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## T. L. Thomas Will Sing Thursday, October 19



THOMAS L. THOMAS, BARITONE

The opening concert of the Winston-Salem Civic Music Series was postponed until Thursday night, October 19, due to the illness of Thomas L. Thomas, youngest baritone principal of the Metropolitan Opera. Mr. Thomas was to have sung last Thursday night, October 12, but contracted a cold and was unable to appear.

Mr. Thomas has made appearances as soloist with many major orchestras, among them being the New York Philharmonic Symphony, and may be heard regularly on the radio program, Manhattan Merry-Go-Round.

Other concerts scheduled for this season are as follows: Patrice Munsel, coloratura soprano, November 3; Simon Barere, pianist, January 9; New York City Opera Company in "The Gypsy Baron," February 14; Joseph Szigeti, violinist, March 9; and the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, March 24.

## Dean Vardell Improvises

"Anyone can improvise; in time it gets to be as natural a reflex as talking," modestly stated Dean Vardell at Assembly Tuesday. His annual hour of organ improvisation has become a much-anticipated Salem tradition.

An announcement by Dr. Rondthaler, reminding students to keep off the grass, prompted Dean Vardell to play as his first improvisation a march, entitled "Keep off the Grass." It appropriately illustrated two second intervals for "corner cutting."

He explained the use of a device peculiarly for "lazy organists." This was followed by "Adventures with a Pedal" and "Adventures with a Note." In the first, one pedal was sustained, and in the second, one keyboard note.

He played "something without a name" and a very dissonant composition in the "modern vein." Next was "a dance of some sort or other," a light, vivacious number.

Dean Vardell ended his improvisations by enlarging upon a theme suggested by members of the senior class, who supplied a series of seven notes. The "lugubrious" melody ended in a snappy march tempo, giving a final zest to the entire program.

## Mrs. Lyman To Be Guest

### Dean of Sweet Briar To Speak on Honors Day

Mrs. Mary Ely Lyman, author, scholar, and beloved dean of Sweet Briar College, will be guest speaker in assembly on "Honors Day", Thursday, October 19.

Miss Ivy Hixon will read the list of students who made Class Honors last year, and the Dean's list of the second semester. Class Honors are awarded to any student maintaining, for one year, a high standard of scholarship. This list is approved by a vote of the faculty. The students on the Dean's List have made an average of B plus or higher.

Mrs. Lyman is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and has studied at Union Theological Seminary. She has her B. D. and Ph. degrees and has taught religion at Vassar and at Union Theological Seminary. She has written several books on religious topics and is a woman of high intellectual attainment. For the past several years she has been Academic Dean at Sweet Briar College.

Mrs. Lyman is a personal friend of both Miss Katherine Bonney and Miss Lelia Graham Marsh here at Salem. Miss Bonney is one of Mrs. Lyman's former pupils.

## Freshmen Will Have Overnight

"Freshmen are permitted to have one overnight absence before mid-semester grades are available. Then if passing their work they may have three overnight absences the first semester, and five overnight absences the second. Freshmen with a C plus average may have seven overnight absences second semester."

The above measure was passed unanimously by the Legislative Board of Student Government at a call meeting held last night in the Day Student Center. At the meeting the group elected Wink Wall to be secretary of the Board for the year.

## Deadline Dashes

### MRS. HOLDER AND LIBBY, JR. RETURN HOME

Mrs. Edward M. Holder and her little daughter, Elizabeth Jerome Holder, Jr. returned to their home at 830 South Main Street from the hospital Wednesday, October 11. They expect to remain there until the first of November, when they will return to Greensboro.

Mrs. Holder says she thinks her daughter will be a musician when she grows up, for she has a very good set of lungs. She's starting out with the boys young, too, for at the ripe old age of three days she received her first corsage from three young men ages two, four, and seven years, respectively.

### SPANISH CLUB

The first meeting of the Spanish Club will be held Wednesday night, October 18, in the recreation room of Biting Dormitory, at 7:00. All old members are urged to be present.

This is a special invitation to all new Spanish students and also to all students who do not take Spanish but are interested.

### SECRETARIAL CLASS PLANS PICNIC

Members of the Secretarial Class are making plans for a picnic tonight at Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler's home in Clemmons. Highlights of the evening will be a square dance and a hay ride.

### HOME EC CLUB INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS

Twenty new members were installed at the year's first meeting of the Home Economics Club, Tuesday night in the Lizora Fortune Hanes Building. About fifty old and new girls attended.

### DR. MORGAN

Dr. F. Crosley Morgan, who is conducting a series of Bible lectures at the Home Church next week, will be sponsored by the Salem Y. W. C. A. for his lecture on Tuesday night, October 17. All Salem girls are especially urged to attend on that night.

