

Santa Gives Candy To Children And Poem To Senior Class

The Junior Class entertained the seniors with a formal banquet last Wednesday night.

Marion Lewis, junior class president, greeted the seniors and Edna Wilkerson, senior class president, responded. Between courses, Christmas carols were sung accompanied by Joanne White.

Just prior to Santa's entrance, Peggy Ann Alderman sang "Winter Wonderland." At the end of the program a Negro church choir sang several selections.

Santa, who was the Rev. E. A. Sawyer, gave stockings filled with candy to the faculty children and read the following poem dedicated to the seniors:

Your Christmas vacation is almost here—

Next week this time you'll be full of cheer.

You won't meet again 'till '52—

Goodbye to the old year, hello to the new.

There're some things about this year tho'

That we want everyone of you to know.

Those senior gals have had lots of fun,

So we're going to tell you about each one.

Practice teaching and dates every nite—

those gals do all right.

I heard Dee Allen had a wreck—

we're glad she didn't break her neck!

Monie's May Queen for '52—we hope it'll be a sunny day for you.

Carolyn's been dragging Woodrow around — they've covered every inch of Salem's ground.

We hear that Sally Senter got her wings—all I can say is, "Well, of all things."

I see Martha's gotten that pin back —now she's going on the right track!

Will you ever forget the day in assembly that Alice Blake got tickled?

Peggy, is it No, John, No, or Yes?

Tell us—Please don't make us guess.

Martha Wolfe is the junior class dream—she always buys 2 cups of ice cream!

We thought Kitty's cowboy was mighty cute — He was precious looking—had personality to boot!

Jane Watson got to interview Truman—Let us know a secret, Jane —Is he human?

I want to hear the opera Furney wrote—They say it ends on a sour note.

Margaret Thomas is always busy—keeping track of her would make you dizzy.

Carolyn and Mildred are the married lasses—They keep house and go to classes.

Emily's dog is Biting's pet—how many times has the floor been wet?

Jean is pinned to a Navy man—she heads North every time she can.

Violetta likes bridge and ping-pong —she could play them all day long.

The Senior twins are Ann and Lil — they don't go much for Chapel Hill.

Lou Davis tries to make us behave —To do this, she really has to slave.

Kitty, Beth and Marion will star in the play—we can hardly wait till that day.

Daisy locks the Biting gate—I wonder if she knows when the gals are late?

Flossie's dark and cute and gay—and the boys say she's got S.A.

About that opera that Furney wrote—Ann Evans will sing the sour note.

Betty, with her hair of flame, always plays that Injun game.

Edna really thinks she rates—with that intern that she dates.

Barbara will be a senior twice—work hard, Barbara, or it'll be thrice.

Mitch is Lucy's second mother—

We warn you, Mitch, there'll soon be another.

Lola can both direct and act—No one will deny that certain fact.

Julia eats 5 meals a day—she's liable to gain weight that way.

Bobbie Pfaff, is the Day Student head—Did you know that her real name is Winifred?

Did you see that corsage Mary Campbell got? Her high school pupils must think she's hot!

Carol Stortz is a smart kid—she can tell a male from a female squid.

Somebody help us solve the mystery—how does B. A. learn so much history?

So long folks—have a nice holiday —Just one more thing before I'm on my way—

Merry Christmas Happy New Year To Everyone of You!

F. T. A. Holds Yuletide Meet

The F. T. A. held their Christmas meeting last Tuesday in the Strong apartment. Following an after dinner coffee, the program opened with the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful". Miss Hall, instructor in history and guidance director at the Gray High School, told two stories, the familiar Christmas story found in Luke and "The Other Wiseman".

Mary Campbell Craig, president, announced that a profit is being made on the sale of hot dogs. It was decided to appoint a hot dog chairman in each dormitory.

Plans for the "Miss Student Teacher" election in January were discussed. The evaluation committee for the election will be Lou Davis, chairman, Elsie Macon and Ellen Bell.

NewsBriefs

Freshmen are again given notice by Mrs. Amy Heibredner that there will be no seminars next week.

Terry Singer, daughter of Dr. Gregg Singer, will be among 16 children who will present a recital Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Installation of new safety and stop valves as required by the new state boiler code will be done during Christmas recess if equipment is received. The installation costs will run to \$2,350.

Mrs. Heibredner announces that nearly 400 invitations were sent out for the open house and judging of dormitory decorations.

Unique Crops Up In Yule Traditions

By Cynthia May

The word tradition seems to go hand-in-hand with the word Salem, particularly around Christmas time. In Salem traditions, however, as in any there occasionally crops up the unique and different.

