

Foreign Students Meet The Governor



Chatting with Governor Hodges at the Rotary Convention are Jane Irby, Agnes Sende, Catherine Recamier, Rachel Fazila, and Anthea Taylor. Photo by John Hemmer, Pinehurst, N. C.

(Editor's Note:

Last weekend, Anthea Taylor had Jane Irby and our foreign students, Rachel, Aggie, and Catherine as her guests in Pinehurst. The following is Anthea Taylor's account of their run-in with the "Only-in-America" Rotary Club Convention.)

When we walked into the tea room at the hotel I noticed a group of people and a photographer around one man over in the corner. When the crowd moved away I was delighted and surprised to find that "the man" was His Honor Governor Hodges.

Our group had gotten no farther into the room than the french doors because eight or ten Rotarians had come over to meet and greet us. General confusion came about with introductions (Recamier, Sende, and Facio) and explanations that all the girls were my house guests and we were all Salemites. The Rotarians were fascinated by our foreign Salemites and Jane and I were pushed aside and nearly forgotten since we were "plain old Tarheels".

Meanwhile one enthusiastic and interested member of our group drew the Governor away from his fans and brought him to us. We all shook hands with him and then we five girls were shoved into a semi-circle for a picture with him.

While we talked he pulled out a paper with all of North Carolina colleges and the names of the foreign students at each. He found Salem College and the names of all our girls; then he discovered from the paper that Rachel was a Rotary exchange student from the Win-

ston-Salem Club (which is in the 769th District). When he mentioned this, new interest arose and poor Rachel was completely surrounded and still more questions were fired at her from all directions.

At the meeting that morning two foreign students—one from Holland another from Oslo—had spoken. As every club has its members who show up at conventions to enjoy the food, play, and fellowship—but not to listen to the speeches and business, so do the Rotarians. While we were busy drinking tea Aggie whispered to us that several Rotarians had "thanked her for coming" and commented on her excellent speech in the morning session.

Mrs. Hodges arrived and immediately came to meet us, making us really feel like the honored guests. She is a soft spoken, genteel lady with sincerity touched with elegance. She told us to say hello to

her cousin on the Salem faculty—Miss Covington; and then related some amusing stories about their experiences as roommates in summer school during college days. One story was about Miss Covington doing her (Mrs. Hodges') reading assignment and then giving a detailed report about the content, so Mrs. Hodges could go out that night.

After she left, Jane and I explained the importance of the position of governor of a state to Catherine, Aggie and Rachel. They were amazed that ordinary people could meet and talk with a man in such a high position. Catherine said "This is a democracy".

Duke Graduate Becomes New Assistant Treasurer

Newest addition to the administration is Mr. Ralph F. Hill, who has joined the Salem staff as assistant to the treasurer. He will be working along with Miss Perryman until her retirement in June and will then continue to work in the treasurer's office.

Mr. Hill was born in Cincinnati and was "reared all over the South". He has lived in Winston-Salem for seven years, which is

twice as long as he ever lived anywhere else. He attended Duke University where he received his A. B. degree. Since his graduation he has held several interesting positions. For a time he was engaged in "Actuarial Research" for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. This is research on life expectancy, or how the insurance company bases its premiums for life insurance. After this job he spent a year teaching math at Hampden-Sydney in Virginia. Then he came to Winston-Salem, where he has been with the Wachovia Bank for the past seven years.

Mr. Hill is a bachelor. When asked about the virtues of bachelorhood, he said he wouldn't recommend it for too long! He includes among his hobbies bridge, tennis and golf. Mr. Hill remarked that he was enchanted with Salem itself—the school and its traditions. He also remarked that although he had not seen them all, he has yet to find a Salem girl who is not attractive in appearance!

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Possible successors could be: 1) either of the capable under secretaries, Herter or Dillon; 2) Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. Ambassador to the U. N.; 3) Thomas E. Dewey, former New York governor; 4) John J. McCloy, former commissioner for Germany; and General Alfred Gruenther, President Eisenhower's successor as N. A. T. O. commander.

Whether it is necessary for a new appointment and whether this appointment will be temporary or permanent remains to be seen. However, there is a meeting of the Western Foreign Ministers in Paris in March concerning the situation in Berlin, and any man who takes Dulles' place will have to pick up the intricate web Dulles has spun for the Western Alliances; he will have to confront immediately Soviet challenges—a very difficult job. Let us hope for Mr. Dulles' swift recovery.

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