

CLAPP CHATS

Bunny's grand, glorious recital is over . . . and we're suddenly reminded that the end of the year isn't as far off as it once was! . . . no sooner do we recover from one recital, and there's another . . . Frances Cartner will be putting on the DORG next Monday night 'bout this time . . . She's the quiet little gal who plays the organ with the ease other people use to listen . . . (does that make sense???) Oh, well . . . she's plenty good. Hope I'll see you there . . .

It seems that a certain person who is head of our music school has hidden talents! . . . He is chief maraca player in the newly formed Winston-Salem South American orchestra . . . their repertoire at present is a little limited, but VERY much on the beam. For further details . . . don't ask me!

What to talk about? Did you know that the total value of the sixty-six string instruments of the Philharmonic Symphony of N. Y. C. is a measly \$250,000 . . . someone made a survey of the age, quality and value of them — all the old masters — Stradivarius, Guarnerius, Amati, etc. — were represented . . . and some of them were once owned by Joachim, Wieniawski, and other famous virtuosos . . . Ain't it a shame voices aren't valuable (and detachable—I'd like to borrow Galli-Curci's for about twenty years!) . . . ?

Here's plug for the newly formed civic orchestra in Winston. They already have about forty members—some of you ex-band players should join up and help . . . ought to be loads of fun!

Have you heard this one?? Everybody knows how Beethoven's FIFTY starts off: da-da-da-dum . . . you know. Now sing it about three times that fast and what do you get?? Answer next week. No, guess I'll tell you now. Cain't be hold in the spring-time. Smooth grass, wait a whole week . . . Chickery Chick!!

Trash Mars Beauty

The campus of Salem is a lovely thing to behold in the spring-time. Smooth grass, early flowers, blossoming trees, shrubs nestling close to the buildings—all fit in a sort of natural-looking way to make this site a place where it's nice to be.

But, unluckily, students are apt to be without the time to contemplate nature in hurried trips across the campus. And in their forgetfulness, paper is dropped to mar the effect until such time as the hard-working caretakers can collect it.

Straws, paper cups, candy wrappers, and wrapping paper make the grounds appear messy and unkept. Lately this has been particularly noticeable on the square and in the shrubbery beside the steps to the academy.

A little thought on the part of each Salemite would eradicate this problem.

Open Forum

There are four brand new books on my bookshelf. How? When? Where did I get these books? First, how did I get the books, and the answer is the Salem College Book Contest. When did I get them?—why of course last year. Where?—that's simple enough, Mr. Snavely's Book Store.

So you've decided you would like to have some new books? Just take paper and pencil in hand and write down about twenty-five books you would like to have. Now that you have the names of the books, be sure to find out the author, publisher, date of publication, and price. Got that all down? Now give a sentence or two why you want that particular book. Yes, that's all there is to it! Just type your list and hand it to the Librarian.

Frances Winslow

Contributions To W.S.S.F. Is Acknowledged

The following letter was recently received by Betsy Meiklejohn, W. S. S. F. chairman, who hopes that our final goal of \$600 will be reached.

Dear Miss Meiklejohn:

We wish to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for your contribution to aid in relief and rehabilitation work among our fellow students around the globe. In these days when university communities in Europe and in Asia are trying to pick up the pieces of educational life and reassemble them into a coherent pattern for the future, such gifts, in addition to giving material aid, help them to feel the reality of the bonds existing among all students wherever they may be.

Your gift has become an active messenger of good will. It will provide books and teaching supplies for the devastated universities of Europe, rest and health for tubercular and run-down students, food and shelter for those returning to their studies in reorganized schools. In the evacuated colleges and universities of China it will enable students to continue their studies in spite of inflation, disease and poverty through relief grants and student centers. . .

Out of the sense of unity and community in the international student world must come student solidarity and planning for positive moral and intellectual purposes in the years ahead. We know that we can count on your continuing support in the difficult but hopeful period of reconstruction now confronting us.

Sincerely yours,

Clara Shapiro

Administrative Secretary

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Poet's Corner

WE HAVE A RENDEZVOUS WITH LIFE
(With apologies to Alan Seeger)

We have a rendezvous with life
In some unknown tomorrow,
When we no more are filled with grief
And God has healed our sorrow.
We have a rendezvous with life
When we shall laugh and love and lift—
And share the burdens of the world
And all the freedom flags unfurl.
We have a rendezvous with life.

We know that God shall take our hands
To lead us through tomorrow,
As the weary world sinks down to rest
From war and shock and horror.
We know that God will take our hands
As we shall work and toil and pray
That all the people everywhere
Shall cease to worry and despair.
We know that God will take our hands.

We have a rendezvous with life,
My classmates, you and I;
To see that that unknown tomorrow
Be worth the price of those who die.
We have a rendezvous with life.
The torch is thrown. We lift it high
To light the way. We carry on
Until tomorrow's coming down—
We have a rendezvous with life.

Mary Bryant

Russian Situation Grows Worse

The present crisis precipitated by the Russian walk-out from the Security Council meeting is indeed a grave one. This dangerous break in international relations occurred when the Security Council voted nine to two not to postpone consideration of the Iranian question until April 10. Russia and her satellite, Poland cast the dissenting votes.

There has been much discussion lately of what has been termed the "iron curtain" of secrecy drawn around the life and activities of Russia. In a *New York Times Magazine* article from London, Arthur Koestler refers to the world anxiety which Russian secrecy and suspicion is creating and the efforts of the Western powers to appease this Russian suspicion.

Koestler points out the two major reasons for this Soviet policy of complete censorship. The first is external. The external reason for the iron curtain was that the Western powers had opposed the Red revolution and were definitely anti-Communist. The second reason is internal. The Soviet Union did not want its citizens to know that the "proletariat dictators" were living under miserably low standards compared to the "capitalistic slaves." As Mr. Koestler says: "Transformation of Soviet Eurasia from a backward agrarian to a modern industrial country was a gigantic task which required gigantic sacrifice imposed upon the population." So the Russian people were kept in ignorance of foreign affairs and conditions behind the omnipresent iron curtain. "A whole generation of Russians grew up in an atmosphere of misinformation and suspicion of the outside world."

This Russian attitude of suspicion tends to create a corresponding one among the Western powers. If something could be done about abating this mutual distrust, grounds for understanding and accord with Russia on the Iranian situation and all others could be established.

Koestler believes "this can be done only through the process of psychological disarmament—through the free circulation of ideas, newspapers, books, films across Soviet Russia, free access for accredited correspondents, parliamentary committees to Russian-occupied territory."

This emphasis on the importance of ideas over material things is an interesting conclusion. It is certainly one with which we who are engaged in intellectual pursuit concur heartily. After all, war is a result of conflicting ideologies, and if we could attain a level of thorough understanding and mutual confidence there could be no possible cause for war. This understanding can be reached solely through the distribution of authentic information by all nations.

The time is now, and we must act quickly to settle the troubled waters of the Russo-Iranian situation. The similarity between the present crisis and the events leading up to the failure of the League of Nations is striking. Everything possible must be done to avert a repetition of that catastrophe.

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