

Fourscore plus many years ago
There lived a famous man you know
What are you thinkin'?
Of course! It was Lincoln.

The Salemite

Hearts and flowers and candy, too
A Happy Valentine to you!
To penetrate the heart he shields
Give him a carton of Chesterfields.

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Academic Changes Revealed

Several additional curriculum changes have been announced this week by Miss Ivy Hixson, Academic Dean.

For the first time, a minor in religion, designed to prepare the student for various positions in the field of religious education is to be offered. The freshman year will include two courses of basic work, **A Survey of the Old Testament** (103), and **A Survey of the New Testament** (104). In the sophomore year the student will take such courses as are now offered at Salem—**Paul, The Synoptic Gospels, History of Religion, and The Teachings of Jesus**. The junior year will include a course entitled **Christian Education**, designed especially to prepare the student for various positions in the church or other fields of religious education. This course, however, will not be offered before 1950-'51.

A new six hour course, **Introduction to the Theatre**, is to be added, and will include a survey of all the fields of the theatre—history, dramatic structure, techniques of production, acting, and directing. Practical training will come through Pierrette productions. This course, taught by Miss Elizabeth Reigner, will satisfy group requirements in fine arts, but will not count toward a major or a minor in English.

A third change in the curriculum is a plan designed to make geography a social study, with emphasis not so much on science, but rather on the characteristics of the weather, climate, soil, major land features and resources in relation to man's activities. Two three-hour courses will be offered: **Introduction to Geography and Geography of North America**. These courses will be required for an elementary teaching certificate and may be an elective for upperclassmen.

Several changes are also being made in the history department. United States History will become an upper level course, no longer required.

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Mighty Thoughty...



All fall for Dr. Hall. Here Molly Darr, senior voice major, and Betty Holbrook, "Y" President, enjoy a chat with our Religious Emphasis leader. Dr. Hall did everything from working a crossword puzzle in the Sights and Insights office to giving us man to woman talk on topics from Moses to marriage. The latter was particularly popular with hopeful students.

Dr. Hall Is Successful Religious Leader; Plays Mean Game of Ping Pong and Chess

by Joan Carter Read

He may not smoke Chesterfields as many leading Salemites do, he may not have the Scottish brogue as our former Religious Emphasis leader had, he may be younger, more attractive, and more humorous than many of our speakers and if he is, then he is sure to be Dr. Warner Hall.

Dr. Hall has done more than prove to Salemites that he is a successful religious leader. He has showed them his skill in a rapid game of ping pong and a mean game of no trump. If there were a few male chess players on campus, he probably would have shown his prowess in that field too.

As for his opinion of Salem (the inevitable interviewer's question), Dr. Hall said that he loved its permanence without senility, its vitality and life, and its long tradition without being overly traditional. He feels that our religious atmosphere is good and wholesome without being painfully pious.

In spite of his Tennesseean twang, Dr. Hall has a cosmopolitan background. "After the French and Indian Wars", he attended the University of Edinburgh and the University of Berlin. At Berlin the professors were the almighties. They wore long robes, lectured for fifty-five minutes, left for five while the students ate Swiss cheese sand-

wiches, then came back for another hour lecture.

Dr. Hall believes that both Religious Emphasis week and examinations are a vital part of any student's life at college. Focal points are the things that students most often remember long after graduation. Examinations, he believes, are a good way of corollating all your material and proving to yourself that you know your subject.

Dr. Hall is pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. He came to North Carolina from Tennessee, because, as he said in Chapel, "there is a lot of work to be done here in North Carolina!"

I. R. S. Has Drummond To Charm

The I. R. S. has announced plans for Charm Week. Mrs. Barbara Drummond, beauty counselor and authority on cosmetics, will be with us on campus next week, February 14-19, giving free facials and professional advice to women students and faculty.

SALLYE HARMER
REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Drummond is a representative of Sallye Harmer Cosmetics, individualized cosmetics made up especially for you.

She will give a demonstration facial in the Day Student's Center Monday afternoon at 5:00. Afterwards, any student can sign up on the poster in Main Hall for individual appointments.

SPRING STYLES PREVIEW

Tuesday, February 15th, in Chapel the students will also get a preview of new spring styles to go with our brand new complexions. Mrs. Green from Montaldo's has recently returned from New York, and is an authority on the new fashions. We will see these new spring styles modeled by Salem girls, as Mrs. Green gives us the latest hints on lengths, shapes and necklines.

