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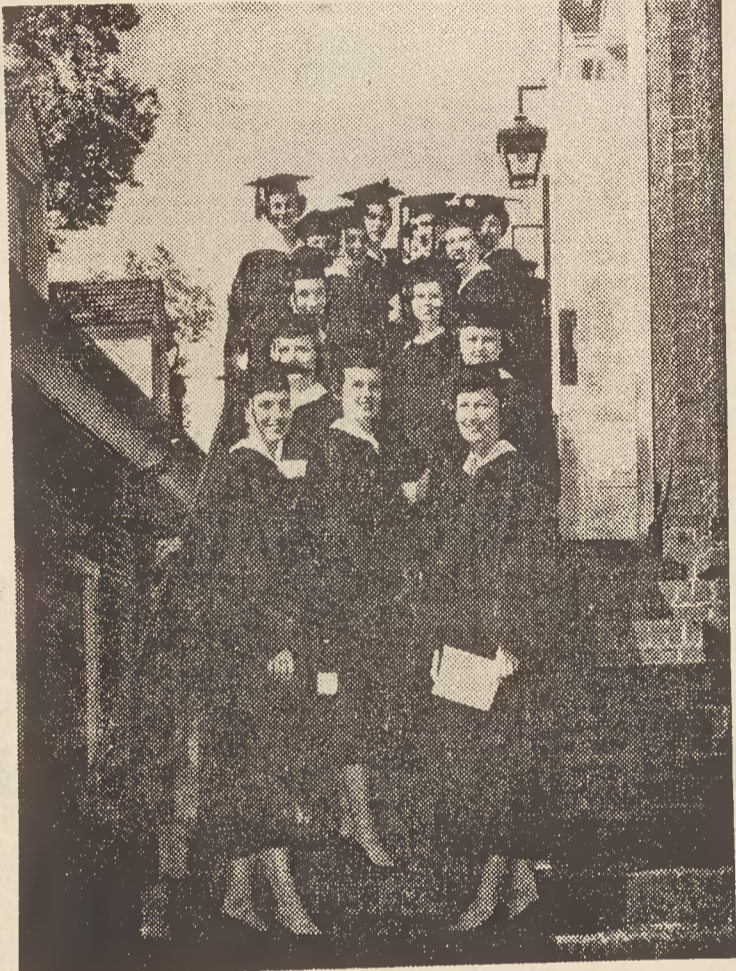
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Elvis Came, Tom Left, Wake Settled To Stay In Leap Year Semester

The first semester began in leap year and leapt into 1957 as people did and said history-making things.

Much was said during orientation week. Ask the freshmen, now veterans of the Salem way of doing things.

A number of dignitaries spoke at the opening convocation on September 22; Dr. Gramley, in election year fashion, keynoted the year with a stated belief in the value of learning. For these reasons: "how to think, to build self confidence, to comprehend history, and art, to judge,



SENIORS LINE UP FOR OPENING CONVOCATION

to form high ideals, to understand one's fellowman, and to gain security and happiness in the midst of great change."

Change was the great topic of conversation at first. The student center, with its free juke box and mechanized eating corner, glittered under Old Chapel. Upstairs, for two nights at least, Hector Homespun (alias Anne Miles) sailed on a musical holiday arranged by the Joyce Taylor-Nancy Warren travel bureau.

Wake Forest boys were all over the place. Their president, Dr. Tribble, was asked to pay a daytime visit on a particular day, Founders' Day.

The Lecture Series committee prepared for British statesman Herbert Morrison. The whole city joined Salem in honor of Bishop Howard Rondthaler, who died after a short illness.

Rathskellar began to be a familiar word and place. Sissie Allen and Martha Jarvis claimed to have known many such places in Oslo.

High fidelity record collectors on campus had quadrupled and the race



LYNNE HAMRICK, CAROL CRUTCHFIELD, AND BILL SMITH PRACTICE A SCENE FROM THE GRASS HARP.



MARY AVERA PLAYS THE ROLE OF THE SENIOR ADVISER TO THE BABINGTON TWINS DURING ORIENTATION WEEK.

was on. Carol Campbell talked her way into the Robert E. Lee and interviewed Phil Silvers.

Casting the male roles for "The Grass Harp" looked hopeless. Lynne Hamrick was given the female lead.

