

Who Are The Males Who Give Us The Mail?

Allow me to introduce you to two of the busiest men on Salem's campus. During this Christmas season we Safemites will rush them with Christmas cards, packages, and the usual overload that goes with this festive season. Certainly David and Ralph have the "unsung hero's" job.

Ralph is a native of Winston-Salem. This Christmas marks his thirty-fourth year as a postal clerk and his tenth year as postmaster at Salem Station. He's the father of two children, a girl and a boy, who are both married. Many of you already know that Jean, his only grandchild, holds the key to his heart. Frequently you can see him behind the counter bouncing her around and having the time of his life.

Salemmites know Ralph better, however, because of his habits. Have you ever hurriedly thrust your hand into your mail box and found yourself holding hands with some unknown party on the other end? Never fear, girls, that's just Ralph wishing you a good morning. Have you ever bought stamps from the post office and, as they were placed in your hand, you realized a man had some sort of "death grip" on you? Don't be naive, it's not the sticky stamps, it's Ralph saying good afternoon to you. Yes, Ralph is a most affectionate postman, and although I am not accustomed to such public displays of affection, it's all in good fun.

If you have ever felt dejected, the best remedy I can think of is to run over to the post office, throw open the door, and listen to the two-man chorus of "hello" chimed by Ralph and David.

David is the short, plump one, who has a contagious smile and an even more contagious laugh. He delights in mimicking Salemmites. By the way, if you ever need a ride to Annapolis, go to David. He has been running a "chartered bus" service for "midshipman-minded maidens." David is also a native of Winston. Although he is a confirmed bachelor and lives at home with his mother, he has an active social life.

Who do you think know the most people on campus? David and Ralph seldom miss a name. If they don't know you, it is just because you never get any mail!

Our postmen friends possibly don't realize it, but they surely could blackmail a few of us more fickle-minded ladies.

One must be endowed with patience to answer the steady flow of questions we plague them with. "When's the next mail due? Where's my mail? Please hurry. I've got a class in three minutes!"

Of course they are accustomed to the continuous "faux pas" and scatter-brained antics of us college women. It is not unusual for Salemmites to mail letters minus stamps and to cause Ralph and David endless hours of searching at the uptown post office to find

them.

Women are bargain hunters. We even bargain with the government. Often one can hear some bewildered voice saying, "Tell me, David, what is the cheapest way I can possibly send this package?" So David weighs the box and rips off paper and wrappings until the price of shipment at last reaches the desired minimum. Where else can you buy three-cent stamps on a down-payment plan? (For that matter, where else are girls so broke that they have to buy stamps on a budget plan!)

Chivalry is not dead in our Salem Station. The first red rose many Salemmites ever received was given to them by Ralph. During final exams last year he cheered us with these thoughtful gifts.

Needless to say, our Salem Station harbors two real characters. David and Ralph will continue to scare us, delight us, and serve us for some years to come. Isn't it nice that even our mail delivery has the personal touch so singular to Salem College!

—Mary Jane Mayhew

Strong Dorm Is Scene Of Fire Search

Strong dormitory was the victim of a thorough search by the local fire department last Monday night due to a strange odor much like burning insulation which spread throughout the dorm.

The fire department was called about nine o'clock when the source of the irritating smell could not be determined.

Many students thought a false alarm had been sent in since so many trucks, firemen and policemen arrived. The Fire Chief stated however, that since the explosion at the Academy last summer, they wanted to be prepared for any emergency.

After complete inspection of the dorm, the firemen determined the source of the burning odor to be the fluorescent lights in the basement of Strong. There had been a slight fire in the power supply of one of the lights causing the odor.

Firemen said that the faulty light had caused a \$150 alarm.

Edward Weeks At Salem

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propped on chairs, sofas and the floor, listening to the editor relate how the Atlantic gave Hemingway his start.

