

# Staff Cooks, Gardens, And Hunts

By Lola Dawson

While they were frying chicken, fixing center pieces of ivy, sweeping the floor and washing cups and saucers, the staff in the dining room stopped long enough to tell me a little bit about themselves. Their work ranges from running back and forth to the kitchen for Salemites, to raising zinnias, doing church work and caring for a family.

Clarence Page has been at Salem longer than any of the kitchen staff. He came here 39 years ago and he helps with the cooking. I found Clarence preparing to fry chicken and he had that far away look in his eyes. He told me that he was dreaming about going on a rabbit hunt. The largest number of rabbits he has ever killed is 25. Clarence loves to fish at High Rock and he has a garden full of potatoes, onions and cabbage.

Virginia Hester has been here for only one year. Virginia is a maid and came to Salem in September. Virginia smiled, looked down at her apron and said, "Being my first year, I've enjoyed every minute of it. I specially loves the girls cause they's so cheerful." A member of the Lutheran Church, Virginia is president of the Dorcas Society which does a lot of mission work. As she fixed the last twig on the ivy center piece, Virginia said, "One of my favorite pastimes is my work in the House and Garden Club.

Leaving Virginia with ivy, I found Clara, Winona and Inez sitting around a kitchen table peeling tomatoes for supper and chatting about the Holy Week services they were planning to attend. Clara stopped peeling long enough to tell me that she has 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls. Clara sings in the choir of the Macedonia Holiness Church. At the mention of church, Winona put down the kitchen knife and said, "I'm a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church and I have two hobbies, working and reading. I've recently finished "Michael" and "Little Ole New York." Clara told me that Winona is a member of the program committee of the 14th Street School P. T. A., and a member of the scout committee. Winona intervened, "Yes'm, and all six of my children are boy scouts."

During this conversation, Inez had continued to peel and slice tomatoes. She never stopped as she told me that she was a member of the Rising Ebenezer Baptist Church and President of the Pastor's League.

Leaving the tomato peelers to their job, I caught Edith and Dorothea while they were carrying plates into the dining hall. After Edith had unloaded her dishes on the faculty table, she told me that she had been at Salem 15 years. She has 4 children and she is active in the Ebenezer Church. Edith went back to get more plates as she told me she was vice-president of the Pastor's Aid Society. I looked at Dorothea who was singing and placing silver around the table. After the first bar, Dorothea told me she was practising for the weekly choir broadcast of the Macedonia Holiness Church.

Smelling something which made me think of brownies. I followed the aroma to the bake room and found Mr. Brunner and Miss Emma taking a batch of brownies out of the oven. Mr. Brunner gave me a brownie to test as he told me that he has worked at Salem 29 years. He came over from Germany in 1896. Mr. Brunner offered me another brownie as he said, "I try to please everybody if I can. I'm particularly

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**L. Roberts**  
WINSTON-SALEM



Jane Watson



Margaret Thomas

## Jane Troops From Sun To Catacombs; Margaret Hopes For Active Stee Gee

By Sis Pooser

### V. V. Dreams

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dle of her sheet for a triangular bandage—Winkie would probably never miss it—she was always so tired after play practice—

Neatly folding the percale bandage, exactly 40x42, she placed it with a check for seventy cents, pencil and horn-book in her red plaid book-sack. Throwing the strap over her shoulder, she made her way toward Main Hall.

Now fully realizing her call to civic duty, V. V. paused by the willow tree. She had already forgotten Oliphos, the seven good movies showing this week and her term paper due at 8:30 tomorrow morning. Yes, this was her call!

V. V. walked into Room 8 and sat in the chair with Miss Biggers, since she was the sole occupant. The rest of the chairs were already filled with two or more people. "Two in a chair for two hours wouldn't be bad at all," V. V. thought. "Besides, there would be plenty of time for individual attention." Mr. Alexander (no kin to Graham Bell) passed out note cards and asked for names, addresses and so forth. Then the lecture began. "Why do we study FIRST AID," he asked. At once a seemingly meek, gray-haired lady began to orate verbatim the first four pages of the text. Upon immediate observation, V. V. surmised that she had taken the course before.

Other questions followed. What is FIRST AID? What are the general directions for FIRST AID? The meek, unknown, gray-haired lady also answered these questions. Then Mr. Alexander demonstrated bandages for the first row. V. V. couldn't see. Mr. Spencer, V. V.'s history teacher, was standing in the chalk trough trying to watch the demonstration. V. V. made her way to the back of the room, and blew the chalk dust off his shoes (licking boots, for she had made an F—on her six weeks). Endeavoring to see also, she climbed up beside him and balanced her-

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There is no essential connection in the fact, but Margaret Thomas and Jane Watson, who recently inherited top jobs on campus for next year, are about as hard to find as any two students at Salem.

When I finally ran them down in Strong basement, Margaret was playing bridge and Jane was puzzling over the **Congressional Record**.

But an interview is something else, since as Jane put it, interviews are usually conducted with "somebody with a past." But each finally agreed to tell about the other, so the story amounts to something like this:

Jane, it seems, "keeps calm all the time and never gets excited—not even over boys." She's from Clearwater, Fla., and lives only a mile from the beach—which helps to explain the year-round sun-tan. At home she swims a lot, and, according to Margaret, manages to "keep a few men on the string."

At Salem, Jane works on the May Day Committee (dance division), but spends most of her time floating from the Sun Printing Company to the Catacombs. She has a few ideas for editing next year's **Salemite**, but admits that most of them, at this point, are still a little hazy. She's interested in creative writing, and thinks she would like to work on a newspaper after she graduates — writing, as

she does for the **Salemite**, "featurey things."

Margaret is a Tarboro girl, and enthusiastic about her new job as president of Stee Gee. She has high hopes for next year's Student Government, particularly student body meetings. With student participation and interest, she feels, they can all be as interesting as they have been in the last few weeks.

Although she is an economics and sociology major, Margaret plans to do her practice teaching next year in math in the local high schools. This year, besides dashing to and from meetings and writing letters for the Stee Gee—she's been its secretary—, she has put in long hours at the Sun, where she did make-up for the **Salemite**.

## New Clothes Shown To Salem Girls

By Carolyn Harris

Salem girls were guests at an informal party and fashion show Wednesday afternoon at one of Winston-Salem's leading stores. Between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 cokes and dainty party food were served to the Salem guests.

Modeling the various spring ensembles were Mary Joyce Wilson, Sis Pooser, Connie Murray, Laurie Mitchell, Mabel Taylor, Mary Matalas and Edith Flagler.

In her Easter morning ensemble Mary Matalas was dressed in a navy blue file coat with a full pleated skirt worn over a light blue tie silk dress. Her hat was of white milan straw trimmed with white violets.

Dressed for that morning tea, Sis Pooser modeled a purple shantung dress with fitted lines and short sleeves. Her only accessory was a pink straw hat with a purple veil.

A stunning cocktail dress of polka dot tie silk over pleated organdy studded with rhinestones was worn by Mary Joyce Wilson. Completing her outfit were white linen shoes with patches of pastel blue kid.

Mabel Taylor was ready for the spring pledge dances in a lavender nylon net evening dress. The full length dress with a two tone bouffant skirt of lilac and purple was made complete with a matching stole.

Many styles and fashions were featured, but lavender for the dresses and suits and white straw for the "chapeau" will be the trend for the Easter Parade this year.

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