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Fisher, Soprano; Gundry, Violinist; To Present Concert Monday Night

Susanne Fisher and Roland Gundry will appear in a joint concert at Reynolds Memorial Auditorium, Monday evening, December 13, at 8:30 P. M. This concert is the second of the Civic Music series.

Miss Fisher, one of the most important young American prima donnas at the Metropolitan Opera house, has a lovely fresh soprano voice.

Mr. Gundry is a virtuoso violinist of international renown and is acclaimed by critics as a second Heifetz or Menuhin. Everywhere he has played, his fine musicianship and his attractive stage personality have made a profound impression.

She began her musical training at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, after which she was awarded a three year fellowship by the Juilliard School of Music. For further coaching she went to Europe where she began her operatic career. She appeared with exceptional success at a number of leading European opera houses. It was while she was singing at the Opera Comique in Paris that Edward Johnson heard her and engaged her for the Metropolitan. She made her New York debut December 2, 1936, as "Madame Butterfly."

A native of Paris, though of American parents, Mr. Gundry began his musical studies with his father in California. When he was nine years old, young Gundry's extraordinary talent led to his being taken back to Paris as the pupil of one of the most celebrated French violin teachers, Jean Galamian. In 1935, at the age of twelve, he made his first public appearance in the Salle-Gaveau. After nearly three successful years of European concerts, both as a recitalist and as a soloist with symphony orchestras, Roland Gundry returned to the United States. He made his American debut in New York City's Town Hall on December 22, 1937. Literally overnight, he found a conspicuous place in the front rank of the younger violinists.

Since then, he has taken five concert tours of this country. When he climaxed his 1941-42 season with an appearance with the New York Symphony Orchestra, the New York Times noted that he displayed "poise, technical security, and finely-spun, commanding tone" and that "the audience recalled him to the stage six times to acknowledge its applause."



WEEK'S NEWS IN REVIEW

ON THE TURKISH FRONT:

The tension was high at the beginning of the week. Headlines blasted the news: Turkey Militarizes the entire Dardanelles. This warlike move was climaxed by a shift of Turkey's government into the Allied camp—as a non-belligerent.

ON THE ITALIAN FRONT:

At the beginning of the week things were still moving very slowly along the Italian front. Anglo-American troops drove down the western and northern slopes of the Camino-Maggiore Mountain peaks Tuesday in the final stage of a six-day battle.

The beaten Germans set up a more than makeshift line at the foot of the slope to stop the British-American advance, an advance that left the Allies only one mile and a half from Via Casilina, ancient gateway to Rome.

The latest reports seeping from Italy indicate that Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army is battling the Germans, who have their backs to the upper Garigliano River, desperately.

The Nazis are now waging a desperate battle to hold the Adriatic end of the line.

ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT:

On Tuesday, the Reds poured war tools and troops across the middle of the Dneiper to counter-intense German pressure on the race of the Kiev salient. This position had forced the Russians from several positions along the Zhitomir-Korosten railroad earlier in the war.

Simultaneously, the Russians admitted withdrawals around Chernyakhov, adding that other German attacks had been repulsed.

Latest communiques indicate Nazi attacks west of the Kiev establishment. General Vatutin's army hurled its strength, its tanks, and its whole geared-up war machine against the Nazis to stop them with a strategic blow.

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WHAT, WHEN, WHERE

WHAT: Christmas banquet.

WHEN: 6:15 Saturday.

WHERE: Corrin Refectory.

WHAT: Senior Vespers

WHEN: 7:00 Sunday night.

WHERE: Memorial Hall

WHAT: Civic Music Concert

WHEN: 8:30 Monday night

WHERE: Reynolds Auditorium

WHAT: Reading of Christmas story

WHEN: 10:20 Tuesday

WHERE: Assembly

MISS HIXSON SPEAKS TO SENIORS

Miss Ivy Hixson, Academic Dean, spoke to the seniors Friday, December the third, in the living room of Bitting Dormitory. In explaining the duties of the Academic Dean, Miss Hixson said that she was trying to get a complete record of every student including high school records, recommendations, placement tests, extra curricula activities, and health. She said that she was to act as a supplementary aid to the advisors. Miss Hixson then explained the new merit system that has gone into effect within the last four years and gave information on possible graduate work and positions after graduation.

Salem to Play Santa to 67

Salem girls will "play Santa Claus" to a total of sixty-seven children of the Memorial Industrial School, a Winston-Salem negro orphanage.

Hearing of the destitute conditions at the orphanage from sociology students who visited it on a field trip, the YWCA took it for its Christmas project. Girls volunteered separately or in groups to supply the children, whose ages range from four to fifteen, with needed pieces of clothing and toys.

All gifts are to be placed in the "Y" room by Sunday morning wrapped separately and marked with the name of the child. The contents of the package is to be written in pencil on the outside.

The Student Government, I. R. S., the "Y" Cabinet, Home Economics Club, and the Athletic Association are donating money to buy food for a Christmas party, at which the gifts will be distributed.

Helen Robbins, Frances Jones, and Elizabeth Willis, members of the "Y" Cabinet, made up the committee on arrangements.

What Christmas Means to Me...

By Prue Coyte

When I hear the Word Christmas it brings to my mind a swarm of pictures and memories. On Christmas eve I see a little girl prancing excitedly around a Christmas tree, falling over boxes and breaking decorations. The next morning I see the same little girl waking up at 5:30, opening her stocking and waking the whole family with shouts of glee. I see holly and mistletoe hanging in the hall, and the little Santa Clauses my mother always put on the mantelpiece. I remember the scramble to get the Christmas pudding on the table before the flames went out, singing Christmas carols around a roaring fire and eating roast chestnuts smothered with butter and salt.

