

### In Appreciation

Munchen, April 27, 1949

To the Home Economics Club!

I received at Easter a package with clothes from the New Newspaper (publishing house of the American army). I should like to thank you sincerely for it. I can use the things well. I have three brothers 18, 16, and 14 years of age. My father works as a driver for the New Newspaper. It is not easy for him to make enough to keep all four of us and especially since everything is so expensive. We are therefore of course very much pleased with the things that I have received.

My father was in an American prison camp in Oklahoma for two years from 1944-1946. He knows therefore this beautiful land and has told us much about it. There was an address on the package and I have been glad of that. In conclusion most sincere thanks.

Right friendly greetings sends to you  
Edith Brunner

As the mother of Edith, I should like also to thank you sincerely. Life today is really hard so one is happy when he receives some articles of clothing without cost.

Hearty Greetings

Mrs. Agnes Brunner with her husband and children.

### Dear Editor:

The new "Y" cabinet has been installed by you for the forthcoming year. I know I speak for the cabinet when I say we will try our best to serve you in every way we can. We cannot do our best unless you Y. W. C. A. members help us and work with us. As a new year approaches we'll think of new ideas and new opportunities and new fields to venture into and without your backing your Y. W. C. A. cabinet cannot serve you and others to the best of their ability. We won't let you down if you don't let us down.

Betty McBrayer  
President, Y. W. C. A.

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## Reznick Reviews Fries Fries Reviews Forsyth

by Frances Reznick

Evidences of the Forsyth County Centennial are now more than hirsute. In honor of the county's birthday Dr. Adelaide Fries has edited an interesting collection of data called Forsyth, A County on the March.

Dr. Fries and her assistants, Mary Wiley, Douglas Rights, Harvey Dinkins, Charles Siewers, and Flora Ann Lee, could not have given their county a better birthday present than this. The book is a tribute not only to the county but also to these six painstaking citizens who are working hard in 1949 to perpetuate the memory of 1849.

Miss Wiley is well qualified to contribute to Forsyth. She has been educated in North Carolina, a teacher in Winston-Salem for many years, and a student of North Carolina history. She has done much historical research for her "Mostly Local" column in the Twin City Sentinel.

"Miss Mary's" chapter in the book, "Glimpses of Small-Town Winston," is on the style of her newspaper column. It is filled with short notes about nineteenth century sites and people in Winston. Many local citizens' ancestors can be traced in Miss Wiley's writings. Her bits of nice detail and remarks about the changes made over the years in Winston-Salem add a warm nostalgia to the book.

Flora Ann Lee, on the other hand, brings a modern tone into the writing. Director of the Publicity of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, she has facts at hand about present day Winston-Salem. Her chapter, the last of the eight, tells of the city's physical expansion, government, schools, churches, hospitals, transportation and communication, means of public information, and various agencies. Miss Lee appreciates, though, Salem's "weathered brick buildings that represent the beginnings of the heritage" of Winston-Salem.

The three male authors of Forsyth represent three different fields of interest. Douglas Rights, Pastor of Trinity Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, does not confine himself to his church work, but is absorbed in a study of North Carolina. A chapter by him, "Smaller Towns, Villages, and Hamlets," is one of the most comprehensive in the book. His task of writing about Friedburg, Hope, Belews Creek, Rural Hall, Lewisville, etc. is not exactly a slight one, for he must manage to make those small North Carolina communities sound like more than dots on the map. He succeeds in doing this by giving a mixture of fact and incident. Mr. Rights, indeed, seems to love these little North Carolina towns, "where folks send you good things to eat when you are sick and talk about you when you are well." His friend and colleague, Harvey Dinkins, is interested in the farm and the advancement of agriculture. Farm Editor of the Journal and Sentinel since 1926, Mr. Dinkins writes on "Rural Forsyth." His contribution to the book deals with the pioneer citizens and the forests and agriculture of the county. Quite naturally, Mr. Charles Siewers, as

president of the Chamber of Commerce of Winston-Salem, is interested in business. In "A City of Industry," he gives a munificent build up that any Chamber of Commerce would be proud of. But Mr. Siewers has much to choose from in industrial Winston-Salem—the tobacco industries, the textile plants, the woodworking shops, and the many financial institutions.

