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Weeks Visits Salem Again

"The surface has just been scratched in the field of creative writing which will develop out of the war," predicted Mr. Edward Weeks in the last lecture of the yearly series on Wednesday night, April 10. Mr. Weeks spoke on "New Books on the American Horizon." Mr. Weeks surveyed the latest works in fields of biography, autobiography, novels, fiction, short stories and poetry. Miss Ruohs Pyron introduced the speaker, who is a prominent lecturer, a graduate of Cornell, Harvard, and Cambridge, a publisher, and the editor of the ATLANTIC MONTHLY.

Service-men and women out of uniform and their new works interested Mr. Weeks, who noted a "sardonic humor" in their late works. Chief characteristics of their work enumerated by him were the unspoken loyalty between men in their outfits, tank units, and B-29's, and the "tangled heart-line", broken marriages, the emotional strain of three years' separation between lovers, their difficulties in readjustment, and the attraction of British and Australian women for men who have been away from home for several years.

"Service-men do not see an inevitable war ahead as many civilians have predicted," stated Mr. Weeks. Their work shows "a desire to understand our allies." They recognize that we have "a limited time to merge our sovereignty." They aim at devising "a legal control of world law to control atomic power," in order to save the sanity and lives of men universally. He mentioned Emmerly Rives' *Anatomy of Peace*.

The new poetry has "clarity and feeling, and none of the unintelligibility of the 1930's," Mr. Weeks said.

In fiction men and women out of uniform are paying more attention to mental strain and the effects of war on the mind. This tendency is among civilians, too, for there were "no islands of escape from the pressure of war," said Mr. Weeks. He cited *The Snake-pit* and *Lost Weekend* as examples of this tendency.

"A great deal of good writing is coming out of the war," continued Mr. Weeks. "Much documentive work and some creative work has already appeared." He predicted much more creative work by service-men developed upon memorable experiences from the war. He cited Ernie Pyle's work as among the best documentive work that has appeared, and reviewed a creative piece, *Return by Faith*, of a B-24 pilot's visit to the family of his lost friend.

American fiction during the war became "dried up." "It lacked the vitality of first writers, the confidence of men like Steinbeck and la Forge who were preoccupied with other work," said Mr. Weeks. "Fiction fell into women's hands and became light and faintly amorous." Women wrote for women who were tired of reading about war.

Mr. Weeks discussed Gordon Raye's biography of Thackeray and its vivid portrayal of the family and associates of Thackeray, his ambitions, and his handicaps.

Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh he described as a picture of the deterioration of the wealthy English class after the last war.

Mr. Weeks explained the appearance recently of Christianity as a central theme proclaiming the theory that faith is elemental in rebuilding society. He cited works of C. S. Lewis and Bruce Marshall's *The World, The Flesh, and Father Smith*.

Mr. Weeks discussed Daphne de Maurier's skillful work in her latest romantic novel, *The King's General*.

Among American novels he discussed Udora Weddy's *Delta Wedding*. *The Fields*, a new research (Cont. on page six)



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Mother Strong Delighted With Relief Campaign

Classes Elect Officers For '47

Salem College elections ended this week with the election of the remaining class officers and minor club officers.

Officers for the rising Senior class are vice-president, Sue Moore; secretary, Sarah Coe Hunsucker; treasurer, Margaret West; representative to Judicial Board, Betsy Meiklejohn; representatives to Legislative Board, Maria Hicks and Jean Sullivan; representatives to I. R. S. Council, Betsy Long, Ticka Senter, and Ruth Hayes; and representatives to Y. W. C. A. cabinet, Joanne Swasey and Emma Mitchell.

Officers for the rising Junior class are vice-president, Hazel Thomas; secretary, Peggy Gray; treasurer, Ann Millikan; representatives to the I. R. S. Council, Mary Louise Parish, Helen Spruill, and Ann Souther; representatives to the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, Peggy Broadus and Lomie Lou Mills; representative to Legislative board, Margaret Fisher and Pat Watson; representative to Judicial Board, Ann Carothers.