## Dr. Confer Likes Salem's Traditions

By Senora Lindsay

"History in theory touches all fields of study since it is the record of all man has done and thought," says Dr. Carl V. Confer, the new associate professor of history at Salem, in expressing his opinion of the importance of history in our curriculum.

Following up his boyhood interests which had a tendency towards the paths of history, Dr. Confer attended the Universities of De Pauw and Pennsylvania and received his M. A. degrees in that subject. He has narrowed down this vast field somewhat and directed his talents particularly to the study of French social and colonial history.

In order to acquire first hand knowledge of the field, Dr. Confer spent six months in France and England as a Harrison Fellow in history from the University of Pennsylvania. In France he applied himself to research in archives and interviewing French contemporaries of Marshal Lyautey, a French empire builder, whose biography he hopes to write. At the present Dr.



DR. CARL V. CONFER

Confer is preparing for publication an article, "Ras-el-Ren: A Study of Conflicts in Imperialism."

His time abroad, however, was not spent entirely in research, for

## Traveling "Y" Leader To Talk For WSSF

### Slants on News

By Hazel Watts

The news from France is that Aachen, the famous town where many Teutonic kinds were crowned, is almost surrounded. Hitler has ordered his German troops to fight "to the last man." The Allies have decided that Aachen shall be completely destroyed unless the Germans surrender. The main assault is expected to begin immediately.

While fierce fighting in Italy continues, the British are sending more troops into Greece. The Germans have withdrawn from some of their positions but are resisting stubbornly in other sectors. It looks now as though there is a possibility of the whole of Greece being liberated by the first of November.

The Russians are using a two pronged drive: the upper prong has thrust into the Baltic states of Latvia and Lithuania and the lower prong is nearing Greece. The Russians are now only fourteen miles from the great port of Memel and they are pushing hard to cut off the Germans there.

In the Pacific the Navy is living up to its tradition of hitting its target. The Third Fleet struck at enemy positions in the Marcus Islands and Admiral Nimitz led a surprise raid on the Ryukyu Islands south of Japan. The air forces, meanwhile, bombed Zamboanga, Mindanao in the Philippines.

The political circus continued this week when Dewey accused the President of accepting the support of Communists in a biting speech delivered at Charleston, West Virginia. President Roosevelt answered his opponent in an address to Democratic party workers with a statement to the effect that he was not being supported by the Communists. He also said that he still favored private enterprise. During the coming week both candidates are expected to speak of foreign affairs.

The serviceman all over the world is voting. Ballots have top priority over all mail. Men are filling out their ballots while they wait at their battle stations, as they move in on landing barges to establish beach heads, and as they patrol the wide waters of the Pacific. There is no way of knowing how the voting is going but according to unofficial reports the President seems to be leading.

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MISS ALICIA COFFIN

Launching the World Student Service Fund Drive at Salem this fall, Miss Alicia Coffin, traveling secretary for the W. S. S. F., will speak in Assembly on Tuesday, October 17th. "Snookie" Willis, chairman of the drive, which is under the sponsorship of the Y. W. C. A., has announced that Salem's goal for 1944-45 is \$500. The national goal for this year is \$500,000.

Miss Coffin will discuss the work of the W. S. S. F., a world organization for aid to college students and for the fostering of international understanding. The organization, which has headquarters in Switzerland, is at the present actively concerned with aid to Chinese students, European prisoners of war, military internees, and students throughout the world who have been uprooted by the war. In addition to furnishing books, study materials and scholarship aid and establishing student rehabilitation centers and student exchanges, the organization also provides supplemental material as food, clothing, housing, and medical relief.

## Mauzé Tells Of Rich Man

Dr. George Mauzé, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, presented the story of "The Rich Young Ruler," at assembly Thursday morning.

Dr. Mauzé based his words on the text found in Matthew 19, verses 16 through 22. He told in the first person of the reminiscence of his youth by an old man. Although endowed with every worldly desire, the man was always taunted by a sense of uncertainty and of life's mystery. Once, in the marketplace, he heard a young Galilean speak of the Kingdom of Righteousness. He determined to know more of this prophet, and seeing Him one morning with His followers, he ran in pursuit.

The Master told the young ruler to go sell his riches and give to the poor and then to come follow Him. He told also of the cross which awaited Him in Jerusalem. Lacking courage, the young man could not forsake his life of pleasures but turned away, never to see Jesus again.

Now an old man, the rich ruler was still unsatisfied and groping for a meaning to life. He was "a man without a leader."

Dr. Mauzé concluded his enlightening story with a prayer that we may accept the challenge and follow the Master.