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Former Pupil Of Mrs. Starr To Solo With Waring Group

Ruth Pitts, former pupil of Mrs. Nell Starr, will be one of the soloists with the Fred Waring group, to be presented by the Civic Music Association at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14 in Reynolds Auditorium. The group, conducted by Dr. Lara Hoggard, will present 33 professional singers, dancers and instrumentalists in "A Festival of Song". The program will consist of sacred and secular songs, classical and popular music and folk songs. The festival uses techniques conceived and developed for the Waring TV show.

Miss Pitts, a Winston-Salem girl, studied under Mrs. Starr while still a high school student. Mrs. Starr persuaded her to go to New York to study and begin her career. Although she is only 23, Miss Pitts sang with a trio in New York and in summer stock before



Miss Ruth Pitts

joining the Fred Waring group. Dr. Hoggard is the choral director for the Pennsylvanians on TV and is the conductor of the Fred Waring Choral Workshop. In its first nation-wide tour, the Waring group will visit 36 states presenting their songs arranged by Dr. Hoggard, Roy Ringwal and Livingston Gearhart. Dr. Hoggard, besides being choral director for the Waring group, is well known for his work in choral clinics in schools and universities. He was formerly choral director of Oklahoma University.

Todd Receives New Honors

Dr. William B. Todd, head of Salem's English Department, was elected president of the Bibliographical Evidence Group of the Modern Language Association at its annual meeting in Boston, Mass. last month.

This group is concerned with scholarly techniques for determining the authenticity of literary texts and the intention of the author whenever his text is corrupted in the printing of the book.

The term of Dr. Todd's presidency is for two years, meaning that he will preside over the Chicago meeting this year and the New York meeting in 1954.

The office of secretary, which he held last year, has been filled by Professor Charlton Hinman of Johns Hopkins University.

One of Dr. Todd's articles on 18th century authors is reviewed by Professor Autrey Nell Wiley of Texas State College for Women in the latest issue of the **Philological Quarterly**. Several complimentary remarks by the editors on a few of Dr. Todd's other writings are also included in this issue.

Dr. Todd is studying in London, England this year on a Fulbright Award.

Painting Given By Bahnsons

Dr. and Mrs. Agnew Bahnson presented a copy of Raphael's Madonna of the Chair to Salem College. The painting, which hangs opposite the front entrance of Main Hall, was bought in Europe last fall. It was done by Manbrana Angelo.

Angelo studied under Gilolio, a famous artist of the last century. He has created many paintings.

The original Madonna of the Chair is in the Pitti Galley in Florence. Raphael painted it in 1512.

Raphael's Madonna is the most popular painting in the Pitti Galley and one of the most elaborate paintings in the world. The picture is noted chiefly for the artist's ability to combine spiritual and physical qualities in the expressions of his subjects.

The golden frame is also a copy of the one used in Pitti Galley.

Salem Receives Holiday Gifts

Approximately \$4,000 was given to Salem during the holiday period for the Katharine B. Rondthaler Scholarship Fund. This fund was started late last spring and announced at Alumnae Day.

The Rondthaler Memorial Fund has three parts: the Katharine B. Rondthaler Scholarship; the Katharine B. Rondthaler Award; the Rondthaler Visiting Lectureship. These gifts were contributed to the scholarship aspect.

Most of the \$4,000 was raised by the efforts of Miss Claudia Winkler, a Salem alumna.

Dr. S. D. Craig of Winston-Salem gave \$14,400 toward the creation of the Ruth Hanes Craig Memorial Endowment Fund, established for the purpose of maintenance and beautification of the campus.

This amount brings the total amount of his contribution for this fund to \$25,000. This gift and several others bring the endowment of Salem to within \$75,000 of the \$1,000,000 which is the goal for this year.

13 Salemites Attend Ball

Thirteen Salemites wearing white formal dresses, long white gloves and carrying bouquets of red, white and blue flowers helped form the figure at the Governor's Inaugural Ball in Raleigh last night.

They were escorted by a marshall of their choice in full formal dress.

The girls from the senior class that will sponsor are Emma Sue Larkins, Jeanne Harrison, Marian Lewis, Nancy Ann Ramsey and Jean Davenport. Other Salemites attending are Anne Moye, Lu Long Ogburn, Jean Calhoun, Betty Riddle, "Tinkie" Millican, Libby Norris, Emma McCotter and Polly Larkins.

Prior to the Ball, the girls and their marshalls attended a tea at the Carolina Country Club. For hours after the tea they rehearsed the figure in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium.



Alicia Alonso (above) will appear as one of the stars at the presentation of the Ballet Theatre tonight at 8:30 in Reynolds Auditorium.

Salem Profs And Staff Enjoy Wearying, Happy Vacation

By Emma Sue Larkins

The faculty, along with the students at Salem College, had a big, merry Christmas. They didn't grade term papers or make out exams. Instead they decorated Christmas trees, took long, eventful trips, drank sillibub and egg nog and played Santa Claus.

Miss Byrd insists that she hadn't had any egg nog when she slipped on the kitchen floor in her home in Morganton and fell on her shoulder. She had to postpone her trip, to Atlanta, but she had a merry Christmas anyway, even with her arm in a sling.

