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## Composition Forum To Be Tues., Jan. 17

On Tuesday, January 17, at 4:00 p.m. the annual Composition Forum will be held in Miss Jess Byrd's apartment. At this time a panel of critics will evaluate and criticize selections from the semester's work in English 211, Advanced Composition, taught by Miss Byrd.

The panel will consist of: John Fries Blair, editor, publisher, lawyer, and former teacher of English at Salem College; Annie Lee Singletary, Woman's Editor of the *Twin City Sentinel* and head of the creative writing group of the American Association of University Women; Betsy Liles, last year's editor of the *Sights and Insights* and a former member of the composition class; Jessie Krepps, another former member of the class who won awards for her entries in the *Atlantic Monthly* creative writing contest; Clemens Sandresky, Dean of the Salem School of Music.

Selections from the semester's work were chosen and compiled into a booklet by a committee composed of class members Judy Graham, Jo Smitherman, Anne Miles, and Pat Flynt.

There are twenty-four selections, ranging from person and place essays to the recording of personal experience. The work of each class member is represented in the booklet.

The class consists of: Linda Abueg, Sarah Vance, Sarah Eason, Toni Gill, Barbara Blackwell, Mary Avera, Anne Miles, Nancy Warren, Marcia Stanley, Judy Graham, Madeline Allen, Pat Flynt, and Jo Smitherman. Mrs. Margaret Madocks, an auditing class member, has one entry.

Refreshments will be planned and served by Toni Gill, Sarah Eason, Sarah Vance, and Barbara Blackwell.

## Fulbright Postpones Visit

According to an announcement on Wednesday by Miss Jess Byrd, Senator William Fulbright, scheduled to speak here on Monday, January 16, will not be able to come.

Parts of a telegram received by Miss Byrd explain, "Senator Fulbright is forced to postpone his lecture tour because of highly important gas rate hearings set suddenly to open January 16."

The senator's office stressed that every effort was made to get the hearings postponed so that the trip could be taken. Plans have been made for the senator to fill his engagement Tuesday, March 13.

Senator Fulbright was one of three choices made by the Salem College Lecture Committee for the current school year.

## Explanation Of Tax Law

Following is an interpretation of the enforced Forsyth County Personal Property Tax law, as confirmed by the local tax office:

Certain items of personal property must be listed on the tax books by each citizen, regardless of age of the citizen. In the case of Salem students, this listing must take place either in Winston-Salem or in the student's home-town. Under no conditions should the property be listed in both places. Here are the items of personal property to be listed:

- Radios (if the trade-in value is over \$10.00);
- Record-players (if the trade-in value is over \$10.00);
- Television Sets;
- Organs and Pianos;
- Watches;
- Diamonds, Jewelry;
- Musical Instruments (if the



Peggy Horton, senior, makes wedding plans as she compares bridal gowns by the light of her sparkling diamond and beaming smile.

## Eleven Smiling Faces Tell How, When, And Where They Were Given Their Diamonds

By Jean Smitherman

Eleven "Best Wishes" were sung around the dining hall last Thursday, and eleven Salemites acknowledged them with a shy curtsy and a slightly conspicuous left hand. Although everyone knows why, not everyone knows when, where or to whom these eleven became engaged.

So, to answer the questions that will be asked anyway, the girls were interviewed wherever they could be found. But whether they were in bed, out of bed, or even under the bed, they spoke quite freely about their Christmas gifts.

What appeared to be a normal after-Christmas party became an engagement party for Anne Holt, a Burlington junior. For the party was at Rick McAdams' home; and he is the 1953 grad of Duke that

Anne has been dating for seven months. Now Anne has a diamond to replace his college ring she has been wearing since September.

Another junior, Katherine Scales, is planning a summer wedding. She was "pinned without a pin" (he forgot it) last Christmas to Bobby Patterson, a pre-law student at Davidson. On December 18, the Scales, on their way to Augusta, Georgia, stopped by to have dinner with the Pattersons in Wadesboro. Katherine and Bobby excused themselves from the table and returned several minutes later, an engaged couple.

Nancy Criddlebaugh's father was a little forgetful—he didn't remember to tell Mrs. Criddlebaugh that Nancy, a High Point sophomore, would be engaged when she came in Christmas Eve. So Nancy and Henry Brockmann, a Davidson graduate now at Union Seminary in New York, had a little difficulty convincing her mother that the ring on Nancy's left hand was "really real."

The old trick of a box-in-a-box threw Charlton Rogers off the track when Tommy Breeden, who is a pre-med at Davidson, gave her a dress box wrapped in brilliant red paper on Christmas Eve. The Bennettville sophomore was speechless when she opened the final box, which was tied in a "ridiculous nine-colored bow", and peeped in at the engagement ring.