"It was a story called 'Fifty Grand', that every other magazine had 'turned down,' he smiled. 'But we printed it. So naturally Hemingway agreed to contribute to our Anniversary edition.'"

He spoke of the Sitwells, Frost,

Organ...

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The organ builder will leave Salem on Saturday and will go to New York where he will stay a few days before flying back to his native country. Before he leaves, Nancy Walker and Susan McCotter will play for him.

When asked if he planned to do any of his Christmas shopping in this country, Mr. Flentrop answered no. He is only permitted to bring about four dollars of American goods into Holland.

Education...

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of the doctrines of John Dewey who asserts, "Thinking begins in an interest or a concern." The educator interpreted this to mean that in order to interest his students he must amuse and entertain them. Dewey's statement that "thinking begins in maladjustment to the environment and continues in an active, tough and difficult process," was misunderstood by educators to mean that the goal of education was the adjustment of students to their environment with no particular effort on their part. Grades have even been eliminated so that dull students might not suffer the frustration of feeling inferior to others.

It's high time we stopped amusing and pampering students in high school. We are taught in education "not to let our subject matter become a little tin god, before which we bow down three times a day." But why do we find ourselves in college not knowing a verb from a noun? Why can Erica speak fluently and read with understanding four languages besides her own, while we think we know French just because we can translate one page in a book with a dictionary and grammar book close at hand? Why do we have only two math majors and no science majors in education?

What are you as future mothers and teachers going to do about it?

and Thurber. And as he spoke, it became increasingly clear the Edward Weeks was an Editor.

He held the blue covered November issue in his hand tracing the white circular design and asked if there were too many names on the cover. Miss Byrd called for questions from the group. Weeks quickly waved his hand to halt them; and with a sudden change in tone he said:

"I'd like to say a word to young writers. Write about what you know best, your own experiences that have meaning to you. We need young writers. And the Atlantic likes to publish 'firsts'."

Then everyone stretched and went in to the dining room for Boston tea and Moravian cookies.

Choral Group Is Bound For New York

This week has been a very active one for the Salem College Choral Ensemble. Mr. Paul Peterson and his choir left this morning at 9:00. There they will appear on the Columbia Broadcasting System television program "Look Up and Live" Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on December 8. The girls will be accompanied by Mr. Richard Dyer Bennett, the well known ballad singer, in a presentation of Appalachian Christmas carols. On December 22 this program will be broadcast over the CBS radio networks. The group will return Monday night.

Last Tuesday night the girls sang for a recording to be played over the NBC radio networks on Monitor the weekend of December 22. The girls will take part in the Christmas banquet the night of the 17, and later recordings will be made in the early spring.

Opportunities Are Great In Science

A Salemite interested in science can major in straight chemistry, biology, or get a mixture of the two, by majoring in medical technology. Salem is affiliated with Bowman Gray, so that a girl can go to Salem for three years with a year at Bowman Gray. When she finishes this four year program, she receives a B. S. degree in science from Salem and a medical technology certificate from Bowman Gray.

A science major spends many afternoons in labs working with test tubes and microscopes, which eliminates any thoughts of a two o'clock movie or afternoon bridge game. However, there are often no Saturday classes, which make many long week-ends possible. Another compensation is the lack of outside parallel reading, term papers, and book reports. The labs are time-consuming, but they are interesting and enjoyable, for they are examples of what one reads and studies in theory.

Work in science has become an important factor in our nation's life, and many fields and jobs are open to science majors.

Dr. French and Mr. Campbell receive pamphlets every day, stating the dire need for chemists, research assistants, science teachers, and medical technicians. The salary for these jobs is excellent. For example, the starting salary for a medical technologist is usually 300-350 dollars a month.

Another advantage of a girl's receiving her B. S. in any phase of science is that she may work for several years before marriage; resign her post; and later re-enter and continue her work with only limited "brush up" study.

A science major receives a personal satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment in knowing that she is helping mankind in laboratories, hospitals, or homes throughout the world.

—Gray Duncan

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