

A PLEA FOR BEAUTY'S SAKE

Just suppose that you were a little blade of grass. Could you spring up and grow if there were always big, heavy feet being thrust into your face?

Now that spring has given a feeble sign that she is on her way, more of us are taking walks out-of-doors. In addition to these walks, an excursion to the post-office and drug store is usually taken by the Salemites at least once a day. With all this traffic across Salem Square, there's little hope for a beautiful green lawn this spring—unless we keep firmly in mind the blunt order—"Keep Off the Grass".

Signs have been put up; recently a new walk has been constructed. This path provides the shortest and most direct route to the post-office, unless the whole of Salem Square should be paved. No matter how busy or how hurried you are, you should remember to use these walks. Incidentally, if you who drive to college would park your cars so as not to block the lane, it would perhaps encourage us pedestrians to use it more.

Salem College is noted for its beauty, but it will not be so beautiful, if we have only a bleak, brown campus this spring. Just remember that that defenseless little blade of grass is no match for your no. 10's.

LIBRARY CONTEST

Someone has said that a man has no friend like a good book. A book is one friend that is always waiting and is always the same. It represents the "revelation of an author's soul", for through a book the reader is introduced to a new personality whose problems and means of solving them strangely resemble the reader's own. Through books we see the world as it was and is and even as it may be in the future.

There are many different kinds of books, all with uses of their own. Bacon said that some books are to be tasted, some to be chewed, and others to be digested. The well-read person's diet should include some books of each of these types.

Much can be said in favor of having personal libraries. It is true that institutions and organizations now have library collections much larger than the average individual could ever hope to have, but this should not discourage the small book collector. A book that has been read and liked is an old friend—he's good to have around because you might want to talk with him again sometime. A new book on your shelf is a mystery—someone to look forward to meeting when you are bored or have the time. As long as you are surrounded by books, you can never be lonely.

The Salem library is sponsoring again this year a personal library contest. Freshmen and sophomores may enter the contest by submitting a list of no more than thirty books which they would like to own. Juniors and Seniors may enter their own libraries, not to contain more than thirty books. Prizes of money for books will be given to the winners of the contest.

Salem students have been accused of lack of interest in reading. This is our chance to show the interest that we do have. For details about the contest, see the article on the front page.

Don't Quote Me... But--

Heh, heh . . . 40 to 11 . . . Yes mam, we are now avenged!! Think hard, oh Defeated Ones, we expect an excuse. Tsk, tsk . . . it was such a pitiful pushover, too . . . we still hear you talking, Mr. Curlee—with such "mortals" like you no wonder we are sceptics.

Now admit it, children amid all the shouting and cheering didn't you still miss someone? Didn't you have that feeling that all was not right? . . . of course . . . Mr. Holder wasn't there . . . And did you know that at the half he was going to croon to you . . . but alas, alack— Mr. Holder caught a "flujerm" . . . but he can say it must better than we, thus the following was his written excuse to his fellow sufferers . . . quote:

A Letter Edged in Black  
Franky Kroons and Tommy Kroons  
But Tommys gotta flujerm.  
Student saw fluejerm too.  
Didn't you?  
Yes!

My heart tells me I will croon again;  
I'll be back to teach you history soon again.  
I know just what you are saying.  
"We'd prefer that he would still at home be staying."  
My heart tells me Salem prófs will win;  
Stars like Mac and Roy J. will shine again.  
Though we've lost our Killer Kenyon to the Navy,  
Still, it's gravy to beat you.  
(Would I believe it if we do!)

Tommysinatra Holder

unquote . . .

While we are about it we may as well lower our heads in humble apologies . . . it so happens that Mr. Holder Has got a picture of S. K.—F.S. . . . and it is autographed, and it Does say "To Tom, my double" . . . and we Still think somebody is trying to be funny . . . but, until we know definitely, we beg your forgiveness on bended knee — But . . . if we ever find out . . . Oh, Brother ! ! !

