



Pictured above are four of the Pierrette Players who will act tonight in a repeat performance of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street". This was snapped during a rehearsal. From left to right they are Betty Sheppe

as Henrietta, Elizabeth's sister; B. C. Johnson as Elizabeth's father, M. Barrett; Betsy McAuley as Elizabeth Barrett; and Brooks Snyder as Robert Browning.

## "Barretts" Will Repeat Tonight

by Peirano Aiken

Last night the Pierrettes presented their first play of the season, *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*, by Rudolf Besier. For all those who had to miss this two hours and forty-five minutes of local entertainment, a repeat performance will be given tonight at 8:30.

The cast of *The Barretts* consists of three major characters: Elizabeth, her father and Robert Browning; and a host of minor ones, including brothers, sisters, a maid, a cousin, etc. Among the major actors Bernard Johnson deserves special recognition for convincingly playing the difficult role of the stern father.

The love scenes were to our mind, the weakest part of the Salem production. Their lack of effectiveness lay not in the individual acting of either Elizabeth (Betsy McAuley), or Browning (Brooks Snyder), but in the combination. The supposed impression that Elizabeth drew strength and courage from Browning's enthusiasm for life was not given, because Betsy has the stronger stage personality of the two. Otherwise, however, the acting was very smooth.

Among the supporting cast it is hard to be discriminative. Helen Creamer as Wilson and Betty Sheppe as Henrietta did excellent work; although Fran Winslow as Arabella and the many brothers did their part—not to mention Flush, who performed with Lassie-like professionalism.

One innovation that added to the performance was the violin music at the close of the scenes. It was nice to hear something appropriate instead of the usual intermission numbers.

There has been some criticism of the Pierretts' choice of play, the argument being that *The Barretts* has already been given enough, throughout the nation. That may very well be true, but we're willing to wager that there are 90% of the Salem students who have not seen the Katharine Cornell show and so can still find some small pleasure in Salem's efforts.

### ANOTHER OPINION

by Peggy Gray

In my opinion "*The Barretts of Wimpole Street*" is one of the most enjoyable student productions I've ever seen at Salem. Betsy McAuley gave a most pleasing performance of Elizabeth. And on the comic side, Helen Spruill as "Bella", the Barrett's lisping cousin, deserves special mention.

The Barrett brothers and Captain Cook were convincingly played, and as has already been mentioned Helen Creamer as "Wilson" and Betty Sheppe as "Henrietta" were delightful to behold.

I think everyone will agree that the men students filled a very definite need and that they cannot be praised enough for their participation!

## Washington Celebrates Hell Week

by Jane Morris

Washington last week was labled by some officials as "Hell week". The last feverish plans were drawn up for the European Recovery Program. This is the name that has been given the Marshall Plan, so to appear really intelligent to your roommate, hereafter don't refer to it as anything else than ERP. Secretary Marshall on Monday told a joint meeting of the House and Senate committees the details of providing a billion dollar stop-gap aid for France and Italy, but this is only a small part of the plan.

Committees by the hundreds, or so it would seem, have been meeting for a month; one to tell the American people that the huge program of aid would not unduly strain our resources; another to say that it won't mess up our economy if the proper steps are taken to stop inflation. (That "if" is cause for pause, if you will forgive alliteration.)

Finally one committee headed by Secretary of Commerce Averill Harriman got all the reports together and decided on a course of action. The Harriman report is 350 typewritten pages, and I will give my blessing to the Congressman who will have to plow through it, and they'd better.

The total cost of the program as they outline it to the last through 1951 will be between \$12 and \$17 billion. A tidy sum and one which various and sundry Republicans and some Democrats (all with their eyes on the coming political campaign) have said they are going to try to

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## Board Tries New Rules

At the first meeting of the Legislative Board on Thursday, November 6, two student petitions were accepted on approval. These petitions were not passed.

### Senior Privilege

The first petition was reworded by the Executive Board before the Legislative Board accepted it on approval. It stated that, instead of having to get special permission, the deans have granted a general permission for groups of senior girls to go to the following places after 7:30: Toddle House, Steak House, Uptown drug stores, Hamricks, and the Carolina and Forsyth Theaters. This necessitates careful signing out in the dorm.

### Later Hours Week Nights

The second petition, which was accepted on approval, stated that an extension of fifteen minutes would be allowed to each class for week-night engagements. This will make the time to return to campus for seniors, 11:15; juniors, 11; sophomores and freshmen, 10:45. If any member of any class violates this privilege once, while on the trial period, the entire class must forfeit the privilege for a month.

### Three Petitions Rejected

Three student petitions were not submitted to the Legislative Board because they had already been rejected by the Executive Board.

These petitions concerned open library on Sunday nights, picnic suppers on Saturday and Sunday nights, and seniors' dating without permission from the Dean's Office.

The first petition was rejected because rooms in Main Hall are available for quiet study at night. The second petition was not accepted

## Lerch and Vardell Play In Two Joint Concerts

### I. R. S. Gives Coffee Hour

The Faculty Coffee Hour will be held in the living room of Louisa Bitting dormitory Monday evening between 6:45 and 7:30.

The I. R. S. is giving the coffee hour and the council members will act as hostesses. The entire student body and faculty are cordially invited to attend after dinner on Monday night. It will be an opportunity for the students and faculty to get together on an informal basis.

### Barter Theatre

The Barter Theatre of Virginia will present Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* on Tuesday at 8 p. m. in Reynold's Auditorium.

This is the second of three plays to be given by the Virginia company in Winston-Salem. Patrons may use season tickets to the local Little Theatre or purchase individual tickets at \$2.40 for faculty members and \$1.20 for students.

because the dormitory maids have too much to do to clean up in the dorms when supper is taken out of the dining room. Both of these petitions deal with matters associated with the administration. The third petition was not approved by the Executive Board and was therefore not submitted to the Legislative Board.

Dr. Charles G. Vardell, dean of the school of music, and Mr. James Lerch, string professor, will give a joint recital in North Wilkesboro at the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, November 18. They will give a program similar to the one they gave on October 24 at the Thomasville Woman's Club.

Mozart's "Sonata in C major" will open the program. Mr. Lerch will play "La Campanella" by Paganini-Kreisler. Chopin's "Ballade in A flat" will be played by Dr. Vardell. Their last duo selection will be the Franck sonata which they did on the chamber music program here.

A date has not yet been set but Dr. Vardell and Mr. Lerch will probably give a recital in Danville in the near future. Several other towns are also trying to secure them.

## Agnes Bowers Heads F. T. A.

Agnes Bowers has been elected chairman of the Salem chapter of the Future Teachers of America, a national organization made up of practice teachers.

Here at Salem, this organization is to meet twice a month to discuss teacher problems. Miss Elizabeth Welch and Miss Sara Smith are the advisors of the group.

## Frosh Elect Jane Hart

Jane Hart of Kinston was elected president of the freshman class at their meeting today at 1:30.

Clinky Clinkscales of Anderson, S. C. was the other candidate in the election held after nominations last night.

Other officers will be elected next week.