

Salem Faculty Make Plans For The Summer Vacation

By Marcia Stanley and Carol Campbell

My teachers have warned me not to waste time, always to be learning. But I thought this was just some philosophical ideal that even they didn't carry out. I found out quite differently when I interviewed the faculty about their summer plans.

Miss Reigner is going to spend part of her summer with her mother in Philadelphia. After a ten years' absence she says, "I don't even know if I have any friends left." She will also be touring the area observing summer stock.

"I'm trying to develop my intellect," she said with a smile. "I thought I'd just let the summer happen."

Dr. Austin will go to Berkley, California, her home. But she is not going to let her summer go to waste. Using the library of the University of California, she plans to write articles about the real meaning of Latin words such as "necessarius" and "familiaris."

Later, she will embark on a ten week visit to Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands. She said she will be ready for school to close, but "I will be just as ready for school to reopen next fall." I don't believe I would be too anxious to get back if I were going to the Hawaiian Islands.

Miss Byrd will be taking her annual trip to Europe this summer, chaperoning a group of girls. Nancy Proctor, one of the girls on her tour last year, explained that Miss Byrd's job consists mainly of "hurrying us on and off trains or boats in the daytime and seeing that we had a good time at night." In Geneva, she even introduced the girls to a handsome millionaire.

Besides making sure her children had a wonderful time, Miss Byrd spent her time reading, going to the libraries, museums, operas and theaters. Nancy said that "Mom Jess was a perfect guide, casual but painlessly educational."

After several summers spent working furiously on his Ph. D., Dr. White has decided to spend this summer relaxing and working in his garden. He will also get some reading done, but "only in my hammock." His vacation will be broken only by a two weeks' stint of Naval Reserve duty in Charleston.

Dr. Africa was not satisfied to read through the seven volume **History of the Southern Province**, the story of the Moravian settle-

ment, last summer. This summer, as a follow up, Dr. Africa has received a grant from the Southern Fellowship Foundation to do research on the Moravian position toward slavery.

This will be only a beginning of extensive research that may last many years if the necessary records can be found. Perhaps someday we will be able to read a book written by Dr. Philip Africa.

The latter part of the summer he and his family will stay in a cottage in the Vermont woods. He likes to swim, chop trees, and go to auctions. "Are you glad school is finally ending?" I asked.

"One of the advantages of teaching," he said, lighting his pipe for the fifth time, "is that each fall one is able to start a new year over. We'll look much better when

fall comes," he said with his characteristic little boy grin.

Dr. Spencer is taking a job in Winston-Salem, but it is not an ordinary job. He will be Deputy Clerk of Municipal Court. This involves keeping a record of the judge's decisions, collecting fines, and issuing all warrants for arrests. "I'll issue warrants for everything from going through a stop sign to murder," he said.

He will also travel to eastern North Carolina and Washington, D. C. to do research.

Dr. Hixson is staying at Salem this year—quite a contrast to last summer spent touring Europe. She said, "I promised myself that if I did nothing else this summer, I'd clean out the files in my office."

Now, do you feel as guilty as I do about the way I'm wasting my summer vacation? It really inspires me, though, that we have an intellectually lively faculty that must be truly dedicated to their professions. Maybe I can at least read one book.

Children Know Everything

By Ann Darden Webb

"But suppose no children come." "We'll just have to get dressed and come back again another afternoon."

"Oh, no, please, let at least one little boy come." At 3:30 two five-year-olds, with feet dangling inches above the floor, sat on the front row facing our flannel board stage. Holding up the stories until 3:40 resulted in the group's expansion to 20 little boys and girls 4, 5, and 6 years old. (Children left by mothers doing their mid-afternoon shopping in down-town Winston-Salem).

"Bulls are very fierce animals who paw the ground, aren't they?" Jane Wrike's question introducing **Ferdinand The Bull** was answered in the negative by a bright-eyed little six-year-old who said that she had two bulls at home who were nice and friendly.

Mary Thompson's **The Bremen Town Musicians** excited one little chap until he wanted to talk about all of the animals that he had at home. Her comment on finishing: "I'll just bet that if I had told a story about an atom bomb, he would have said that he/had one at home."

My story, **Ask Mr. Bear**, was interrupted by "Today is my daddy's birthday," which later made the closing "Since today is your daddy's birthday, you can go home and give him a **great big hug** like Danny in the story gave to his mother on her birthday," very appropriate.

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