Such weather as this is fit for the gods . . . and isn't it wonderful being in March again—everybody's hair look awful . . . have you noticed that the willow leaves are almost out and the maples are turning dark red? . . . we tell you it's spring. . . .

It's getting to be a rather touchy subject—about what goes on up on the third floor of south . . . Mrs. Marks is sick. Oh, woe . . . what have we done? . . . Fate . . . yes—third floor South is fated . . . At least Lady Fate permitted us to have a grand substitute . . . Miss Wheeler from the Academy has kindly excepted our classes . . . inspite of that we miss you something awful, Mrs. Marks . . . so get well . . . and don't forget to come back . . .

Do you realize that this whole year we haven't so much as mentioned Duqy's Tavern? . . .

At this point—after having written approximately 5000 words today—it behooves us to think that we have nothing more to say, one usually stops . . . but, lo, if we stopped now there would most certainly be a gap between D. Q. M. B.—and "Le Coin Francais" which would indeed be unfortunate . . . because, just as Mr. Cashon said, this rag should come out on Sunday with funny papers. . . .

What happened to Dr. Mae and his "bowery-ball specialty shirt"—he and Mrs. Mae were the first two enthusiastic promoters of the whole situation? . . . and Mr. Owens didn't show up either . . .

We are sorry to report that Miss Siewers caught a "flujerm" too . . . but we hear that she is feeling much better now . . . hurry and get well, Miss Siewers, we miss you . . .

And Miss Stockton has the measles . . . from the last reports she too, was feeling better . . . Gertrude has been carrying on in true dietetical fashion—nevertheless, Gertrude, we know you don't mind our wanting Miss Stockton back . . . so make it real soon, Miss Stockton . . .

While we are in the We-Hope-Yop-Get-Better-Soon-Department we may as well wish the same to all of our elders who so gaily participated in helping build the new in-doors swimming pool . . .

Now we shall draw our remarks to a conclusion . . . ppffff . . . full well we know that they were concluded long before they were ever started . . . Our high and mighty spirits have certainly fallen from the rafters—thus, completely crushed and uninspired we take a fond leave of you in hopes that this week will be one of reluctance. . . . (y a w n) . . . hummmmmmm . . . nite . . . zzzzzzzzzzzZZZZ

Le Coin Francais

"Joignez les 'WAVES'"—c'était le thème de notre professeur de français de l'année pasée, Lt. Downs, quand it a rendu une courte visite à Salem la semaine précédente. Nous étions très heureuses de le voir et très tristes de ne pas voir Madame Downs aussi.

Nous nous rendons compte de l'importance des "WAVES" et espérons que toutes les jeunes filles qui ont vingt ans penseront sérieusement à joindre les "WAVES" des Etats-Unis. Notre patrie, que nous aimons très chèrement, est en danger; elle demande aux jeunes filles de rendre des services en remplaçant les hommes dont elle a besoin sur la mer.

Réfléchissez—l'Amérique a besoin de vous! Joignez!

Apuntes Espanoles

CANTOS DE PAJARO

Tengo yo un pajarillo  
Que el día pasa  
Cantando entre las flores  
De mi ventana;  
Yun canto alegre  
A todo pasajero  
Dedica siempre  
Tiene mi pajarillo  
Siempre armonías  
Para alegrar el alma  
Del que camina . . .  
I Oh cielo santo,  
Por qué no harán los hombres  
Lo que los pájaros!  
Cuando mi pajarillo  
Cantos entona,  
Pasajeros ingratos  
Cantos le arrojan:  
Mas no por eso  
Niega sus armonías  
Al pasajero.  
Tiende las leves alas,  
Cruza las nubes  
Y canta junto al cielo  
Con uoz más dulce:  
"Paz á los hombres  
Y gloria al que en la altura  
Rige los orbes!"  
Y yo sigo el ejemplo  
Del aue mansa  
Que canta entre las flores  
De mi ventana,  
Porgue es sabido  
Que poetas y pájaros  
Somos lo mismo.  
Antonio de Trueba

KEEP ON . . . . .  
Backing the Attack!  
WITH WAR BONDS  
. . . . .

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