

Faculty vote, students
gloat.
Closed weekend open. We
pass? I hopen.

The Salemite

Kitty, Beth and Marion debut
Tuesday P.M.
Suppose MGM will soon snatch
them.

Volume XXXII

Salem College, Winston-Salem, N. C., Friday, January 11, 1952

Number 13

Drama Workshop To Boast E.A. Poe And Coward Plays

Two one-act plays will be presented next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Old Chapel. One of these will be a workshop production of the Little Theater, and the other will be Lola Dawson's workshop production of "Fumed Oak".

"The Tell-Tale Heart", adapted from Edgar Allen Poe's short story of the same name, is a psychological drama of great suspense and horror. It will be directed by Hal Hamrick who is an announcer for radio station WAIR. In the cast will be David Pardington as Edgar, Doug Carter as the policeman, and the identity of the inspector remains undecided.

In the cast of "Fumed Oak" will be Marion Watson as Doris Gow, Beth Coursey as Mrs. Rockett, Kitty Faucette as Elsie Gow, and Ed Friedenbergs as Henry Gow. The play is a comedy concerning the life of a middle class family in England. For 15 years Henry has endured the wrangling of his wife, his mother-in-law and his daughter. The tables turn when Henry mentions an episode which occurred in Aunt Daisy's house 16 years ago. Mrs. Rockett stops embroidering, Doris stops reading and Elsie stops sniffing. They are interested for the first time in what Henry Gow has to say.

Resolve Sobriety

The typical rehearsal of "Fumed Oak" starts at 8:00 p.m. with resolutions by the entire cast to be serious. It seems as though green plaid sunglasses were the only available specks for Granny. After Beth has moved these up and down her nose several times, and stared until her "eyeballs nearly fall out", the cast becomes hysterical.

The next scene consists of laughter, much to Lola's disgust. After everything gets settled again, Marion has to eat an apple. The most current stage prop for the apple is a week-old roll which practically extracts teeth with its consumption.

Rehearsal Progresses

As the evening progresses, Beth sews instead of embroidering; Marion reads the want ads in the paper and forgets her cue; Kitty sniffs until she nearly passes out since Lola is compelled to call so often for a "start-over" of the scene; and Ed contends with the entire situation. "Line, please" followed by a giggle seems to be one of the most frequently repeated lines at rehearsals.

All the members of the cast, with the exception of Ed, are newcomers to the stage. They all agree that being in a play is a wonderful experience, even though it does take up about twice the amount of time they suspected would go into a production of this sort. At this point they are wondering what they really will do the night of the performance.

Following both productions, there will be a period of open criticism and discussion in which the entire audience is asked to participate.

"Blithe Spirit" Selected As Spring Play

"Blithe Spirit", a farce by Noel Coward, will be the spring Pierrette major production, announces Miss Elizabeth Riegner, director. Tentative date for the play will be March 15.

The comedy contains two excellent female leads and two good supporting roles. There are two male parts.

The English drawing room comedy concerns the ghost of Charles Condomine's first wife, Elvira, who comes back to haunt him and her successor, Ruth. The frivolous Elvira thoroughly enjoys the awkward situation, while Ruth's sober attempts to be rational and correct about handling a ghost are amusing. Naive Ruth tries very hard to be sophisticated. Madame Arcati, the medium who summons Elvira, is a bicycle-riding, direct, horsey woman.

One critic says of "Blithe Spirit", "If one had to select a play among the domestic comedies that proliferated in England for half a century, comedies of manners notable for their verve rather than their ideas, one could do worse than choose 'Blithe Spirit'."

It is the most original of these plays, a tour de force of fancy in which Coward also displays the cutting edge of his wit. He takes human beings as they are, and society as it is, in this sophisticated lark, but rates neither person nor milieu very highly."

Gramley Plans Northern Trip

Dr. Dale Gramley will be away from campus Jan. 15-19 to make several addresses in the north.

He will speak first for Y. W. C. A. building campaign in Bethlehem, Pa. on Wednesday, Jan. 16. The next day he will go to Philadelphia for an alumnae meeting of that city.

He will be in Washington, D. C. on Friday to address a Washington Alumnae meeting. He will return to Winston-Salem Saturday in time to speak at a dinner meeting of the P. H. Hanes mills employees.

\$500 Fund Addition Tops Noel Gifts

A gift of \$500 was added to the library endowment fund by Mrs. Missouri Alston Pleasants of Louisville, S. C., announced Dr. Dale Gramley.

Mrs. Pleasants established the fund in 1948 in memory of her mother Missouri Alston, a Salem student in 1838-1841. The addition made over Christmas brings the fund total to \$3,000. A special book-plate is inserted in each book bought with Mrs. Pleasants' contributions.

Other gifts from friends of the institution received over the Christmas vacation include a \$100 bequest for the library from the late Mrs. Adelaide Fries, a new truck and a movie projector.

The projector was used for the first time at vespers last Sunday. "The Cross and the Sickle", a religious film, was shown.

Several hundred dollars was donated to provide new lighting equipment for the school drama program.

The day students received a water cooler for the day student center. The new fountain was installed before school reopened.

Other improvements on campus include rubber glides on the dining hall chairs to eliminate the scraping noises, a new hot water plant for the dining hall and a paint job in the public relations office.

Faculty Votes To Abolish Shut Weekend

The faculty voted to abolish closed weekends at their monthly meeting last Wednesday afternoon. Last semester closed weekend was opened on a trial basis which proved successful.

Reading day, during which all classes are suspended, will be Thursday, Jan. 24. Miss Ivy Hixson, academic dean, reminds students that all semester requirements must be completed by 6:00 p.m. of the previous day, Jan. 23.