A glance through Dr. Adelaide Fries' Road to Salem and the bound issues of The Academy, student publication of Salem Female Academy, shows many new twists to the old traditions.

The Salem student of 1877 would rise early from her narrow bed and run downstairs in the early morning gloom. Paying little attention to the decorated Christmas tree and the warm light of the candles, she would run straight to her desk.

Gifts Await Girls

Other girls in her room company had already made straight for their desks where their gaily wrapped gifts were waiting for them. Until time for church the girls chattered excitedly and devoured handfuls of Christmas cookies. After church Christmas dinner was served in "the company of the Principal and his family".

In 1887 "owing to the absence of fire crackers and other explosives, we had a quiet, delightful Christmas, such as befits a professedly Christian community, on a religious festival".

Dining room decorations impressed the Salem girls of 1896. The tables were arranged in the shape of a star. The center of each table was decorated with plants and greens from the greenhouse and burning candles. Beside each

Late Permission Is Given For Dance

Late permission until 1:00 a.m. will be granted after the I. R. S. Christmas dance tomorrow night. The various dorms are planning entertainment for residents and their dates during the period after the dance which ends at midnight. No student may leave campus, says Mrs. Amy Heibredner, dean.

Special arrangements have been made in Clewell so that dates may be entertained in Davy. Each student must be in her own dorm by 1:00 a.m.

Students will sign out for the dance in their respective dorms. This differs from the past procedure of all students signing out in Clewell.

plate was a burning taper. The total effect was that of a gigantic blazing star.

The Salem girl of 1879 would remember the Christmas party. Because all the Christmas trees and greens were dried and dead, the dining room was decorated with orange and lemon trees from the greenhouse. Even the piano was set in a little grove of orange trees in the corner.

Christmas Beautiful To Indian

When Jane Ross, the Little Brown Thrush, arrived at Salem in 1826, she never dreamed that Christmas was so beautiful. Jane was a Cherokee Indian princess. She arrived at Salem dressed in a red silk dress, a green shawl, beaded moccasins, crimson ribbons woven into her black braids, beads of all colors and a beautiful neck-

lace of silver disks around her neck. Since Jane could not return home for Christmas festivities, her father visited her—He was very handsome—a full blooded Cherokee, tall and erect, with perfectly formed hands and feet. He was the chief of the tribe.

Chief Awed With Christ Child

"As he entered the chapel he paused, and clasping his hands, gazed with silent awe upon the Infant Christ, while his negro servant, as interpreter, told him what it meant, and those who had taken him there looked on, deeply impressed with his unconscious tribute—"

So have been the unique and impressive incidents which prove that tradition is never static. Within the old the new always arises.

Excerpts From Old Salemites Prove Humorous And Dated

By Anne Lowe

Did you know that 'way back in 1920 there was a Salemite? From a casual glance at the Christmas edition, the following articles were found under their inspiring motto, "Sail on Salem".

"See the U-Cem Circus at the Salem Gymnasium this week-end. There will be rare talents and daring performances followed by the cleverest of pranks. You see 'em and you'll C-'em." Pierrettes watch out. We are afraid you're missing a great opportunity this Saturday. "Misses Jessamine Brown and Elizabeth Rhodes will spend Christmas week-end in Davidson." Bet they had one grand old time, don't you?

Then there was the ad from The Welfare Shop:

What do you want that is toothsome and sweet?

Try the little shop 'cross the street.

What in paper, drugs or drinks?

We've got it, the Welfare Shop thinks!

How is the following as a Christmas gift suggestion?

School Girl Corsets

Just the thing for every day wear. Not too heavy for athletics. Elastic side girdles and corsets made of light weight material, which, however, gives the desired support that a girl needs.

They too had a weekly calendar, and as a special Christmas treat the following was scheduled: "On the Saturday before Christmas there will be a hike to Kernersville. Girls are allowed to ride the train back to Salem." Excitement, excitement!

The issue was closed with a timely tip from the editor. "There's nothing in Christmas spirit that means shirk your work, so do your best to the last day." Thank you, Madam Editor!

Sawyers To Hold Third Open House

The third in the series of Sunday night open houses will be held by the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Sawyer Dec. 16 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at their home, 909 South Church St.

The series was promoted by the Order of the Scorpion to give students and faculty members an opportunity to become better acquainted. Each Sunday night a different faculty member opens his home to all students and other faculty members. No formal entertainment is planned.

Dr. and Mrs. Dale Gramley opened the series two weeks ago. Last Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin received guests in their apartment on Main St.

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