

Miss Vardell Is Salem's New Claim To Fame

On October 17, the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of George K. Raudenbush, will perform a tone poem by a talented young American, North Carolinian, and ex-Salemite. The composition, "Song for a Peaceful Valley"; the composer, Margaret Vardell.

In the Salem College Library is a print of Vincent Van Gogh's "Landscape Near Auvers." It was this painting that gave Margaret the "idea" for her tone poem. She says that it helped her to express "things that I had been thinking about." "It is not exactly the inspiration for my composition," she adds; "I merely tried to express the same idea in a different medium."

Margaret has two qualities that will make her great. She has inherited a famous father's talent and a charming mother's personality. Listening to her organ or piano concerts proves her talent; meeting her proves her possession of an unaffected, gracious personality.

"I have a weakness for raw oysters and Italian food," confesses the sparkling eyed brunette, "and my peculiarity is writing letters in double-talk (so my friends say). My hobby is composing."

"Your hobby?" asks the interviewer.

"Yes," she replies, "it certainly isn't a living!"

Ump! — Unh-unh — Hmm? But Margaret has her "living" well-planned. She has been appointed a teacher of theory at Oberlin Conservatory of Music. It is while en route there that she will go to Harrisburg to hear her composition performed next week.

The youthful composer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles G. Vardell graduated from Salem in 1942 with a Bachelor of Music degree and received college honors. She then studied at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N. Y., and received her Master of Music degree there in June of this year. "Song for a Peaceful Valley" was written as her thesis and was first performed by the Rochester Civic Orchestra.

Margaret's example sets a high goal of achievement for aspiring musicians, and it is with genuine pride that Salem points to one of its most extraordinary alumnae—Margaret Vardell, composer and musician.



MARGARET VARDELL, COMPOSER . . .

Mrs. Wilson Speaks To The Pierrettes

Mrs. Russell Wilson, the new faculty adviser of the Pierrettes, spoke to the club Monday night on "Having Fun in Dramatics." She emphasized the fact that, although dramatics is fun, there is still a great deal of work connected with it. No girl should enter this activity with the idea of having all the fun and doing no work.

Mrs. Wilson mentioned several ways in which girls should try to improve, if they are to reap the full benefit of activity in dramatics. First of all, a cheerful and co-operative attitude is essential, even more so than obedience to all the rules. Every girl should watch her posture, keep herself well-groomed, and be careful of her personal appearance generally; because each one is pointed out to and imitated by others. A

pleasing personality helps in gaining self-confidence and impressing others favorably. So far as actual ability is concerned, Mrs. Wilson said, talent in acting is not most important; the abilities to co-operate with fellow workers and to take criticism without giving alibis have more value.

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WHAM!!! That noise was the banging success of Mr. Weinland's panel discussion at vespers last Sunday night. His informative speech brought out things that we had never thought about particularly. The value of our psychology courses dawned upon us in the attempt to understand the returning service man with his changed views and problems. Suddenly we realized that we were adults with a major problem pressing upon us. Mr. Weinland, if for no other reason than provoking argument, would take the opposite side of an issue under discussion. If you were unlucky enough to miss this service, don't miss the next one. Rachel promises us more panel discussions—and soon.

This coming Sunday night Dr. Anscombe will speak. As one Salemite so aptly expressed it, "He's the type of preacher that Americans need, because he preaches real religion."

Many of us get tired of sitting at school trying to get an education while others our age are replacing men for active service or taking nurses' training. Would you like to know what you and I can do?

If you are interested in Girl Scout work, see Joanne Swasey. If you enjoy playing with and entertain-

Tennis Play-Offs Have Begun

The first round of the Salem Fall Tennis singles tournament was to have been finished by Thursday, October 12, but bad weather and wet courts prevented its completion. The winners and tallies of the matches played are as follows: Feuchtenberger over Walton (6-3, 7-5), D. Little over Shield (6-4, 6-1), Wooten over Stack (6-2, 7-5), Hellsabeck over Meiklejohn (6-4, 6-10), and Byrd over Blum by a default. The Halmatches have been postponed.

The second round must be completed by October 16, the semifinals by October 19, and the finals will be played October 20 and 21.

Mr. Weinland is offering an excellent pre-war tennis racket to the winner of the tournament.

ing children, see Nancy Moss, who is in charge of all girls working in the Day Nursery. Since four to million bandages are needed daily on the battle fields, you could make time to help roll bandages in the Red Cross Room. Do give some time to at least one of these so called "War Activities," and above all let's be unselfish in our giving to the World Student Service Fund so that those who are willing to undergo practically any hardship in order to get an education may have the opportunity to do so.

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