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## Dean Hixson Announces Curriculum Changes

A number of curriculum changes which will apply to the incoming freshman class of 1949-50 and subsequent classes, have been announced by Miss Hixson, Academic Dean. These changes are in the Education-Psychology department, the Music School, and the Science Department.

Beginning with September 1949 the student who wishes to earn a teaching certificate for the elementary schools will choose a major other than education and psychology. The requirements in education and psychology will be fulfilled as a second major, a minor, or as electives. This change will strengthen the quality of the elementary teacher and enable her to have a strong background in a major field other than education.

Changes in the public school music curriculum have been made to enable the student to include one year of science, history, a semester of religion and art, and the second year of English. All methods work will be offered in the junior year, and all practice teaching in the senior year.

There will be a new major offered under the Bachelor of Music degree, that of religious music. This major prepares the student to direct church music. In the senior year the student will actually direct a church choir.

In the science department, the student who wishes to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree will be allowed any minor now listed in the catalog accompanied by a major in biology or chemistry, provided she completes 12 hours in chemistry if a biology major, or 12 hours in biology if a chemistry major.

These changes are designed to give a stronger education program and represent a sound improvement in curriculum.

## Mrs. Jordan Takes Office; Returns To Former Post



Mrs. Howard S. Jordan has been appointed the new assistant dean of students. In 1944 Mrs. Jordan, then Sarah Burrell, held this position for two years until she was married and settled down to being a housewife

## Profs Went To Meetings

by Dale Smith

Even the faculty needs a rest once in a while.

For some Salem faculty members, however, Christmas vacation wasn't the time to recover from grading term papers and preparing girls for recitals. Instead, these faculty members travelled to points north and west to get more points about their field.

"Probably three thousand professors from the forty-eight States and Canada were there," said Dr. Jordan about the Modern Language Association of America which met at the Hotel Statler in New York during the holidays. Dr. Jordan heard Henri Peyre who spoke at Salem during the fall at this meeting.

Mr. Leach said that he was "one of thousands of historians" who went to the meeting of the National Historical Association at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. Special sessions which Mr. Leach attended included the Medieval Seminar.

Mr. Peterson attended the National Association of Teachers of singing meeting in Chicago. He sat in on demonstrations and forums led by outstanding teachers in the country. The purpose of this association is to standardize voice teaching in America. "It was a wonderful session and I learned a lot," was Mr. Peterson's comment.

Not only did Mr. James Lerch attend the National Association of Schools of Music in Chicago, but he also gave a concert in Norfolk, Virginia. Although he had influenza at the time of the concert, the show went on and he had an excellent write up in the "Norfolk Pilot" which said in part; "Violinist James Lerch won the audience with a praise worthy performance of the favorite "Concerto in E Minor" by Mendelsohn. Ably assisted by Elsie Moore Hardin at the piano, he played it confidently and conscientiously evoking a smooth line and satisfying tone in the cantilina passage and evincing a fine bravura style in the cadenzas."

and putting a few pounds on her husband. One of her favorite hobbies, obviously is cooking; particularly experimenting with new recipes. But to keep their waistslines down she and Dr. Jordan have taken to gardening as another of their interests. They grow not only flowers and practical vegetables, but have an impressive list of fruit trees, grape arbors and nut trees.

When asked if she were glad to be back at Salem in her former position, she said, "Yes, or I wouldn't have taken the job. But I do seem to be allergic to this office. My first week here five years ago I caught an awful cold and had to go to the infirmary for three weeks. Now that I've been here three days, I can feel another one coming on."

Mrs. Jordan also said that she hoped the girls would all stop in to renew their acquaintances and for students that don't already know her, she issued a cordial invitation to stop by so that she can get to know you. and vice-versa.

## Truman Gives View Of Year To Congress

by Ruth Lenkoski

In order to understand what will happen in Congress during the next year, it would be well to review briefly the text of President Truman's State-of-the-Union speech which was delivered to the Congress on January 5, 1949. The following are the major proposals of the address as they were summarized in the local paper.

**Inflation:** Enlarge the Government's control over bank credit and continue its power over consumer credit, exports, and transportation allocations. Extend and strengthen rent control. Give authority to (1) regulate commodity speculation, (2) allocate scarce key materials, and (3) control wages and certain prices if necessary. Authorize a study of critical shortages—like steel—with permission for the Government to construct production facilities itself if industry can't do what is needed.

**Taxes:** A \$4,000,000,000 tax increase mainly on corporations, also on estates and gifts; consideration of tax increase for the middle and upper brackets.

**Labor:** Repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and re-enact the old Wagner Act—but with bans against jurisdictional strikes and unjustifiable secondary boycotts and some provision for avoiding strikes in vital industries. Raise minimum wage to 75 cents per hour.

**Resources:** Push power, irrigation, flood control and navigation projects on the rivers. Pass St. Lawrence seaway legislation. Extend soil, forest and mineral development and conservation. Keep tideland oil for the Federal Government. Continue public power projects.

**Health and Security:** Extend coverage and raise benefits of social security. Prepaid medical insurance. Federal financial aid to State educational systems.

**Housing:** Raising public housing goal to 1,000,000 low-rent units over next seven years.

**Civil Rights:** Pass the same civil rights proposals requested of the 80th Congress.

**Foreign:** Restore the full effectiveness of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. "Open our doors to displaced persons without unfair discriminations."