Officers for the rising Sophomore class are vice-president, Mary Elizabeth Reiter; secretary, Mary Patience McFall; treasurer, Laurel Green. Representatives to the Legislative Board; Louise Dodson, Frances Reznick; representatives to Judicial Board, Nell Penn Watt, representatives to the I. R. S. Council, Dot Arrington and Betty Ann Eppes; and Representatives to the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, Betty Wolfe and Preston Kabrich.

At the meeting Wednesday night the Latin Club elected Geraldine Purcell president; Anne Folger, vice-president; Patsy Law, secretary; and Betsy Meiklejohn, treasurer.

The I. R. S. Council elected Betsy Long, vice-president; Mary Louise Parrish, secretary; and Helen Spruill, treasurer.

Officers for next year's choral ensemble are president, Becky Clapp; secretary, Eleanor Davidson; treasurer, Geneva Beaver; business manager, Peggy Sue Taylor; publicity manager, Margaret McCall.

A. A. officers for next year are vice-president, Jean Sullivan; Secretary, Peggy Ann Watkins; Treasurer, Ann Carothers. Managers for the various teams are Eaton Seville, basketball; Agnes Quinerly, hockey; Maria Hicks, badminton; Ruby Moye, riding; Mary Porter Evans, hiking; Anne Barber, golf; Eva Martin Bullock, baseball; Virtie Stroup, archery; Carolyn Taylor, tennis; Ticka Senter, swimming.

Pierrettes elected Peggy Sue Taylor, president; Helen Spruill, vice-president; Ann Carothers, secretary; and treasurer, Betty Hatley.

Mother Strong is delighted with the relief campaign conducted by the War Activities Council, according to a note received from her this week. Mrs. Strong, who is spending some time at Rollins College, Wintergaven, Florida, originally suggested the idea for the relief campaign. She herself has contributed to various post-war relief projects generously.

Mother Strong writes:

To say I am thrilled poorly expresses my feelings. I am indeed thrilled and won't you please tell the Committee how happy I am, also that the girls at Strong Hall here brought me thirty dollars with a beautiful note yesterday asking me to send it to the "Friends" for relief in Europe. As I did for "Strong" in Salem, I am making the check a hundred dollars and when you finish your campaign for Salem, let me know the amount—I'd like to add something to that. It is so good for the young people to help—as I tell the girls, it is always a boomerang.

I'm getting a bit homesick and it won't be long before I'll be back. Please remember me to all my dear Salem College friends.

Mother Strong

At the last estimate before the paper went to press the war Activities Fund for War Relief had increased to \$147.60. This is not the final total as all the money had not been turned in.

Academy Presents Chapel Program

Salem Academy had charge of the program in Assembly Thursday morning, April 11. They presented a very interesting portrayal of the What, Where, Why, and How of their typical day at the Academy from the rising bell in the morning until the lights out bell at night.

They gave a glimpse of morning classes including a report on the history of the White House by a Senior and a discussion on Voodooism in Haiti by a Junior.

After classes came a short peek into morning chapel, announcements, lunch, practice periods including the violin, harp, piano, and organ, and ball game down at the athletic field between the Academy Teams, purples and the golds.

The program ended with a dramatic production, *Mannikin* and *Mannikin*.

Bunn And Aiken Win "Salemite" In Contest

Dean Plans Registration

Preliminary registration for the fall term will be made May 7, 8, and 9, Dean Ivy Hixson announced today. At that time freshmen will tentatively select their majors, and all students will register with their faculty advisors.

In addition, summer school registration will be made, and Salem's policies in regard to summer school credits will be announced.

Prior to preliminary registration, Miss Hixson will meet with the Freshman Class to give them information concerning majors, degrees, and summer school credits. This meeting will be April 30.

'Salemite' Editor Names Staff

The *Salemite* staff for 1946-47 is announced today by the newly elected editor, Martha Boatwright. The editorial staff is as follows: Associate Editor, Virtie Stroup; Assistant Editor, Becky Clapp and Peggy Davis; Make-up Editor, Martha Lou Heitman; Copy Editor, Peggy Gray; Feature Editor, Nancy Carlton; Music Editor, Margaret Fisher; Cartoonist, Margaret Raynal; Sports Editor, Jean Sullivan.

