

Our "Miss Charm" has been elected; Look on page three to see who was selected.

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Betsy and Agnes are going to Oslo; Maybe they will become very cosmo.

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Kirk Gives Lecture On Russian Life

Mrs. Alan G. Kirk, the last of the guest lecturers for this season, gave a vivid account of "Life in Russia Today" last Monday night. Mrs. Kirk is the wife of Admiral Alan G. Kirk, former ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Mrs. Kirk, who lived in Moscow between 1949 and 1951, spoke on various phases of life in the Kremlin. She first reminded the audience that Russia is around the world, so far away that it is practically another world.

Regarding the political aspect, she commented that Stalin's death left a vacancy that no one man has yet filled. Ten men, including Malenkov, Molotov, and the now extinguished Beria, have shared the spotlight. Who will finally triumph is anybody's guess.

Stalin Is Praised

Stalin was a god to most of the Russians. The children were taught to praise him. Each morning in kindergarten they repeated their prayer: "Thank you, Comrade Stalin, for a happy childhood."

The Communist Party consists of seven million people, a very small group considering the population of Russia is two hundred and ten million. The party is not for the masses and is being purged constantly.

Mrs. Kirk mentioned that Russia has a very stratified society. The intelligentsia are able to receive better medical care and their children have better schooling.

Only those in a large city can go to school. The children start at seven or eight years of age and continue in school for seven years. At the end of this time those with the best political backgrounds and best marks go on to more schooling. Those weeded out go to trade schools. Some continue on into technical schools, while others become laborers. The top half of the better students enter universities. After graduation the students have to enter state service for three years.

At the time of the Russian Revolution there was a great movement toward liberation of women. Now the women are equal to the men, so far as work is concerned. It is not at all unusual to see a woman of fifty driving a garbage truck, laying railroad ties, or sweeping streets. Seventy percent of the doctors in Russia are women.

Masses Are Strange

In speaking of the masses, Mrs. Kirk said, "They flow by just like a great muddy river. They are like a gray mass—no shape, no size, and silent. You think they are non-human."

"They have a patience, a strange quality—this is the peasant mass. They're a very strange and perplexing lot for westerners to deal with. You never know what they're going to do."

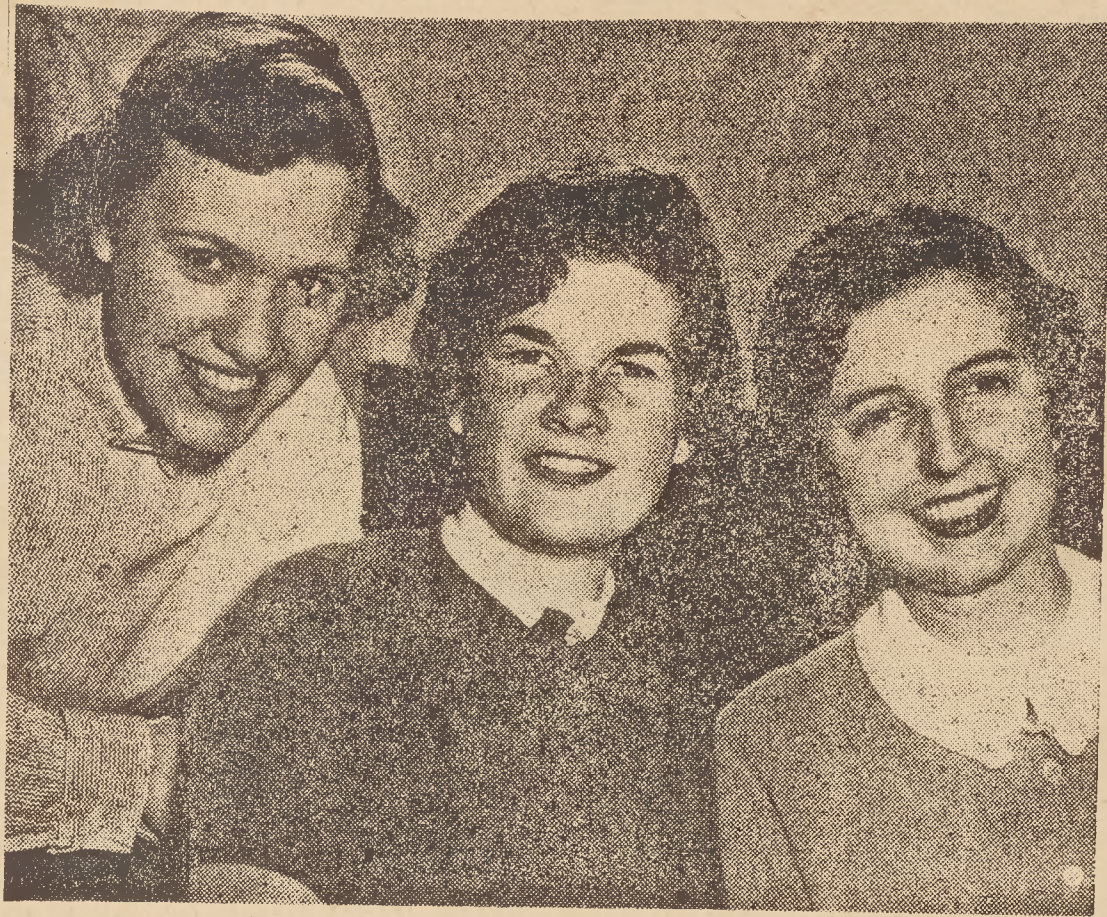
As an illustration of her last statement, Mrs. Kirk related an incident pertaining to daily life.