Two-thirds of the campus indicated Eisenhower was the man for the job; but even a few awed Republicans were in on the meeting of Democratic Senator John Kennedy when he visited Old Salem. Marcia Stanley got in with some Wake Forest democrats and met Kennedy at the North Carolina Young Democrats' convention uptown.

Practice teachers began to practice getting up at seven o'clock. A "Mind Your Manners" week was announced by the I. R. S. and family-style dinner became the object of genuine rebellion.

A poll revealed that 170 Salem girls had dated Wake Forest boys during the first two weeks of school. Ivy league stripes, grays, and greens spread even to Salem from up North and telecasts came down proving that the Yankees beat the Dodgers.

Nan Williams of Farmville was chosen head of the oriented freshmen. The Y Council brought three religious leaders to campus for a week of contemplation.

The Woman's College newspaper fired a reply to a comparative article written for the Salemite by a transfer from the Greensboro branch of Carolina. The Wake Forest and Salem student council members planned a dinner meeting and Steve McNamara, late of the Winston-Salem Journal, provided a provocative newspaper article for the group to toss around.

Nancy Blum of Winston-Salem surprised no one by being chosen May Queen. Rose Tiller, maid of honor, headed a twelve-member court dominated by five freshmen.

Clemens Sandresky was piano soloist with the Winston-Salem Symphony and the Swedish Male Chorus sang for the Civic Music Association.

Girls from thirteen North Carolina colleges gathered on campus for the annual convention of the state Athletic Federation of College Women. The Scorpions announced six new members, including Jane Wrike, Mary Curtis Wrike, Judy Golden, Martha Ann Kennedy, Shirley Redlack, and Pat Greene.

The administration put its foot down and said nobody could spend the night in town after the Wake Forest homecoming dance coming up.

A Salemite reporter anticipated a later flourish of Ku Klux Klan meetings in this area and covered one during a Davidson week-end. Sissie Allen and the yearbook copy-writers were on the usual catacombs' safari in search of originality.

Dr. Ernest Griffith, Rondthaler lecturer, talked in a number of classes on government and how it works. The voluntary attendance theory did not work when he lectured in Memorial Hall.

Members of the faculty contributed art they owned to a Memorial Hall exhibit arranged by Mr. Shewmake. The Choral Ensemble took off by bus for New York and Pennsylvania.

"The Grass Harp" showed off a tree house engineered by Judy Golden and a tragic-comedy mood concocted by Miss Riegner and Truman Capote.

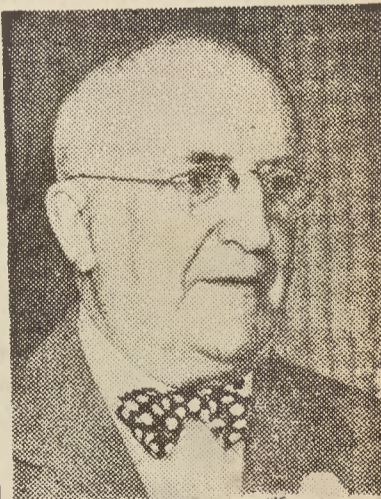
Mary Louise Lineberger and Ranny Lewis had the best-decorated freshman room. The new dormitory behind Society went into the orange beam stage and Society residents sometimes went into hysterics.

Martha Jarvis and Becky Hinkle were initiated into Phi Alpha Theta. The Home Economics Club initiated Christmas happenings with an annual tea in the home management house.

From that time on, annual Christmas happenings happened right and left. There was a love feast, the Putz across at the Brothers' House, dance for which The Southerners played. Each dorm had a party, the seniors went caroling, and sophomores gave a banquet, Dr. Gramley



HERBERT MORRISON



DR. HOWARD RONDTHALER

read "The Littlest Angel," and the seniors lighted everybody's candle and then sang "Morning Star."

Tom Perry sold his drugstore during the Christmas flurry. Jane Carter left the Public Relations office for a position on the uptown paper. Dr. French was given a \$3,000 grant and an assistant to continue his cancer research.

A Sears Santa Claus told a Salemite reporter: "I don't think this Elvis fad will last nearly as long as I have." We liked Elvis, but we went home on the 18th hoping Santa Claus was the better man of the two. When we came back it was no longer leap year. Just an ordinary year with exams coming up.

—Jo Smitherman