Students with four exams in a row may automatically have their schedules changed by contacting Miss Margaret Simpson, recorder. If an emergency necessitates a student's missing an exam, she must file a statement with Miss Hixson. The matter will be settled by the exam committee.

Course Changes Planned

Curriculum changes for the next semester are as follows:

A new course, Percussion Instruments in Class Instruction, will be added for public school majors. Besides instrumental instruction, the hour course will contain marching band methods.

Science students may now carry three or four hours of organic chemistry, depending upon their degree requirements.

History requirements for majors in that field will include 24 semester hours in addition to History 103 and 104. American History has been changed to a comma course which means that it may be dropped after one semester or begun in the middle of the year.

Candidates for the B.A. degree will have a choice of Latin, Greek or mathematics for a basic requirement. An advanced course of Greek will be substituted for one of Latin.

Oral Interpretation will emphasize modern poetry and drama in alternate years. Next semester modern poetry will be featured.

State Industrialist Hodges To Tell Of Current Events

Luther H. Hodges of Leaksville, prominent industrialist and civic leader, will speak in chapel on Thursday, Jan. 17. He has chosen his topic from current events.

During World War II, Mr. Hodges was price executive of the textile division of the O. P. A. in Washington and later was special consultant to the Secretary of Agriculture. He is also former general manager of Fieldcrest Mills and former vice-president of Marshall Field.

Mr. Hodges served in Germany for a year as chief of the Industry Division of the Economic Co-Operation Administration.

In March, Mr. and Mrs. Hodges and their 14-year-old son, Luther Jr., visited Italy, Spain, France and Algiers. Their guest for the trip was Mrs. John B. Ray of Leaksville. The Hodges also have two daughters, one now living in Rangoon, Burma and the other in Norco, La.

Never one to be caught idle, Mr. Hodges goes every Monday to Washington to invite and arrange for manufacturers and industrialists from Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Germany and other countries to visit American mills and factories. His purpose is to encourage better industrial relations between the countries.



Luther H. Hodges

Spencer Boy Born Dec. 19

"Naturally he is a boy, we already have a girl," were the complacent words of Warren Spencer, history instructor, as he told one of his classes about his new baby.

Carroll Baxter Spencer, who was named for his paternal grandfather, was born on Dec. 19 at 10:53 p.m. Weighing a husky eight pounds and 14 ounces, he has dark hair and blue eyes, which are not so big as his sister Lucy's, says the impartial father.

Since both Mother and baby are feeling fine, visitors are welcome at the Spencer's. Just stay away when there is a note on the door—that means Carroll is asleep.

Barter Presents "The Vinegar Tree"

The Barter Theater of Virginia presented "The Vinegar Tree" by Paul Osborn Tuesday night at Reynolds Auditorium. This was the company's second performance of the season in Winston-Salem.

Dorothy La Vern played the role of the light-brained dowager. Playing opposite Miss La Vern was Owen Phillips who also directed the play. Others in the cast were Eleanor Wright, Jim Davie, Blanche McKinney, James Lentz and Herman Coble.

"The Vinegar Tree" is referred to as "a play for the tired business man—no axes to grind, no causes to further, just purely and simply a hilarious comedy."

UNC Art Prof To Be Speaker

Dr. Clemens Sommer, professor of art at the University of North Carolina, will analyze and discuss the woodcarvings of Albrecht Durer Jan. 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the art gallery of the library.

This is the first in a series of lectures to be sponsored by the Salem Art Club.

Durer's series on Revelation will be shown by Dr. Sommer. These woodcuts were presented to the State of North Carolina many years ago. They are increasingly valuable to the art world today.

Beginning his work in Germany, Durer was the first great Renaissance figure of the north. His woodcuts, engravings and drawings have brought him fame. Great importance has been placed on the art of woodcarving in Germany.

Students, faculty and visitors are invited to this discussion.

Small Religious Sects Organize

Several Moravian students met Tuesday night in the Ladies Parlor at the Home Moravian Church to organize a group on campus that would include all the minority religious groups.

Bobbie Pfaff presided over this first meeting. The Rev. E. A. Sawyer has been working with the group, and at the next meeting they hope to have all campus minority groups represented.

Ragnhild Wurr, as guest speaker, explained similarities and differences between the Moravians in Germany and the United States. She showed pictures of her native land and its people.

Guests of the group were Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Spangh, the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Hughes and Mrs. E. A. Sawyer.

Covington Has Open House

Miss Evabelle Covington, professor of sociology and economics, held the fourth open house in her apartment in Main Hall last Sunday night.

Pink punch and colored mints were served to the members of the faculty, students and their dates.

The Order of the Scorpion has promoted these Sunday night open houses to improve student-faculty relations.

The first open house was held by Dr. and Mrs. Dale Gramley, the second by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin, and the third by Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Sawyer.

Annual Goes To Press

Carolyn Harris, editor of the *Sights and Insights*, reports that the last of the copy has been mailed to the printers. The annual will be ready for distribution in early May.

Campus News In Brief

There will be no J. R. C. meetings during January. February plans will be announced at a later date.

Eleanor McGregor is responding well at her home in Greenville, S. C., to treatment for rheumatic fever. The doctor hopes that she will be able to return to school in February.

Mac went home four days before the official Christmas holidays. She is now up a little each day and is feeling much better.

The Rev. E. A. Sawyer explained the organization of the Salem Religion Department at the local Ministers Association meeting last

Monday at the Y. M. C. A.

The "Y" vesper program will be held Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the living room of Bitting. Dr. Gregg Singer will be the speaker. All students and faculty members are invited.

Eddie Gauss, Zeta Psi from the University of North Carolina was named king of the Pierrette carnival in a coronation ceremony held in Old Chapel at the conclusion of the carnival.

His picture, along with several others was displayed in the Day Student Center, where the voting took place.

Eddie is pinned to Lou Bridgers.