The business staff is headed by Betsy Meiklejohn, recently-elected business manager. The remainder of the staff includes Betsy Long, Assistant Business Manager; Jane Morris, Advertising Manager; Helen Spruill, Assistant Advertising Manager; and Ruth Scott, Circulation Manager.

Stee-Gee Leaders Attend Meeting

The Southern Intercollegiate Association of Student Government will meet April 25, 26, and 27 at Eastern Carolina Teacher's College in Greenville, North Carolina. This is the first convention of the S. I. A. S. G. to be held since the beginning of the war.

The main purpose of such a convention is for individual delegates to bring back to their schools additional and better ideas for student government. There will be representatives from approximately thirty southern colleges, from Florida to Mississippi.

An idea to be stressed at the convention is means of making students more conscious of the part that they play in world affairs. This theme will be divided into the following topics:

- 1) Student Government and Fuller College Life
- 2) Discussion on the College Honor System
- 3) Faculty Attitudes and Comments on Student Government
- 4) The American College Student as a World Citizen
- 5) American Foreign Policy
- 6) Methods of Broadening the Outlook of College Students

Delegates attending the conference from Salem are Peggy Witherington, president of Student Government, who is also the secretary of the S. I. A. S. G., Connie Scoggin, president of Student Government for 1946-47, and Sally Boswell, vice-president of Student Government for 1946-47.

Bernice Bunn and Peirano Aiken are the winners of ten dollars each in the *Salemite* literary contest. Honorable mentions go to Martha Boatwright, Bernice Bunn, and Roberta Huffman.

Peirano's short story is entitled "The Home Coming" and is printed elsewhere in this issue. Bernice's prize winner, "Inheritance," has already been printed and her honorable mention story is "Compensation." Martha's story is called "Roommates." Roberta's essay is "Utopia."

The report of the judges, Miss Marsh, Mrs. Confer, and Dr. Jordan, is as follows:

"In view of the fact that the disand sketches, and he essays was not clearly made in the contributions received, the judges decided to consider all three in one single category, and to award two prizes within this one group: One prize of \$10 to "The Home Coming" and one prize of \$10 to "Inheritance" Honorable mention is given to: "Roommates," "Compensation" and "Utopia."

From the few poems submitted (six) the judges felt that no one of these—in its present form—merited a prize.

The judges gave their preference to the poem beginning "Silver Night has fled before the heralds of the dawn" and suggested that the last line be re-written leaving out the obvious paraphrase. The poem was written by Catherine Gregory.

Those who entered the story, sketch, and essay contest were Mae Noble, Virtie Stroup, Sue Moore, Eva Martin Bullock, Martha Walton, Mildred Hughes, Martha Boatwright (2), Jean Sullivan, Bernice Bunn (2), Frances Reznick, Katherine Miller, Peirano Aiken, Elizabeth Lee, Roberta Huffman (2), Phyllis Langdon (2), Margaret McCall, Carolyn Taylor, Maria Hicks, Nancy Carlton, Jayne Bell, Betsy Casteon, and Peggy Davis.

Poems were submitted by Sue Moore (2), Lois Wooten (2), and Catherine Gregory (2).

Bunn Announces Annual Staff

Bernice Bunn, editor of *Sights and Insights* for 1946-47 announces her staff today. They are: Assistant Editor, Mary Hunter Hackney; Associate Editor, Jean Griffin; Art Editor, Margaret Raynal; Photographic Editor, Betty Hatley; Copy Editor, Rosamund Putzel; Proof Editors, Mary Jane McGee and Carolyn Taylor; Senior Editor, Sue Moore; Junior Editor, Marion Gaither; Sophomore Editor, Eaton Seville; Typist, Sarah Clark; and Business Manager, Betty Bell.

Books and Lists Due May 4

Miss Grace Siewers, librarian, announced today that the Juniors and Seniors who entered the Library contest must have their books in the library by May 4. The book-lists of the freshmen and sophomores are also due on May 4.

Freshmen To Fete Junior Big Sisters

The freshmen are entertaining their junior Big Sisters at a buffet supper in the club dining room on Saturday night, April 12, at 6 o'clock. Besides the dinner there is going to be a skit, the theme of which is to be a surprise, and lots of other things that can't be told.