Salem's May Queen will have a doubly busy schedule this spring—for Martha Thornburg and John Cauble, who receives his degree in dramatic arts from Carolina this month, are planning a late spring wedding. John gave her the engagement ring before their movie date on the Thursday after Christmas. "Then of all things," Martha reports, "we went on to see *The Tender Trap*."

Jane Shiflet, a junior, met her fiance, Jackie Jameson, a business major at Western Carolina College, when they were acting in a minstrel show in their hometown of Marion. This Christmas Eve, the couple were delivering Christmas gifts, when Jackie stopped the car. Said Jane: "He offered me a piece of fresh chewing gum, and when I reached out to take it—he slipped this ring on my finger. All I could say was "Oh, me!"

"Oh, me!" is no doubt what David Freshwater said when he

first met Ann Darden Webb, a junior from Morehead City. On their first encounter, Ann Darden soaked young David (they were only five at the time) with the garden hose. David, who is now preparing for Carolina School of Dentistry, and Ann have dated since they were in high school, so Ann had an inkling of what her gift would be on Christmas Eve.

The living room of Bitting was the scene of Betty Morrison's engagement to "Rock" Johnson, a second year student in law school at Carolina. "I have it dated from the very minute," said the blond Asheville senior. "It was Thursday, December 15, at 8:00, the night of Senior Caroling. I missed it." Betty may have missed the traditional caroling; but after all, Cupid has priority over tradition.

Betty had it figured to the hour, but Temple Daniel, who plans a June wedding in New Bern, had it dated to the minute. "It was on Sunday night, the 18th, at 10:42. We were parked in front of his father's store. He just said 'Here.'" Temple and Joe Pearson, who will receive his mechanical engineering degree at State this spring, will live in Raleigh where Temple says she'll be the "housemother of Bagwell dorm."

While Susie Glaser of Washington, D. C., and Bob Fisher, a Yale med student were on their way to the Shoreham Hotel to go dancing, he stopped at a red light on Wisconsin Avenue. When the light changed to green, Susie was engaged. She and Bob, who is also from Washington, will live in New Haven, Connecticut, after their wedding in August.

Peggy Horton will keep Temple Daniel company in Raleigh next year, for she and Bobby Honeycutt will have a late summer wedding and then move to Raleigh where he will continue his studies in electrical engineering at State. Peggy admitted surprise on receiving her ring on Christmas Eve, for she expected it some other time. It all happened by chance. She insisted that he move his overcoat from an oft-set-in chair, and he hesitated for fear the ring he had concealed in the pocket would fall out. "Finally," says Peggy, "he just said 'Here.'"

Only one more question, girls which is yet to be answered: "How did you do it?"

## Eight Tennis Courts To Be Constructed

Miss Elizabeth Collett, physical education department head, has announced that work will begin within the next two weeks on eight tennis courts for Salem College and Academy.

New courts are scheduled for completion by April 15. They will be at the same location as the present clay courts. Six of the courts will be on the athletic field between the college and academy, campuses and two near the academy building.

They will be covered with green-top composition of asphalt and a special surfacing which will make them permanent and require no maintenance.

The number of courts will not be increased by the new construction, but the area covered will be larger to include wider sidewalks and backdrops. The two at the academy will be increased to regulation size and will get new fencing and netposts.

F. C. Feise Company, Narbeth, Pa., which will build the courts, has constructed similar ones at Bryn Mawr College, The University of Delaware, The University of Florida, William and Mary, and Wake Forest.

The Athletic Association is looking forward to the possibility of sponsoring both singles and doubles tournaments in the spring. Previously, because of cramped space and lack of time, only a singles tournament was scheduled.

## Salem to Run For President At Meeting

In a Wednesday night meeting, the Athletic Association voted to submit Salem's name for the office of president of the state federation of women's athletic associations.

The election of new state officers will be a significant part of the annual convention beginning tomorrow and lasting through tomorrow afternoon at Women's College of the University of North Carolina. Official representatives from Salem will be Betty Morrison and Jo Smitherman.

Other delegates include Sissie Allen, Derry Jo Hardage, Jean Stone, Mary Curtis Wrike, Dhu Jeanette, Anne Miles, Brenda Goerdel, and Katherine Oglesby. Miss Collett and Miss Bryson will accompany the girls.

The office of presidency will involve holding the state convention on Salem campus next fall. And the Salem association will provide both the presiding officer for the convention and the recording secretary for the state organization.

Speakers for the Woman's College convention will be Miss Celeste Ulrich, a professor of physical education at Madison College, Virginia, and Dr. Franklin McNutt, Associate Dean of the Graduate School at W. C. and a professor of education.

Highlighting the entertainment will be a banquet on Friday night and an annual water show by the Dolphin-Seal Synchronized Swimming Club.

Lacrosse and hallball will be demonstrated during the convention. The Salem delegation will enter its association scrapbook, the class-team plaque, and a school blazer in the exhibits department.

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