Mrs. Heidbreder and Mr. Spencer both attended history meetings. Mrs. Heidbreder flew to Puerto Rico where she attended a meeting of the Phi Alpha Theta history fraternity. She represented Salem's history fraternity, Delta Lambda, which is a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

Mr. Spencer went to Washington, D. C. where he attended a meeting of the American Historical Society.

Florida was the lucky recipient of several of Salem's faculty. Dr. Welch, Miss Smoke, Miss Roberts, Miss Morris, Miss Siewers, Dr. Smith and Miss Covington all took the trip.

Mr. Campbell went in the opposite direction from Florida. He

Rev. Baker Speaks

The Right Reverend Henry Baker, Bishop co-adjutor of the diocese of North Carolina, spoke at the meeting of the Canterbury Club Jan. 6. He made a brief talk on the significance of the Epiphany Service.

In his talk Reverend Baker traced the development of Christianity in England and then in America. He pointed out that those who held the light of the gospel in England carried it over to America.

This is what symbolizes the Epiphany Service. The purpose is to carry the lit candles to other parts of the world so that all may be illuminated and benefited.

spent part of Christmas in Maine and then came back to North Carolina for duck hunting.

A great number of the faculty spent their vacations at their homes. Miss Hixson went to Augusta, Miss Reigner to Philadelphia, Miss Nicholson to Troy, the Russells to Georgia, Miss Sampson to Pennsylvania, Miss Hodges to West Virginia, Mrs. Loftis to Connecticut, Miss Horne to Warrenton, and Mrs. Starr to New York to be with her grandchildren. So "going home" meant taking a nice trip to most of the faculty, as well as being with their families.

Miss Chapman has the distinction of being the faculty member who became engaged during the holidays while Miss Barrier participated in the wedding of her sister in High Point.

Mrs. Pyron went to Tucson, Ariz. to visit her brother. She hasn't returned to school yet—guess she has a lot of cuts.

So it seems that the faculty enjoyed their holidays and were just a little bit weary also at 8:30 Monday morning when our classes and their classes resumed.

Freshmen Win Tournament

The freshmen won the title of champions in Salem's first volleyball tournament Wednesday night. The championship battle between the freshmen and faculty climaxed three elimination games played Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

On Tuesday night, the juniors defeated the seniors 40 to 17 and the freshmen conquered the sophomores 38 to 29.

The two winners of the Tuesday night games battled for the student title. In the junior-freshman game, the freshmen won 54 to 27.

After the championship battle, the freshmen met the faculty team and overwhelmed them 48 to 20. Refreshments were awarded the faculty squad—bubble gum.

Civic Music Will Present Ballet Group

Modern and classical dance will be featured in the Ballet Theatre performance tonight at 8:30 p.m. at Reynolds Auditorium. The ballet will be the second program in the Winston-Salem Civic Music Series.

The company of more than 100 members stars Alicia Alonso, Igor Youskevitch, John Krisa, and Mary Ellen Moylan. Joseph Levine will conduct the symphony orchestra and Edward Caton will be Ballet Master.

Following their annual three weeks' engagement at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, the Ballet group began its 14th annual state-wide tour. On its tour this year, the Ballet Theatre will appear in 92 cities and feature excerpts from 25 ballets.

During its 14 years of existence, the Ballet Theatre has toured 43 states in the United States and many foreign countries.

Last year the Theatre group began a ballet school and this year a Workshop for Choreographers has been formed.

The principal dancers of the group are Alicia Alonso and Igor Youskevitch.

Ballerina Alonso, Cuban-born, began her career in Broadway musicals before becoming a member of the Ballet Theatre. She has been recognized by her native country where she was awarded the highest civilian honor, the Carlos Manuel de Cespedes Medal.

The premier danseur is Igor Youskevitch. Mr. Youskevitch, born in Moscow, was trained as a classical dancer, but he is an admirer of modern ballet. He began his career in this country with the Monte Carlo company.

Bitting Wins Dorm Contest

"Over the river and through the woods,

To Grandmother's house we go."

This was the winning theme for Christmas dorm decorations used by Bitting's seniors. The judges for the dorm decorations on Dec. 15 were Miss Frances Horne, Dr. Michael Lewis, Edwin Shewmake and Mrs. Vicky Hagaman. The Bitting decoration was judged on points of originality, appropriateness and attractiveness.

The back entrance to the basement of Bitting led to a cardboard bridge with blue newspaper "water" on either side. From this a path led through a pine tree, "snow" covered "woods".

The entrance to Grandmother's house was cardboard Dutch doors flanked by a little mailbox. Grandmother and Grandfather, (stuffed dummies) were seated comfortably inside a house beside a fire.

Clewell was given honorable mention. This theme was "The Night Before Christmas". A bed was beside the fireplace and a little boy manequin stood expectantly beside his stocking while his little brother slept peacefully in the bed.

South Hall was decorated in the theme of an old Colonial Christmas. Strong and Sisters both used the theme of the song "I Saw Mommie Kissing Santa Claus".