**Military:** Maintain armed forces "sufficient to deter aggression." Pass universal military legislation.

## Committee Names Reed

The following is quoted from a letter of Dr. Rondthaler to the Salemite.

"The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees announced on December 15, 1948, that Miss Charlotte Hunter, Dean of Students, had been granted a permanent leave of absence beginning with the Christmas vacation.

The Committee also announced on December 18, 1948, that Miss Marian Reed had been appointed Acting Dean of Students pro tem, and that Mrs. Howard Jordan (Sarah Burrell, Class 1940) had been appointed Assistant Dean of Students. Both of these appointments were effective immediately."

## Magidoff To Lecture; Opens Iron Curtain



Robert Magidoff, NBC's Moscow correspondent, will lecture here on day after exams. Mr. Magidoff Thursday, February 3, the first Thursday has spent the past twelve years in the Soviet Union but was expelled from that country in April, 1948 on the false charge of being a "spy". His innocence is proven in the fact that he was allowed to leave the country.

Mr. Magidoff was born in Kiev, but he came to the United States as a boy. After becoming an American citizen, he attended the New York City schools. In 1932 Mr. Magidoff graduated from the University of Wisconsin and then returned to Russia to do postgraduate work. Since then he has worked for the Associated Press and later became the Moscow correspondent for the National Broadcasting Company.

During the war Mr. Magidoff covered the conflict from inside Russia. He was a frequent visitor to the Russian-German front and also covered lend-lease shipments to Russia. Mr. Magidoff visited Siberia and Central Asia during the war. After the war ended he made trips to many European countries including Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Finland.

Commenting on Russian propaganda, Mr. Magidoff says that the virtues of Russia are continually extolled in newspapers, radios and movies. But he also says that there is no war hysteria in Russia and that it will be many years before they will be able to wage war. He also states that there is no economic crisis in Russia and that living conditions there are getting better.

Mr. Magidoff thinks that America's policy to the USSR should be one of "unflinching firmness" and one of meeting them halfway when a friendly gesture is made.

Besides being a correspondent Mr. Magidoff has contributed articles to such periodicals as the *New York Times*, *Liberty*, *New York Post* and many others. His wife, an American citizen, is a well-known Russian writer.

## Schwalbe Speaks Here

Mrs. F. T. Schwalbe has returned to this country after forty years of Moravian mission work in Alaska.

Fresh from the schools of her native Iowa, Christina Buxbaum made her way to the tiny settlement of Quinhak, where the U. S. Government maintained a school for Eskimos. Two years later she became Mrs. Fredrick Theodore Schwalbe, wife of a young minister-captain. This marriage began her forty years of mission work among the Eskimos, with her husband.

In 1916 they moved to the Moravian Mission headquarters in Bethel, a busy trading town, where they remained until the Reverend Mr. Schwalbe's death in 1937. He was superintendent of the Alaskan Mission at the time. Mrs. Schwalbe stayed in Bethel as treasurer and member of the Moravian Mission until her retirement a few months ago. Mrs. Schwalbe will probably make her home in Winston-Salem for her daughter, Mrs. C. T. Leinbach, Jr., a former Salemite, lives here.

Mrs. Schwalbe will speak at the annual Moravian Board Love Feast of Home Moravian Church at 3 p. m., January 16. Vespers will not be held on campus Sunday night because all Salem students are invited to hear Mrs. Schwalbe speak.

## Annual Debutante Ball Features Eleven Salemites

by Ione Bradsher

The Christmas holiday had an extra-special anticipation for some Salemites—that of the annual Debutante Ball in Raleigh. The Ball, sponsored by the Terpsichorean Club, came through in spite of polio and Sugar Bowl competition.

The one hundred and thirty North Carolina Debutantes arrived in Raleigh on Tuesday afternoon. Cars were parked three deep in front of the Sir Walter Hotel, and bell boys staggered under the jumble of enormous dress boxes, shoe boxes, dress suits and suitcases. **Laura Harvey** and **Sis Hines** arrived just before supper. Both were wearing tweed suits, and were anxiously looking after their dresses. **Laura's** chief was Copey Hill and **Sis's** was Phil, her brother.

On Wednesday morning the Terpsichorean Club honored the Debs and their chief marshalls with a luncheon at the Sir Walter. Never was there such an array of orchids, furs and original outfits. **Ann McKenzie**

was seen wearing a beautiful peach satin hat that was trimmed in curled ostrich plumes. **Ann's** chief was **Ber Powell Jr.**

That afternoon escorts arrived and were given bids for the Ball. That night the Debs and their chief marshalls again gathered in the Auditorium. There they were given bouquets of red roses tied with red satin ribbons.

After waiting (for what seemed years) they were "presented to Society"... through the door of an old Southern mansion. After the presentation, the traditional deb figure took place. A no-break dance followed. Among those Salemites seen waltzing with their chief marshalls were: **Carolyn Dunn** with **Jim Fox**, **Lucy Harper** with **James Brayhill**, **Lucy Brewer** with **Charles Brewer, Jr.**, and **Sophie Hobson** with her brother, **Teenie**. The debs all wore white formals and long white gloves. They danced to the music of **Larry Clinton**, who also played for the morning dance in the ball

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