o'clock until ten-thirty Saturday night.

The floor show, under the direction of Mary Alice Neilson, will begin at nine. Snookie Willis and Sarah Merritt are "overseers" for this re-opening.

Academy and college girl and dates are invited.