



Salem Plans Gala Christmas

Musicians Plan Joint Program

On Monday night, December 16, at 8:00, the annual Christmas program will be presented in Memorial Hall. Heretofore, the Music School has been the only department to participate in this program. This year, the art department, the Pierrettes, the Choral Ensemble, and the Men's Chorus have combined to present an entertaining program. Monday night will be a night of true Christmas festivity since this program immediately follows the formal Christmas banquet.

New lighting effects and stage arrangements have been worked out by Mr. Peterson, Mr. Evelt, and Mr. Mann to set off the Choral Ensemble and Men's Chorus who will sing separately and as a mixed chorus. The Pierrettes will present a typical Christmas scene in a Salem home in 1804. This skit was worked out with the cooperation of Mrs. Berglund.

Two solos and two instrumental numbers will be included in the music section. Becky Clapp will sing "Rejoice Greatly" from "The Messiah" by Handel. Mary Wells Bunting will sing "Virginia Slumber Song" by Reger accompanied on the organ by Mary Hunter Hackett. Two Christmas songs will be done by Jean Sloan, harpist, and Wolfgang Siebel, violinist. Everyone will sing favorite Christmas carols to conclude the program.

This is the initial appearance at Salem of the Men's Chorus which was formed two months ago. Although the organization has not been formally set up, the men are working on several programs. Members are: first tenors—Sam Pruett, William Highsmith, and James Littlejohn; second tenors—Jack Crimm, Kenneth Fansler, Wilson van Hoy, Homer Sutton, and Conway Purett; baritones—Brooks Snyder, Bill Marshall, Bill Crist, Bob Sawyer, and Ralph Lawrence; basses—John Cashion, Herman Smith and Wesley Snyder.

Choral Groups To Present Program

The Choral Ensemble and Men's Chorus will present a program Sunday afternoon at 4:45 p. m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church. The colored church choir, with Mrs. Ruth Hargrave, elevator operator in Memorial Hall, as chairman, is sponsoring this program. The religious selections will pertain mostly to Christmas music. Soloists will be Gwen Yount, Mary Wells Bunting, Mr. Peterson, and the Girl's Trio, which is composed of Gwen Yount, Jean McNew, and Jane Mulhollem.

Tuberculosis Seal Campaign Is Success

Approximately fifty-two dollars was raised on Salem campus Wednesday and Thursday for the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal campaign. The drive, conducted entirely by members of Miss Hewitt's hygiene class, was part of the city wide campaign being carried on in Winston-Salem this week.



Pictured above are Carol Gregory, Helen Sprull, and Betty Jane Bagby, who were among the hostesses at the Home Economics Tea yesterday.

Home Ec. Seniors Entertain At Tea

The Senior Home Economics students entertained at the annual Christmas tea Thursday afternoon from 4:30 until 6:00 in Livora Hanes Practice House. Over two hundred guests—Home Economics majors, faculty, and friends of the college—enjoyed cranberry punch, turkey salad, sandwiches in the shape of Christmas designs, rumballs, holiday cookies and various hors d'oeuvres.

Decorations were unusually original and carried out the Christmas theme. The front door was designed with red ribbon and resembled a package. In the living room was a lighted tree and silver reindeer arranged on the mantle. The punch table was decorated with greenery and red berries. Favors, which were recipes cut in the form of a Christmas tree, were given.

Members of the Junior Class prepared and served the refreshments and the eleven Seniors acted as hostesses.

Nash Stresses Political Unity

Dr. Vernon Nash, well-known authority on world affairs, was the guest speaker for the assembly program on Tuesday, December 10. Dr. Nash has lived on four different continents and has become well versed in international relations.

He based his speech on the belief that peace is a by-product of responsible government and that it may be defined as order under law. Dr. Nash said that past wars, caused by the natural frictions of human nature, ceased as soon as the foes merged into one political unit; basing our plans upon past experience, we can hope to gain world peace only through world government, stronger and more binding than the United Nations. He closed with the charge that it is the duty of each citizen to play a part in forming such a union.

Pierrettes Score Hit In Play, "Nine Girls"

By Peggy Davis

Vardell Attends Chicago Meet

Dr. Vardell, Dean of the School of Music attended a meeting of the Commission on Curricula of the National Association of the Schools of Music. This meeting, held in the Stevens Hotel of Chicago, Illinois, took place on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8.

Dr. Vardell smiled when asked to tell some of the interesting highlights of his trip. "If you call mostly sitting in a hotel room for two days an interesting highlight, you may print it in the Salemite. Seriously, the meeting was of a confidential nature, and we are not allowed to reveal what took place." Dr. Vardell added however, that he managed to take in the well-known play, *State of the Union*.

