

## Salem Begins Christmas Plans

### Choral Group Plans Concert

The annual Christmas program by the Salem College Choral Ensemble under the direction of Clifford Bair will be given in Memorial Hall next Monday night, December 11, at 8:30. The main feature of the program will be the cantata, "Christmas Prayer for a Nation at War", with music by Charles G. Vardell, Jr. and words by Paul Green. Dr. Vardell will be at the piano.

The concert will be a benefit performance to aid the Music in Hospitals Fund. This fund, which is sponsored by the War Service Committee of the National Federations of Music Clubs, provides records, record players, instruments, and music to be used both for entertainment and for musical therapy in hospitals overseas.

In addition to the numbers by the Choral Ensemble will be a harp solo by Hazel Newman Slawter and an organ solo by Josephine McLaughlin. The concert will close with the singing of carols.

The admission is \$.25 or one useable record.

On the following evening, December 12, the Choral Ensemble will sing Dr. Vardell's cantata in Lexington, N. C. The out-of-town program will also include selections from Handel's "Messiah" sung by Norma Rhodes, Jane Frazier, and Frances Elam.

### "Brief Music" Will Be Given By Pierrettes

The Pierrettes will present their first play of the year next week Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 8:30 in the Old Chapel.

The play is "Brief Music," by Emmet Lavery, a refreshing and dramatic comedy of character. It portrays seven girls during three years of life in a woman's college, telling of the natural affection between two of them, one of whom goes from near suicide to near genius through the domination of the other.

The girls are: "Spiff," handsome and athletic, clever without really trying, Jane Mulhollem; "Drizzle," the poet, frail and intense, Helen Robbins; "Lovey," the class beauty, Lou Stack; "Minnie," the calculating college smoothie, Bernice Bunn; "Maggie," radical and stricken with social consciousness, Coit Redfearn; "Rosey," the intellectual daughter of another intellectual, Martha Boatwright; "Jinx," who is what her nickname implies, Effie Ruth Maxwell.

Tickets for the play may be bought from members of the Pierrette Club or at the door of the dining hall after meals.

### Modern Art Prints Are On Exhibition

Prints by modern American artists, portraying in general the American scene and the American type of artistry are on exhibition in Main Hall. The exhibit will continue for three weeks.

All of the prints are realistic although some are tempered by impressionism, characterization and satire. These prints include etchings, pen and wash, and other media.

### Merry Christmas From The Salemite



### Season Opens With Cantata

Plans for Christmas celebration at Salem College are already well under way. The events, most of which are traditional, begin with a cantata by the Home Moravian Church choir Sunday, December 10 and conclude with the Senior Vespers and carolling on December 17 and 18.

#### BANQUET

The Christmas banquet and party is to be Saturday night, December 16. One of the most joyous occasions of the Salem campus is this banquet. At this time the Junior class honors the Seniors, and the rest of the college is invited. Usually there is a big Christmas tree, Santa Claus, and a serenade by the Choral Ensemble. The dining hall will be decorated with Yuletide candles and trees.

#### VESPERS

Senior Christmas Vespers will be at 6:30, December 17. This time-honored custom is for the college, academy, both faculties, and parents of the seniors. Dr. Rondthaler always reads the poem of the child who went to see the manager. Moravian bees-wax candles are lighted.

#### CAROLLING

The festivities on the campus will come to a conclusion with the Senior carolling on the last night before the holidays. The Seniors, carrying candles, will sing at many places both on the campus and off, winding up at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler.

#### CONCERT

A concert by the Choral Ensemble will be held in Memorial Hall Monday night, December 11, at 8:30. Since its organization, the Ensemble has presented its most beautiful concerts at Christmastime.

On Sunday, December 10, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the choir at the Home Moravian Church will present a cantata. During the years which Dr. Vardell has directed the choir, a cantata has been presented every second Sunday in Advent.

At 7:45 o'clock Sunday night, December 17, a pageant in the form of a series of Nativity tableaux is to be given in Fellowship Hall of the Home Church.