On one especially icy Christmas, I remember my father sliding gracefully down the garden path, accompanied by shouts of laughter from his disrespectful daughter.

Christmas means presents, twinkling lights, the smell of the tree, the turkey, the cracker pulling, and the crazy paper hats.

These little things coupled with the fact that it is the birthday of Christ and the season of peace and goodwill are what Christmas means to me, in spite of the fears and horrors of war throughout the world.

Banquet; Senior Vespers; Caroling Give Christmas Spirit to Campus

Although the last days before Christmas vacation seem a mad rush of finishing parallel books, term papers and Christmas shopping, there are a few traditions which hold for Salem girls the Christmas spirit.

One is the formal Christmas banquet to be held Saturday night, in honor of the seniors. The beautiful dresses, the lighted tree, and Santa Claus wake us all up to the fact that Christmas is here again.

The loveliest event of Christmas on Salem campus is Christmas Vespers, which takes place Sunday night at seven o'clock in Memorial Hall. Dr. Rondthaler impressively reads the Christmas story, and toward the end of the service the seniors, with their sophomore pages,

Mrs. Williams Resigns



Mrs. Hannah Williams, director of dramatics, resigns after six years at Salem to take a position in war work. (See editorial, page 2).

Club Sings in German For Annual Program

The German Club presented a program of Christmas carols in assembly on Tuesday.

Thirty members of the club, wearing white vestments, took part on the program which was arranged by Barbara Weir, president. Margery Craig accompanied on the organ.

The following songs were included: "O Du Fröhliche," "Still, Still, Still," by the entire group; "Joseph, Lieber Joseph Mein," solo by Jane Frazier, "Ihr Kinderlein, Kommet" and "O Tannenbaum," by the group. "An der Krippe zu Bethlehem," solo by Ella Lou Taylor; and "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," by the group.

The audience and senior class then sang antiphonally the traditional Moravian Christmas hymn, "Morning Star."

Two Music Groups Perform in Assembly

The Christmas spirit was present in Assembly on Thursday, December 9th, when the Choral Ensemble and the String Quartet presented a musical program.

The String Quartet, made up of the pupils of Miss Hazel Horton Read, included Elizabeth Swinson, playing first violin, Eloise Hege, second violin, Skippy Pfanzleih, viola, Eugenia Shore, cello. The selections played were "Chorale" by Bach; first movement of the Haydn Quartet opus 54, No. 4 in G major; "Canjoretta" from Quartet in 7 flat major, opus 12, by Mendelssohn.

The Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Bair, sang the following selections: "Peace," "Prayer of the Norwegian Child," "What Can This Mean?" an original Christmas Carol composed by Broadus Staley, former Salem student, and dedicated to the Choral Ensemble; and excerpts from the "Christmas Cantata" by Bach.

Miss Elizabeth Johnston accompanied at the piano, and Margery Craig accompanied at the organ.

Students Reject Proposed Bill

The proposed amendment to the constitution requiring the maintenance of a C average by all major officers on the campus was defeated by the student body in the ballot held on Tuesday, December 7.

This bill had been approved by the legislature but after a discussion in assembly it did not get the necessary two-thirds majority to pass.

"The bill will not be brought up again this semester, though it may possibly be re-introduced during the spring semester," stated Becky Cozart, Vice-President of the Student Government.

Supervisors Get Instructions

A supervisor's course in surgical dressings was given to the persons selected to act as supervisors in the Surgical Dressings Room of the College Branch of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the ARC by Mrs. Fred O'Brian, instructor for the local chapter, on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Tom Follin, chairman of the local Surgical Dressings Committee, was also present.

The course was given in the Red Cross Room in the basement of Alice Clewell Building. The future supervisors were taught how to make 2x2 surgical sponges, how to inspect, pack, and tie them in bundles of 25 each. It was particularly impressed upon the minds of all those present that the lives of some wounded soldiers depend on their accurate count in packing the bundles. A surgeon in an army field hospital may not have a nurse assistant to count the sponges as they are placed into an incision and as they are taken from the incision at the close of the operation. Therefore, he is assuming that each package contains 25 sponges, no more and no less. When he has removed 25 from the incision, no one will know that there were perhaps 26 sponges in the package and one has been left inside the wounded soldier. The surgeon closes the incision with the 26th sponge still inside. The soldier is sure to have some complications set in even though the sponge is sterilized, and the soldier may even die through the carelessness of some person who failed to put the right number of sponges in the package. Consequently, each bundle packed must be checked and double-checked as number before it is tied. The need for a tremendous number of sponges was also stressed, as the armed forces use from one to four million daily.

Those who will act as supervisors when the College Branch opens its room in January are: Mrs. H. E. Rondthaler, chairman of Surgical Dressings Committee, Mrs. Mary Streit, Mrs. Florence Martin, Miss Betty Barbour of Salem Academy; Mrs. David Weinland, Miss Jess Byrd, Miss Brona Nifong, V. V. Garth, Aileen Seville, Virginia Mc-

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MISS BYRD TALKS TO NEW STUDENTS

In connection with a survey of freshman reading and in hopes of arousing interest in new editions of old books, Miss Byrd spoke to the new students on Tuesday in the Old Chapel.

A list of 78 books which should have been read before entering college was presented to the students. This basic list was assembled from the College Board Examination list, the various lists of librarians, the College English Association list, and from Miss Byrd's own preference. Each freshman checked the books she had read and handed in a total number. The results of the survey will be announced later.