Research into North Carolina, Forsyth County, and Winston-Salem's history, however, cannot be managed without the wisdom and experience of Dr. Adelaide Fries. Archivist of the Moravian Church and well known for her book, The Road to Salem, Dr. Fries not only edits Forsyth, but also includes in it several chapters of her own.

She begins the book with an explanation of the founding of Forsyth County. This "Fifth-Generation County," as she calls it, formerly contained the land that makes up part of Anson County, Rowan County, Surry County, and Stokes County now. Gathering information on Benjamin Forsyth, for whom the county was named, was a particularly hard job for the historian, because she had to trace any small clue concerning him through the records of five counties! Many of the court houses she went to had no records of her subject, or, often when records were kept, they were not indexed. The author had to track down some of her clues as far as Raleigh. Dr. Fries was aided a great deal by records kept by her own family, particularly by her grandfather, who was the early chairman of the board of county commissioners.

A less formidable subject than Benjamin Forsyth is Salem. Dr. Fries has access to many records kept by the educated men of Salem. The co-operative community was founded from Wachovia. The place chosen for Salem itself was on the hill leading from the Wach-Salem Creek—to the Annaberg—Winston. Dr. Fries relates numerous anecdotes and details in the chapter, "Around Salem Square," perhaps the best written and most authoritative in the book.

Dr. Fries is responsible, too, for the idea of publishing a book containing the history of this county. At her casual, half joking suggestion, the planning committee for the Forsyth Centennial decided to have a book written. Dr. Fries had only six weeks in which to prepare it, and so enlisted the willing assistance of those writers mentioned.

The outcome of their efforts is a book valuable for its wealth of material on Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. It is, furthermore, attractively illustrated by Mr. Joe King, well-known artist in Winston-Salem. Mr. King's sketches and maps are a cheerful and artistic complement to the historical work.

The book is, nevertheless, too localized to be appreciated or even enjoyed by readers outside of the Forsyth area. For one who is a citizen or visitor to this area, though, the simple chapters add up to a unified picture of the development of a county and its promise of future progress.



by Joan Carter Read

To the juniors there is one year left in which to soak up the traditions of Salem. Almost before we can realize it we are approaching our last year of college. If the next year goes as rapidly as the first three we will no sooner reach this high status than we will have completed it. Yes, we still have a year left to watch Dickie Spough and Chris French ford the creek. We can still play with the children in the laundry and talk to Miss Essie about the troubles of the world. But there will be some changes on the campus next year that are going to affect us all. For one thing we will have a new president, but the thing that makes us wonder what we will do in our senior year is that we are going to be the incumbants of the major student offices. What do we juniors think of becoming seniors? Here are just a few opinions.

Louise Stacy: "I think it will be heaven on earth but I just can't believe that we are finally there after these three years. It just seems like yesterday since we arrived here for that first hectic day."

Bev. Johnson: "I wish next year at this time were already here. When I think of all I'll have to do next year it scares me, but I can't wait for September to come."

Carolyn Dunn: "I don't even want to talk about it. I'm thrilled at the idea of finally being a senior, of course, but at the same time the idea scares me. What are we going to do when we get out of here?"

Liz Leland: "Well, it will be fun to have ears up here and not have to worry about light cuts. But with graduation really staring us in the face I think we are all going to have to turn out a lot of hard work. It is going to be difficult to stay here and grind with all those privileges just waiting to be used."

Helen Kessler: "I can't wait to get into Bitting. It will be so much fun to have our whole class together so we can all really know each other before we leave."

Jean Starr: "The one thing I keep thinking about is practice teaching. What with all the fun we can have and being able visit all night it is going to be kind of hard to settle down to working out tomorrows lesson plan. But I still cannot wait to get to Bitting."

Dot Massey: "I was so relieved when I found we were all in Bitting that I haven't thought much more about it. But now Tootsie tells me that I won't be living there except from 11 'til 7 and the rest of the time I will be found in the catacombs. That will be quite a change from three years of Clewell."

These are only a few of what some juniors think of becoming a senior. There are some who think it will be just like any year except with a little more work. There are others who feel that we will have more time for play. We don't really know what to expect for it seems that being a senior is like having the measles. You can see one, watch it develop then sort of wither away, but you can't really tell until you've had it. That's the way we are. We are thrilled and scared. We think it will be fun and work. But we won't really be able to tell you until we don those caps and gowns for opening chapel. Then if we are able to remember ever being a lowly junior maybe we can tell you what it is like to be a senior.