



One Small Voice

An article in this month's *Atlantic* presents John Jay Chapman as an important figure in American progress. The author calls him a critic first class, philosophical writer, sociologist, and humorist, and quotes copiously from Chapman whose chief concern was the American mind. Chapman contended that "the American is incapable of taking a real interest in anything . . . the lack of passion in the American comes from habitual mental distraction."

Obviously Mr. Chapman spoke to posterity. His generality has universality! Had he been a college undergraduate in the trying year of 1947, he could not have spoken with more empirical insight. To make his statement more particular, apply it to Salem students. How can they take a real interest in "things"? For instance, many of the best movies of the year have come to Winston recently; there are unlimited possibilities for planning and producing bigger and better decorations for the dances; stunt night with its accompanying potentialities is approaching; by the end of this month the weather will be exactly right for sunbathing; most of the nearby colleges are having midwinters this month—spring dances will probably start in March; etc., etc.

How can normal Salemites take a real interest in any of these things with the "habitual mental distraction" that confronts them in the form of daily classes, assignments, quizzes, and term papers?

Norma D. Ploom



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Two Salemites Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Langdon of Monroe, North Carolina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Rebecca Langdon, to Mr. Peter John King, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. King of Upper Darby, Philadelphia, Pa. Miss Langdon attended Salem College, the University of Arizona, and the University of North Carolina. She is now employed as a research chemist with the Philadelphia Laboratory of E. I. du Pont de Nemours. During the past year and a half, she has studied at the evening schools of the Cortissoy School of Dancing and the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music.

Mr. King attended the University of Pennsylvania, and is now attending the Philadelphia School of Horology and Engraving and the Baronian School of Watchmaking. He is also studying with the Geological Institute of America.

Mr. King served four years in the U. S. Army. The date of the wedding will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Loving of Charlotte announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Delores, to Mr. Herbert S. Hix, Jr., of Asheville. Elaine is a popular and attractive member of the senior class at Salem and will graduate from college in June. "Pete", a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, will graduate from the University of North Carolina in March.

The marriage will take place sometime in the fall.

"400,000 Students Must Abandon Their Education"

"400,000 students in Europe and Asia must receive material aid this year or else abandon their education." An abandonment of the education of the 400,000 students of Europe would mean a loss of doctors, engineers, scientists, teachers, and other professional people who are needed to hold the peace together.

The amount asked of the United States is \$1,000,000—half of the \$2,000,000 minimum necessary for the international World Student Relief program. The World Student Service Fund program of the different schools and colleges is in action at this very moment.

W. S. S. F. Week is under the sponsorship of the Y Cabinet, with Emma Mitchell and Kathryn Ballew as co-chairmen.

Voted to the World Student Service Fund: a chorologue will be presented by the Speech Department, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Berglund, and three students will speak on this subject.

Salem has set a goal of \$777.77 to be raised during this coming week; personal solicitation will take place on Tuesday in each dormitory. On Tuesday, also, assembly will be de-

Charlotte Club Completes Drive

The Charlotte Alumnae Club held its annual birthday dinner Monday, February 17, in a private dining room of Kuester's Restaurant in Charlotte. The meeting was held in special celebration of the successful close of the local drive for donations to the Science Building Fund. A total of \$572.00 was contributed by fifty members. Twenty-six members and several guests, including Miss Lelia Graham Marsh and Mr. Roy J. Campbell of Salem, were present at the dinner.

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