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Rev. Holder Speaks Of Free Spirit

The Reverend Ray Holder, rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, North Carolina was guest speaker and inspirational guide during Spiritual Emphasis Week just concluded.

Mr. Holder arrived on campus Monday afternoon and after dinner with some of the student leaders, he spoke informally at a social sponsored by the "Y" for the students to meet the speaker. He introduced the general theme of the evening meetings which was the Christian freedom of the spirit. Rev. Holder discussed the four freedoms which spiritual freedom can give—youth, health, motives, and Christian faith. Taking the psychological point of view, he illustrated each point with vital, practical stories.

The following night, Rev. Holder spoke of the inner conditions of man's spirit. He said that the spirit is like love, and that we should have the freedom of receiving and giving it. He spoke of two complications or preventions of the spirit which he designated as "Clouds of life" and "nerves". The clouds of life are of three types: dark rain clouds, scattered theatening clouds, and beautiful white clouds. We can meet all types of "clouds" through prayer in which we pour out ourselves to God. In connection with the second complication, "nerves," Mr. Holder pointed out that science needs religion to help solve its problems.

Wednesday Night

On Wednesday night, Rev. Holder continued his series of talks with a discussion of "Crutches" and possessiveness as hindrances to personal freedom. He illustrated how physical or spiritual and moral crutches could be dangerous as well as beneficial. Crutches may help in crises, but if overused may have an enslaving effect. Some crutches that people use are their emotions, drink, one subject to show off their knowledge, and religion. Religion may be used wrongly as a crutch for unfulfilled ambitions, a sense of guilt, moral compromises, or mental laziness. Mr. Holder condemned a spirit of possessiveness and selfishness which is an expression of possessiveness. With illustrations from current books and movies, he proved that we can never possess other free people. In fact, we can not even possess ourselves, because we belong to God. Christian faith is the exact opposite of possessiveness.

Thursday night, Mr. Holder spoke about freeing oneself of bitterness and fear, the two final preventions of spiritual freedom. Bitterness about some hurt may become a consuming emotion. The causes may even be removed without getting rid of it because of other similar causes, and the fact that the memory of it remains. The only solution is the Christian element of forgiveness. To rid ourselves of fear we must meditate conscientiously on the whole life process in the light of our immediate needs. The unknown terrifies us. We can conquer fear by faith through prayer and meditation, and bitterness by forgiveness.

After discussing the preceding preventions of freedom of the spirit, Mr. Holder concluded his series of talks Friday night by expounding the two great sources of spiritual freedom, Christian love and Christian hope. These two elements far outweigh all the combined preventions and if rightly used secure to each person Christian freedom of the spirit.

Assemblies

In the two assemblies during this emphasis week, Rev. Holder took as his theme spiritual power. On Tuesday he used an illustration of an airplane flight and stall as an indication of the predicament of the world and the spiritual impacts of

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Above is a group seen at the A. A. Masquerade Ball on February 16. From left to right are: Vidette Bass and Guy Cox, Doris Little and Bobby Kirkland, Betsy Thomas and Phillip Williams, and Maria Hicks and Bobby Tomlinson. Crowned King at the Ball was David Oden of Winston-Salem. His date was Aileen Taylor.

YWCA Reveals Plans For Annual Stunt Night

The Annual Stunt Night will be held Saturday, March 9, at 8:00 P. M. in the Old Chapel. Admission will be 35 cents, the proceeds to go to the World Students' Service Fund. Betsy Meiklejohn is in charge of Stunt Night plans.

Each class will present a skit about thirty minutes long with not more than twenty girls taking part. The prize of $5.00 will go to the class whose skit is the most original, whose properties are the most realistic, and who gives the best presentation. The judges have not been announced, but they will be representatives from the administration and the faculty.

Weinland Leads Discussion

A short talk, followed by a discussion of religious and moral problems dealing with the American student today, will be given by Rev. David E. Weinland at the February meeting of the Salem Westminster Fellowship. The meeting will be held in the Day Students' Center on Wednesday, February 27, at 7 p. m.

This discussion meeting has been planned as a follow-up for the talks and discussions of Rev. Ray Holder, speaker on the campus for the past week. The Westminster Fellowship has extended an invitation to all girls, regardless of denomination, to ask this opportunity to discuss ideas concerning religious outlook.

Recently the Fellowship has formed a girls' chorus under the direction of Janie Mulhollem. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday night at 6:30 in South Hall. Many anthems have been chosen for the girls who are interested to learn. Any Salem girl who would like to join is asked to see Janie Mulhollem.

Juniors Select Dance Committee

Carol Beckwith, President of the Junior Class has announced the chairmen for committees for the formal Junior-Senior Dance which will be held Saturday night, March 2, from 8:30 til 12 p. m. in the gym.

They are: decorations, Sally Boswell and Coit Redfearn, co-chairman; refreshments, Bee Newman and Jean Moss, co-chairman; invitations, Connie Scoggin, chairman.

Faculty Play Reaps Profits

Proceeds from the Faculty Play amounted to approximately $180 according to a statement made by Elizabeth Willis, Y. W. C. A. president, today.

Part of the money will be used toward the support of Johnny Nelson, an orphan in the Moravian Home in Alaska. Some of the money will also be used to send delegates to the national convention of the Y. W. C. A. in Atlantic City, N. J. in March.

Dr. Wenholp Will Speak

The Faculty Group for Research and Creative Work will meet Monday, February 25, at 7:30 p. m. in the living room of Bitting, Miss Jess Byrd, chairman of the group announced today.

Dr. Lucy Wenhold will deliver a paper entitled "Haitian Creole," a study in linguistics.