Greek Student Speaks Here

Theochalis Rendis, representing the World Student Service Fund, spoke in Chapel Thursday morning. Mr. Rendis spoke of the present situation in the schools of Greece.

Mr. Rendis is a civil engineering student at a university in Athens, Greece. He was a member of the underground and expressed appreciation to Salem for their cooperation with the W. S. S. F. during the war.

Speaking of the horrors which went on in Greece during the war and of the drastic situation faced by the colleges at the present, he said that the two greatest problems now are food and housing. The colleges have no laboratory equipment, no room for the students, not enough food, no heat, and no text books. Students conserve paper by writing very small and covering both back and front of the paper, and even use newspaper margins. Pencils are hoarded as if they were gold.

Nine girls held ninety girls spell-bound. The Pierrettes' first production of the year was faultless in casting, characterization, costuming, and play choice. The few flaws in setting, production, and dialogue were heavily outweighed by the play's merits.

Anne Carothers, as Mary the protagonist of the drama, showed rare ability. She excelled in keeping "in character" and never failed to provide the audience with goose bumps during her climactic lines. She and Barbara Folger, as Eve, were chiefly responsible for maintaining suspense throughout a play whose obvious outcome was revealed in the first act.

The audience, however, could scarcely be aware of the weaknesses in the plot because of the overshadowing strength of the cast. Contrasts in character were skillfully portrayed by the excellent naturalness of Marion Gaither as Shotgun and Peggy Sue Taylor's extreme affectation as Glamourpuss. Eve's calm reasoning was a good balance for Frieda's reactionary humor. Mary Bryant, portraying Frieda, had decidedly the cleverest lines of the play and delivered them with inimitable irony.

In the supporting cast Marilyn Watson as Tennessee "stole the show" as usual. Her voice and mannerisms are a guarantee for perfect delivery. Jane Pointer, Boots Lambeth, Helen Sprull, and Bettye Hatley further evidenced the fact that the casting could not have been improved.

The sound effects were well-timed and, except for the verbal "sh-h-h" that heralded the "granddaddy of all thunderstorms," were well executed. The radio announcement in the first act was especially effective and showed the entire cast at its best.

But—the outstanding talent that Salem students exhibited in Old Chapel Wednesday and Thursday nights was comparable to an order of humming-bird's tongue on toast served at Gooch's. The sets, furniture, and lighting that are available for the Pierrettes are abominable. Certainly the ability shown by the cast and the interest shown by the audience merit at least new curtains, better lighting, and a new set for the Pierrettes.

The Christmas season of our 175th anniversary opened officially with the hanging of the Christmas star on December 3, and will close with the Senior caroling on December 19. Most of the Christmas events at Salem are traditional.

Tea Dance

The Day Students will again be hostesses at a Christmas tea dance to be given in the Day Student Center on Saturday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock. The decorations will consist of greenery, lighted candles, and an elaborately decorated Christmas tree. Since this Christmas tea dance has been so much enjoyed in the past years, the Day Students are planning to make it an annual affair.

Dance

The annual Christmas dance will be held in the gym Saturday night and will be sponsored by the I. R. S. Council. The dance will begin at 8:30 and last until 11:45. The music for this card dance will be furnished by Harold Gale and his orchestra. During the evening there will be an unusual and complicated figure for the members of the I. R. S. Council and their dates.

Vespers

Senior Christmas Vespers will be at 7:30, December 15. This time-honored candlelight service is for the college, academy, faculty, and parents and friends of the seniors. Dr. Rondthaler will read a Christmas poem and Becky Clapp will sing "Gesu Bambino" as the sophomore pages light Moravian bees-wax candles for the audience.

Christmas Banquet

Another highlight of the season is the formal Christmas banquet. It is to be held on Monday night, December 16 at 6 o'clock. At this time the junior class honors the seniors, and the rest of the college is invited. There will be a big Christmas tree, Santa Claus with presents for the seniors, and elves and fairies. The dining hall will be decorated with Yuletide candles and greenery.

Concert

A concert by the Choral Ensemble will be held in Memorial Hall Monday night, December 16 at 8:30.

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 19.

Caroling

The festivities on the campus will come to a conclusion with the Senior caroling on the last night before the holidays. The seniors will gather at 8 o'clock carrying candles and will sing on campus and at the homes of several of the faculty and friends of the college around the campus. They wind up their tour of caroling at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler.

Alumna Is Selected For Important Job

Dr. Jane Leibfried, '37, is one of ten doctors in the United States appointed to serve women veterans under the veterans administration. She served three years in the Medical Corps of the United States Army and reached the rank of Captain. She is now on the staff of the Women's College Hospital in Philadelphia.

Mary Hodge Person, '46, is going through her first year there at the Woman's Medical College at present.