It is customary that Dr. Rondthaler speak in the last assembly before the holidays. This year he will talk in the assembly period on Thursday, December 14.

A pageant will be given in the Academy auditorium at 5 o'clock December 15. For many years, the academy has presented a Christmas pageant. In years past, it has consisted of a gold-framed living tableau of the Nativity.

### Mr. Siewers Speaks

Mr. Charles Siewers, a trustee of Salem College, spoke on the opportunities of his profession, life insurance, in assembly December 7.

Mr. Siewers stressed the need for women in the field of life insurance. He said "A woman can practice life insurance and still be gorgeous."

### I.R.S. Gives Formal Dance

The I. R. S. will sponsor the annual Christmas dance to be given in the gym tomorrow night. The dance will start at 8:30 and continue until 12:00. Plans had been started and almost completed for an orchestra from Oak Ridge, but the music will be provided by records, as usual, due to the previous engagement of the orchestra. During the evening there will be a figure for the members of the I. R. S. council and their dates.

The Freshman class is sponsoring a tea dance to be held on Saturday afternoon from four 'till six in the club dining room. The dress is informal and the music is being provided by records. We are expecting to see all of you at both functions.

### Mrs. E. M. Leight, Registrar, Resigns

The resignation of Mrs. Annette McNeely Leight, registrar, became effective December 1.

Mrs. Leight has been registrar for two years and was Assistant Registrar previous to that, making a total of five years with the office.

She has been connected with the registrar's office ever since she came to Salem. As a student she helped in the work and after her graduation in 1939 she was employed by the college. Up until last year when she was married to Edwin M. Leight, she worked as Miss Annette McNeely.

The Administration states that a slight change in organization will become effective in January when the present position of registrar will be named recorder.

### Early Registration Will Begin Monday

Preliminary registration for second semester will be held Monday through Wednesday, December 11-13, Miss Hixson has announced. Students will register individually with their faculty advisors. This year for the first time, freshmen will also make preliminary registration with their advisors, rather than with the Academic Dean as has been done in the past. Students are advised to make appointments with their advisors and to watch the bulletin board in Main Hall for further notice concerning preliminary registration, Miss Hixson said.

### Slants on News

Hazel Watts

The United States Third Army fought its way doggedly into the Saarlautern area (a fortress town in the Siegfried line) and took it. The Yanks met the stiffest opposition they had yet encountered. They moved on, in conjunction with other U. S. armies, to form four bridge-heads across the Saar River. The strategy of immediate consequence is that Eisenhower is trying to take the Saar Basin and its capital, Saarbrücken. The Saar Basin is one of the richest areas in the possession of Germany today. Now that the Yanks are on German soil, the Nazis are fighting to the well-known "last ditch."

While a minor insurrection takes place in Greece, the Russians move toward Austria and attempt to encircle Budapest in Hungary.

MacArthur's men on Leyte are still being slowed up by the weather, but they are advancing more than they were able to do a short time ago. The Americans and the Japanese traded air blows in an attempt to wipe out each others installations. The Americans still have air superiority as proved by the

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Among the electives of general interest which will be offered second semester are the following, listed in their respective fields. **English:** Because of the present interest in Russia, Dr. Willoughby, in her course on Modern Continental Fiction, will emphasize eastern Europe. The study will begin with Russia and move toward the west. **Art:** Modern Art, three hours; **Economics:** Financial Investments, one hour; **Romance Languages:** Contemporary French Literature; **History:** Comparative European Governments, Modern World History, and Medieval Civilization; **Home Economics:** Interior Decoration; **Psychology:** Mental Hygiene; **Religion:** Synoptic Gospels; **Biology:** Nature Study.

Additional electives will be posted on the Main Hall bulletin board.

### Composition Class Entertains Adams

J. Donald Adams, book reviewer, and the English majors and guests discussed informally, over tea cups, new books and journalism Tuesday afternoon in the Recreation room of Biting Dormitory.

For those interested in the field of journalism, Mr. Adams emphasized the importance of a liberal arts education. He believes that one can learn the technical work of journalism "on the job."