

Bright Likes Salem And Hot Coffee

It was a cool, crisp morning as I walked over to Clewell to take some dry cleaning. I looked up and saw the small figure of Bright coming towards me. She had a cheery smile on her freckled face and she greeted me, "Well, hello, Missie." She had a small pan in one hand, and when I asked her where she was going, she informed me that the pan contained grounds in it and she was going to make some coffee in the basement of Clewell. "I have to drink a cup of coffee in the morning or I get a headache."

I followed her downstairs, and while she filled the pan with water, I asked her how long she had been at Salem. She told me that she came in 1938. When I asked her what she liked best about school, she replied, "Gracious, Miss, I just love Salem! I don't know exactly what I like best about it. The girls are so nice—and so are the faculty. I enjoy doing things for the girls."

She said that she was originally from Shelby, N. C. and when her husband was living, they had spent several years in South Carolina and Tennessee.

She remarked that when she first came to Salem, they didn't have the ice machine in the kitchen, so they brought truck loads full of ice from the plant in town to the dining hall. They had to carry it around to all the dormitories to keep water and "pop" cold. She can remember when she came that coal heaters were used in the dorms and classes. Early every morning, she would help build the fires.

Bright took her coffee off the stove. "You know, one of these days I'll have to get some of that instant coffee!"

Mrs. York came in the basement and told Bright that someone wanted to see her upstairs. I followed her and the little pan of steaming coffee through Davy and the study room. As we walked up the stairs, Bright said, "I guess it's the laundry man. He's going to make my coffee cold before I can drink it."

As we reached the top of the stairs, the small silver bell on the desk in Clewell rang, and a girl told Bright that some men wanted to get inside the boiler room to check the machinery. Bright smiled, breathed a sigh, and after giving the laundry man a pile of toused clothes, started downstairs again. "I declare, these men just won't let me drink my coffee before it gets cold."

I started out the door as the class bell rang. "Wait one minute," I heard Bright call, "I'm coming right now. Oh, goodbye, hon."

—Erwin Robbins



The National Foundation is continuing its fight against polio. Reason? Aside from additional research needed to improve treatment technique and eliminate the polio virus through vaccination, there are 150,000 men, women and children who have had paralytic polio and still may need direct aid. Give generously to the 1959 March of Dimes.

The "Square" Continued . . .

(Continued from Page Three) weekly Salemite, assembly announcements, and the school calendar in Miss Kirkland's office—all of which are designed to keep us informed. But "I didn't know you were having a meeting," is a too often repeated phrase. Are there any plans we might devise to make Salemties more aware of campus activities? Have the bell tolled for each meeting? Set up an inter-campus amplifier and make periodic announcements of specific meetings? Better yet—maybe we could arrange to open our eyes and focus when we pass bulletin boards—and "come alive" for assembly announcements.

Speaking of meetings—do you find it difficult to sandwich your studies in between meetings and classes? A poster due, a social committee report, four more ads to get, a feature ready for the Salemite, hall ball at 4:45, get food enough for 50, collect 25c from each girl, a "c" average, a much needed rest in the infirmary. There's been discussion concerning the establishment of a "point system". Such a system has its virtues and would bring about the broader spread of extra-curricular responsibilities, less concentrated leadership, and more participation in the relatively in-

active Salemite. The point system might well be the answer to many of Salem's problems.

Mr. Campbell presented Frankie Cunningham with a small, black "stuffed with cotton" dog and asked her to place it in the lost and found—or attempt to find its owner. Frankie and Mary Jo Wynne are the newly elected heads of Salem's Humane Society and have accepted the responsibility of finding homes for all stray animals—"stuffed" or alive. There's a stray cat I wish you'd find a home for before I lose my more humane instincts and dissect him (or her—as the case may be) BEYOND THE SQUARE!

Happy Halloween! The "goblins will get you if you don't watch out."

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Shaver's Queries Answered . . .

- 1) Thirty-five
- 2) Vice President Richard M. Nixon
- 3) The reasons for this are three-fold. Traditionally, at least this century, the mid-term congressional elections have favored the party that is not in the White House. Specifically, the economic recession of last year, and Dulles' foreign policy drawing most of the Democrats' votes.
- 4) Integration is the "rawest nerve" of the Democratic Party, and there can be no compromise between the Southern Democrats and those who favor integration. This does not present as great a problem in the mid-term elections as it will in 1960 in the Presidential election. The object now is to get as many Negro votes for this election as they can.
- 5) Eisenhower's recent campaign trip has been unusual in that the President has entered into partisan politics, which he has been careful to avoid as much as possible in the past six years.
- 6) There are state laws which prohibit union contracts requiring a worker to join the union in order to hold a job, thus ruling out compulsory union membership and insuring individuals' right to work without paying union dues.
- 7) On November 4, there will be referendum votes in six states which will decide whether to adopt such laws or not.
- 8) The split in the Republican Party in California has partially grown out of the "right to work" issue, and partially out of bad feeling between Senator Knowland and Governor Knight because the Senator bid for and won the nomination for Governor, pushing Mr. Knight into the Senate race. Mr. Knowland has supported the "right to work" while Governor Knight has opposed them. The split in the party has caused both of them to lose Republican votes.
- 9) Averell Harriman, on the Democratic ticket, and Nelson A. Rockefeller on the Republican ticket.
- 10) These two men are both very wealthy businessmen and politicians.
- 11) The Democratic criticism of the present administrations foreign policy is that they "have given us six years of leaderless vacillation".
- 12) Mr. Nixon's reply was that "the Acheson foreign policy resulted in war and the Eisenhower-Dulles policy resulted in peace."
- 13) Secretary of State Dulles and President Eisenhower both felt that foreign policy shouldn't be within "partisan debate". However, after several exchanges of opinion, both Dulles and Eisenhower concurred in the need to answer the Democratic statement.
- 14) Stevenson's reaction to Republican partisan campaigning was that they "can't talk about corruption, prosperity, deficit spending, or peace, so they have fallen back on the old charges of radicalism and leftwingers".
- 15) The general opinion is that the best the Republicans can hope for in the elections Tuesday is to prevent the Democrats from getting a landslide victory in Congress.



Safe Deposit

John always did take things too seriously . . . like that habit of locking his Coke up in a safe! Sure everybody likes Coca-Cola . . . sure there's nothing more welcome than the good taste of Coca-Cola. But really—a safe just for Coke! Incidentally—know the combination, anyone?



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