FOLDEROL'S COMMENTS

Saggy Salemites can surprise stupefied studs with a supreme selection of stupendous stuff. Why be a Gravel Gertie when you can be converted into a Gorgeous Gertrude, free of charge? If you're worried about sags, droops, bulges, skeletal promiscuity or crossed eyes, Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Green can mold, suggest, analyze and camouflage until your own great-grandmother would never recognize you.

Stalin's Move Reviewed; Acheson Analyzes Points

by Ruth Lenkoski

On January 30, 1949 Stalin made a move which has been the main topic of international discussions for the two weeks following. Stalin indirectly invited President Truman to negotiate in a Big Two conference. There has been much speculation as to whether Stalin was being tactical or genuine in making such a move.

The following are the four points which Stalin proposed to Truman through an American press interview (as summarized in last Sunday's *New York Times*): (1) Russia "would be prepared to consider" a non-aggression pact with the United States; (2) Russia "could cooperate" with the United States in the gradual disarmament measures; (3) Russia "sees no obstacles" to lifting the Berlin blockade providing that the Western powers agree to postpone establishment of a western German State and also lift their counter-blockade; (4) Stalin has "no objection to a meeting with President Truman at a mutually suitable place."

Three days later Acheson answered Stalin's "peace proposal", analyzing the four points. In regard

to the non-aggression pact Mr. Acheson pointed out that Russia, the United States, and all other United Nations countries were under treaty not to engage in war against one another. As for disarmament, our Secretary of State reviewed Russia's refusal to participate in any effective international control of atomic energy. Analyzing the third point concerning the Berlin blockade, Acheson said that evidently Russia did consider the postponement of the Western German Government a condition in lifting the blockade last summer, yet the plan has still not been formed and the blockade has continued. In regard to the meeting with the President, Acheson clarified this country's stand. Truman has said several times that he would welcome a visit with Stalin in Washington. Furthermore, Truman has said that he would not consider any negotiations outside the channels of the United Nations.

If Stalin's motive was tactical, he perhaps wanted to slow up the union of the West and give Russia favorable propaganda which would foster

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Dean Names Honor Pupils For Semester

On Thursday, February 3, Miss Ivy Hixson, Academic Dean, announced in chapel the names of those students who had received outstanding academic honors during the past semester.

The highest honor before graduation is membership in the Honor Society and the following were received as new members: Polly McConnell Harrop, Charleston, W. Va.; Norman Eugene Jarrard, Winston-Salem; Beverly Frances Johnson, Mayodan; Love A. Ryder, Decatur, Georgia; Wesley Hedgecock Snyder, Winston-Salem. For the first time in the history of the honor society men were admitted to the honor society and the audience received quite a surprise when the three male students (sporting their beards) joined the predominately feminine group. The old members are as follows: Mary Peirano Aiken, Pickens, S. C.; Martha Virginia Coburn, Whiteville; Laurel Green, Durham; Margaret McCall, Salisbury; Mary Patience McFall, Danville, Va.; Mary Eaton Seville, Statesville;

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Reigner Urges Students To Enter Play Contest

Dramatics students of Valparaiso University are inviting young authors on campuses throughout the United States to enter a playwriting contest sponsored by the Valparaiso University Players, it was announced by Miss Elizabeth Reigner, this week.

According to the printed announcement just received, a nationwide search for undiscovered talent in the field of playwriting is being conducted by the Valparaiso dramatics students in a playwriting contest open for entries until June 30, 1949.

Purpose of the contest, according to the announcement to be posted on this campus, is "to stimulate original thinking in playwriting and to encourage experimentation in dramatic forms." No restrictions have been made by the sponsors as to theme or form.

One-act plays are especially acceptable in this first of an annual series of playwriting contests to be sponsored by the Valparaiso University Players. Prizes include awards of \$200, \$100, and \$50 for the three best one-act plays and a special sum of \$300 as first place award for a full length play, if one

of sufficient merit is entered.

The Valparaiso University Players will ask the authors of the prize winning plays for the right to produce them for the first time, after which all production and publication rights will be returned to the respective authors.

Dr. Vera T. Hahn, Director of Dramatics at Valparaiso University, has announced that three prominent leaders in the university theater movement have accepted invitations to act as judges in the contest. They are Lee Norvelle, Chairman of the Department of Speech and Director of the University Theater at Indiana University; Robert Masters, Chairman of the Department of Speech and Director of Dramatics at Indiana State Teachers' College; and Earl Harlan, Director of the University Theater at Purdue University.

Judging will take place after the close of the contest at midnight, June 30, 1949, Dr. Hahn said, and winners will be announced on September 30. Further details are in the possession of the speech or dramatics departments of colleges or universities throughout the nation.