

# Bryan Balfour Designs Sets, Works For Local Shoe Store

By Connie Murray

"Me? But I really haven't done anything." Bryan held a coffee cup in one hand, relaxing after spending an afternoon working on the set of "The Medium."

The theater being his first love, Bryan plans to be a set designer. He spends his summers in New London, N. H., working with a summer stock company. After graduation from Salem, he plans to get his master's degree in scene designing at Yale.

### Is Winston-Salem Native

Bryan, the son of Mrs. Mabel B. Balfour and a native of Winston-Salem, attended high school in Michigan, Virginia, and Massachusetts. He spent three years with Army Special Service, ending up as a news broadcaster for Radio Tokyo in Japan. I asked him if he was ever in the "thick of battle," and Bryan replied, "I think I shot a Japanese soldier once, but none of us were ever sure."

Bryan has held many jobs, ranging from a chorus boy in a Chinese production of "Frankie and Johnnie" to a disc jockey in Myrtle Beach, S. C. At present he draws the ads for a local shoe store.

Bryan is majoring in English and art. At Salem he is a member of the Pierrettes and the Art Club. In 1950 he won the Katherine B. Rondthaler Award for his original set for "Ario de Capo," a fantasy by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

### Appears in Many Plays

He is also a member of the Winston-Salem Little Theater, having appeared in several plays. Here on campus he had the leads in "Liliom," "Pygmalion," and "Good-bye, My Fancy."

Bryan set his coffee cup down and said something about going back to Old Chapel. I asked him if he had another home. "Oh, yes," he replied, "I moved in September to an apartment two blocks from here on Main Street. 'I'm in the process of doing it over now.' Bryan decided the only practical thing to do was live near school. Otherwise he spent all his time riding the bus.



Bryan Balfour

## Campus Shots

Ruthie turning peculiar knobs . . . Hopalong Kneeburg with her cast off . . . Weather persuading boys to take up residence in Biting . . . Mac caught in the traffic rush through her room . . . Miss Vardell's improvisation while the votes are counted . . . Salem music majors unable to identify symphony encores . . . Hot dogs giving this week's Salemite an oniony smell . . . Susie recounting her exploits at Yale, including the writing of a term paper en route . . . Everyone turning medic to aid Mr. Peterson's larangitas . . . Practicing homemakers melt down Miss Hodge's coffee pot . . . Emma Sue dodging flying glass . . . Jody showing off particles of cats . . . Tom pointing an accusing finger at the Juniors . . . Connie Murray's new purple complexion . . . Betty Morrison trying to communicate with the outside world from the infirmary . . . Bobby Kuss entertaining the fleet . . . Joan Shope hiding in her Elon sweater . . . New teachers hurrying to observe their pupils.

# Dr. Rondthaler Tell Mystery And A Solution

"I can't let this mystery go. It has me," said Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler in Chapel yesterday. He was speaking of the mystery of Theodosia Burr.

For 40 years Dr. Rondthaler has searched for the solution to this mystery, which began in the early 19th century.

What happened to Theodosia Burr after she sailed from Georgetown, S. C. with New York as her destination?

Dr. Rondthaler began to spin his mystery with the life of Aaron Burr, Theodosia's infamous father.

Burr tied with Thomas Jefferson in 1801 in electoral college votes for the Presidency. After 30 votes from the House of Representatives, Jefferson became President of the U. S. and Burr became an unhappy man.

Burr later fled to Europe after his plot to form an empire in America was disclosed. He had planned for Theodosia to be empress of his empire.

Theodosia had grown to be such an attractive woman that her beauty and charm bribed the judges in Richmond to discontinue Burr's trial for treason there. It was from here that Burr fled to Europe.

In about 1812, Theodosia got word that her father had returned to New York and was ill there.

On Dec. 31, she sailed on "The Patriot", a ship loaded with rice. She never reached New York.

Dr. Rondthaler offered his solution based on much research.

"The Patriot" was captured by a pirate ship and all aboard were forced to "walk the plank", including beautiful Theodosia Burr.

Burr never conceded the fact that Theodosia could have been lost and searched the sea for her ship until his death. He thought, "No prison bars and no chains could ever hold fast my Theodosia."

# Girls Consume Tons Of Food

By Betsy Turner

A Salem girl's stomach is like a garbage can—full of trash. A Salem girl's stomach is like a truck— hauls everything and seldom runs down.

A Salem girl's stomach is like a vacuum cleaner — picks up all left overs.

A Salem girl's stomach is like an unplugged bathtub — never fills up.

Recently, this scene took place at Pom Terry's. Time: 12:00 noon.

"Cup of coffee; hamburger with lettuce, tomato, pickles; chocolate sundae, and two packs of nabs," said Anna Torage. This is a familiar phrase to Mr. Terry, who feeds the Salem girls from 8:30 until 10:30 seven days a week.

### Girls Eat Anywhere

If Mr. Terry flatters himself into thinking that this is the only place Salem girls indulge in such large quantities of food, he is mistaken.

A Salem girl can consume unbelievable quantities in one day. On a recent survey, it was discovered that one student, Anna Torage, ate one cup of soup, one-half box of chocolates, one pencil lead, three brownies, one-half box of zweiback, one sundae, four cokes, and one box of popcorn—outside of her meals for that day.

Is there a special place required for this process to take place? you may ask. On this day of survey, Anna ate in her room, in the classroom, in Chapel, the show, on her bed, at the book store and in the bathtub. Soap? No. finger nails.

### Girls Eat Anytime

And as for the time of day necessary for eating—well, Anna ate before meals, after meals, during meals, between meals, before bedtime, in her sleep (starch from the pillow case) and just before getting up.

Thus, the surveyors found the formula for which they had been looking. FOOD plus teeth (fase or otherwise) equals happy Salem girl? ulcers.....?

# Faculty Seek Revenge In Basketball Tilt

The faculty will meet the students in a basketball game next Thursday night, and try to show them that as well as having scholarly knowledge, they also have athletic ability.

The returning stars of last year's game will be Mr. Shewmake and Miss Hodges. Also taking their places on the court will be Miss Vardell, Miss Horne, Miss Chapman, Miss Palmer, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Campbell.

The students will be represented by the varsity team for one-half of the game. The other half will be played by some of the less experienced students.

Last year's game was won by the students, but it was a close battle to the very end. The main features of the game were the acrobatics performed by Mr. Shewmake, the knockings (literally) taken by Mr. Campbell, and the wonderful cheers led by Dr. Welch and Miss Byrd.

## Higgins Will Speak

Vespers Sunday night will be at 6:30 in the Friendship Room of Strong. Rev. George G. Higgins will be guest speaker.

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