Several of the embassies had ordered together a thousand fresh eggs, practically a delicacy in this land of few fresh foods. When the eggs were brought to the border, the Russians hard-boiled every one of them. (They were afraid they would bring in disease.)

Greek Orthodox Is Religion

The Greek Orthodox religion brought from Constantinople is the religion of the Russians. It has been altered and is now the Russian Orthodox religion. However, religion is not encouraged in Russia. On the wall entering Red Square is the inscription "Religion is the opium of the people." Communists are not allowed to go to

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Newly-elected officers of the Student Government are seen above. They are, left to right, Nancy Peterson, treasurer; Dottie Allen, off-campus vice-president; and Jane Little, on-campus vice-president.

Betsy Liles And Agnes Rennie Look Forward To Summer Of Profit, Fun, And Fellowship At Oslo

By Donald Caldwell

I found Agnes Rennie, sophomore winner of the scholarship to Norway, in the basement of Clewell playing a game of bridge. Since she was dummy, I began to ask her questions.

"Besides the general culture survey that is required, I am going to take Norwegian literature, Nor-

Charm Week Is Held

Charm Week officially ended today with Ann Campbell elected as our "Miss Charm".

Tuesday, Carol Daniels spoke in chapel on hints for the bride-to-be, such as flowers, wedding music, number of bridesmaids and groomsmen.

LuLong Ogburn modeled a lovely wedding gown and Jean Shope, a brides-maid dress. After dinner a student-faculty coffee was held in the Friendship Rooms of Strong. Mary Anne Raines, as chairman of Charm Week, served.

A local store sponsored a fashion show held in the Day Student center Tuesday night. The May Court modeled clothes from sport dresses to evening dresses.

Thursday, a skit sponsored by the I. R. S. was given in chapel. Diane Huntley was narrator, with I. R. S. members illustrating various forms of etiquette.

Home Ec Club To Give Dance

The Hawaiian theme and a four-piece combo will be featured at Gingham Tavern, Saturday, March 27.

This dance, sponsored by the Home Economics club, will be in the Day Students' Center from 8:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. A floor show will be presented by Salem students and local talent.

Sarah Sue Tisdale and Temple Daniel are co-chairmen of the committees for the dance.

The committees are: decorations, Barbara Berry and Carol Cooke; refreshments, Ann Lang and Francine Pitts; publicity, Carolyn Spaugh and Rachel Ray; and entertainment, Nellie Ann Barrow.

Admission is \$1.25 per couple and \$.75 stag.

wegian social and political institutions, and human geography," Agnes replied when I asked what courses she planned to take.

When asked about what she planned to do during her spare time Agnes answered, "I hope to have time to take some hikes in the mountains and maybe learn to ski. I asked the Norwegian boy who was here for International Day if there was a chance for some swimming and he said sure if you don't mind freezing. So I guess that is out."

Since there will be two hundred other American students at the University this summer Agnes said that she hoped that she wouldn't be "too lazy" to meet lots of Norwegians.

September 3 is the sailing date that Agnes has chosen for coming home. She hopes to be able to do some traveling after school is over.

After searching all over campus, I finally found Betsy Liles, the junior scholarship winner, in the Salemite office trying to get a mil-

lion things done at one time.

Betsy hasn't definitely decided what courses she will take, but she is sure that they will be fine arts courses.

"The most fun of all is that everyone in the dorm is helping me plan what to take and where to go." Betsy hopes to do lots of traveling on the weekends and after school is over.

"I plan to keep a journal from the day I board the ship until the day I get home." Betsy added that all the Salemites could read it next fall.

"I have a lot of reading to do before I go," Betsy said, "for I realize the responsibility that I have and I want to take advantage of the opportunity and bring back to Salem an insight into Norway."

Betsy added as an afterthought that summer school this year would certainly be different from summer school last year when she attended the University of North Carolina.

Lu Long Ogburn Will Present Graduating Recital On Monday

The Salem College School of Music will present Lu Long Ogburn, pianist, in a graduating recital at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29 in Memorial Hall.

Lu Long, Salem's May Queen this year, has served on the May Court for three years. A member of the



Honor Society, she has served as president of her senior class, chief marshal, a member of the Lecture committee and the Scorpions.

This past fall Lu Long was elected by the faculty to represent Salem in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

While at Salem, Lu Long has studied under Mrs. Margaret Merriam and Hans Heidemann.

Her program is as follows:

- Partita in B flat ... Bach-Bauer
- Capriccio, op. 76, No. 1
- Intermezzo, op. 118, No. 2
- Rhapsody, op. 79, No. 1
- Brahms
- Triana (from Iberia Suite)
- Albeniz
- Andaluza (Playera) ... Granados
- Danse Rituelle Du Feu
- De Falla
- Concerto in F
- Allegro
- Gershwin
- (Hans Heidemann at the second piano.)