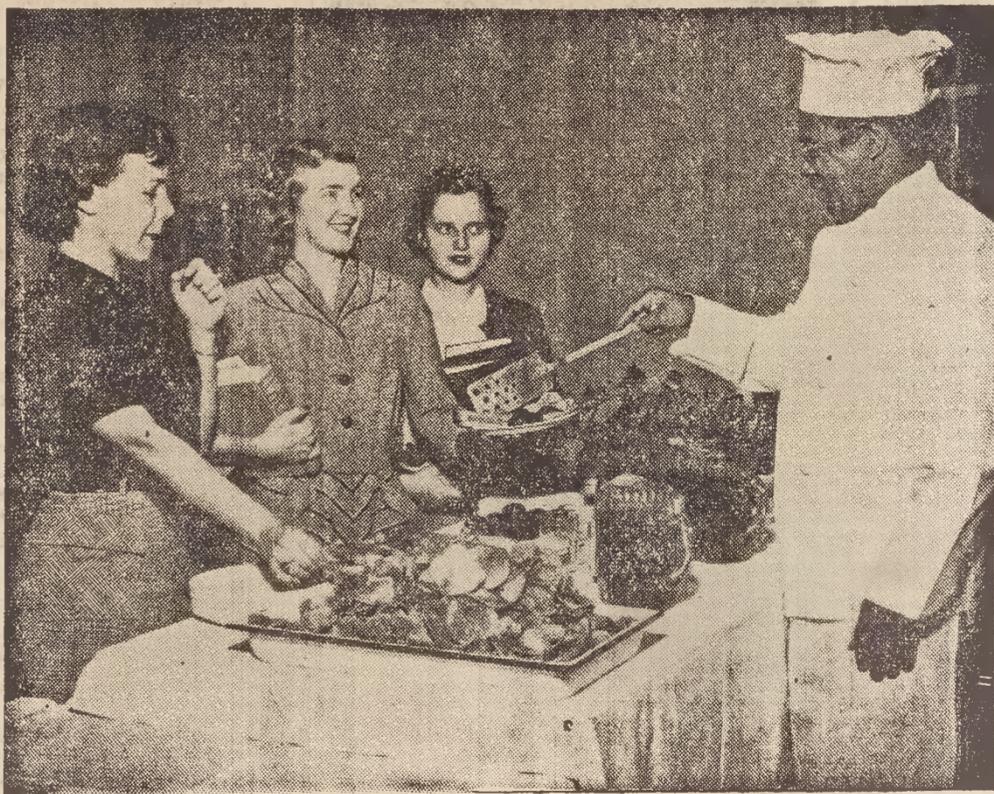


# Russell, Our Chef For 31 Years Started Kitchen Parties, Receives Cheers



Sampling one of Russell Crew's specialties of potato chips, are, left to right, Harriet Hall, Sallie Kerner, and Janet Zimer.

by Carter Read

"I came to Salem in 1919 to work for a week to get enough money to go to Pittsburg but I'm still here!" And for that Salem girls are still grateful to Russell Crews, our chef.

Russell started out at Salem by waiting on the senior table in the old dining room. Then he went to work as a helper in the kitchen and next as a helper to the cook. From here it was just a two year jump to being head cook in 1924.

Cooking with Russell is not just a nine months job, but a great art which he practices all year working during the summer at camps. He wishes that he had more time for fancy cooking, his true love, but he is satisfied with his specialties of salads, meats, french fried potatoes, and potato chips. The main thing interests him is "pleasing the girls, which is always a pleasure and a joy." And his business of pleasing the girls is not always an easy one, but Russell has learned by experience that they do not like fish or creamed sweet breads while they gobble up chicken and spaghetti.

Four years ago Russell instigated the tradition of the kitchen party during exams and he says it is his greatest success.

But it seems that another of Russell's great success is his family, one of whom will be in Winston-Salem's lime light next week. Russell has two sons and two daughters. One boy is working on his masters in education in NYC, one girl has her master's in Sociology and will be home from Detroit in April to be married. The younger boy goes to high school here in Winston-Salem and plays in the band, but it is the other daughter who will perform here next week. Geraldine Crews Hayes, a lyric soprano who has studied at Juilliard, (Continued on page four)

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## Barker

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When he entered the Missouri show he won the purchase award, which meant that his winning picture is hung in the museum in St. Louis. "All that time he was exhibiting in a lot of places. He is a very popular painter in St. Louis many columns are written about him!"

The two Mr. B.'s paths crossed again when they came to Salem to teach art together. As Mr. Brandt said, "Teaching offers the artist the opportunity of earning a living and still going on as he wants to with his own creative work. Since Mr. Barker came down here he's been doing very experimental work."

As to the "human interest" side, Mr. Brandt grinned and said, "Well—Mr. and Mrs. Barker have a convertible and a huge mammoth cat—but the cat ran away Christmas. Mr. Barker loves cats!" Mr. Brandt chuckled and said, "There are a lot of funny things I could tell, but I don't know that the Salemite would—"

As to Mr. Brandt's opinion of Mr. Barker as an artist, he said "I like his work very much, but any opinion I would give would sound awfully arty. But his work is good and strong, and in a couple of years he'll be well-known!"

And that is Mr. Brandt talking about Mr. Barker.

## Brides-To-Be

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already has her every day china and five place settings of her silver. Don't forget the broom and the dust pan, Mary Anne!

A house and Mike are about the only wedding plans Miss Sue Stowers has completed thus far. Sue is our most recent engagee.

And what are the rest of us planning to do after graduation? Well, if we're still alive after attending all of the above weddings, we'll let you know then!

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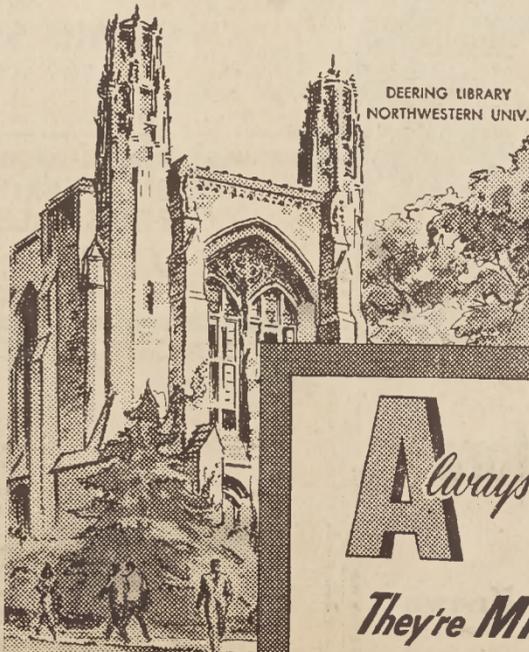
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