Salemite Announces Literary Project

In order to stimulate interest in creative writing, the **Salemite** announces today the beginning of a writing contest which offers opportunities to win three prizes, two of $10.00 and one of $5.00. The contest is to be divided into three sections: 1) poetry, 2) essay, and 3) short stories or sketches. The deadline will be 6 o'clock, April 8, 1946.

The poems must be not longer than fifty lines; the essays from 800 to 1000 words; and the short stories or sketches a maximum of 5000 words with no minimum set. For prizes to be awarded, there must be ten entries in the essay and short story group and five poems. There is no limit to the entries which can be made by one student. A prize of $10.00 will be awarded to the winners of the essay and short story groups, and $5.00 to the winner in the poetry group.

Composition and Originality

The compositions must be entirely original and written this school year. The judges will not know the author in the considerations. They will judge on composition, which includes rhetoric and grammar, originality, and neatness. The compositions should be typed double-spaced. The judges will be Mrs. Vincent Confer, Miss Lelia Marsh, and Dr. Howard Jordan.

Wide Range in Subjects

The subjects of the compositions may be freely determined by the individual. They may be local or universal in interest, formal or informal in style. Source material may be used if desired.

All students are eligible to compete in this contest. The names of winners will be published in the April 12 issue of the **Salemite**. All entries should be turned into Effie Ruth Maxwell or Jayne K. Bell. The **Salemite** reserves all rights to publish the entries.

Wible Casts Contest Play

The Pierrette Players will present a three-act play, "The Feast of the Holy Innocents" on March 30, in Old Chapel. The cast is as follows: Electa Milk, Janie Mulhollem; Cornelia Milk, Helen Slye; Mrs. Oberly, Ann Folger; Mrs. Oman, Ann Carothers; Jenny, Bernice Bunn. test. Miss Wible is director.

The play will also be presented in Chapel Hill in a state-wide contest. Miss Wibley is director.

The production staff is as follows: student director, Peggy Taylor; stage manager, Helen Spruill and her crew, Sara Coe Hunsucker, Ruth Hayes, Jean Sullivan, Jane Greenwald; property mistress, Marilyn Watson and her crew, Mary Bryant, Martha Boatwright, Betty Hatley; costume mistress, Peggy Broaddus and her crew, Barbara Folger, Hope Marshall; lighting and sound effects, Marion Gaither; business, Jayne Bell; and publicity, Coit Redfearn, Bernice Bunn, and Frances Carr.

Miss Newlin Joins Staff

Miss Mary Gray Newlin of Randleman, N. C., will join the Salem staff as head nurse at the Infirmary on February 25. She received her nurse's training at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, and has been doing nursing in Philadelphia and the area surrounding Philadelphia for a number of years. Last year she returned to the South and has been nursing in High Point and Greensboro. She is very happy to be in the South again and is looking forward to her association with Salem, which is her Alma Mater.

She replaces Miss Venus Faircloth, R. N., who resigned from her position as head nurse at the Salem College Infirmary Tuesday, February 19.

After a rest of a month, Miss Faircloth plans to enter private duty or institutional work.

Miss Faircloth was chief nurse on the Salem Campus for two and a half years.

Board To Discuss New Petitions

The Legislative Board of Student Government will meet in the Old Chapel at 7:30 P. M. on February 28. The committee, composed of both student and faculty members, will discuss the following petitions that have been turned in to the chairman, Miss Doris Little.

Boarding students have requested that they be allowed to spend the night out in town with friends after attending the Bowman Gray Medical School Dances.

Students with a B average or above have requested that they be allowed to take four cuts in one class. This petition will be discussed at the Legislative Meeting, but final action rests with the Cuts Committee.

Girls living in Alice Clewell Dormitory have requested that they be allowed to use their upstairs smoke room when taking light-cuts. At the present time the room is closed at 10:30 P. M.

The Y. W. C. A. will distribute to the students of Salem today a certificate of membership in Young Women's Christian Association.

The national membership card will introduce the member to any YWCA in the United States or abroad. This is the first time in a number of years that the card has been made available to Salem students.

George Washington Drank Here

by Virtie Stroup

With heartfelt shouts of "He's coming, he's coming," the people of old Salem welcomed President George Washington whose birthday we celebrate today.

"Light your cannons, let the flare's flame; push on up fellows if you want a glance; don't lean too far out the windows, ladies."

This 31st day of May 1791 was an eventful one for Salem. Washington, who was on a tour through the Southern states, was received with homage and graditude that would be long remembered.

Washington was greeted with loud shouts of praise. After his evening meal, Washington heard the Moravians sing and perform church music on a variety of instruments.

In the Museum across from the square can be found an old spinet upon which a young lady played for Washington. Washington was standing nearby when the young lady finished her piece. She, of course, expected the great president to pay her a compliment upon her skill and interpretation of the tune "God Save Great Washington." As Washington drew close (remember the hoop skirts young ladies wore), the young lady's heart grew impatient.

"My dear young lady," began Washington, taking her hand—"You should use my formula for removing the wart on your hand!"

But it was on June 1 when George Washington drank here! He was introduced to the workshops and institutions of the town. Washington expressed a keen pleasure with the water works and its use especially.

And so when some spare moment comes your way, trip down to the May Dell. There just north of the bridge, presented by the class of '30, stands a small white hut. On this hut is a weatherworn iron marker that contains this inscription:

Washington Spring
One of the Original
Sources of
Salem's Water Supply
Visited by
George Washington
1791

And there it was that the first President of the United States took not his first drink in Salem, not his tenth drink at Salem, but the drink that poured itself upon the pages of history.

Yes, George Washington drank here!