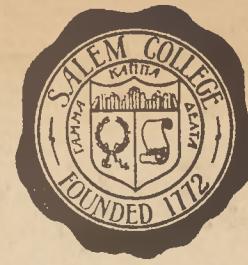




# The Salemite



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## Annual Christmas Banquet Climaxes Holiday Season; Early Traditions Reviewed

It's Christmas time again, here at Salem. As usual girls are doing their Christmas shopping, decorating dorms, and trying to get in a little studying on the side. With this Christmas season comes the traditional "peanut", the putz, the Christmas dance, the orphan's party, and as a climax, the Christmas Banquet.

This is all a part of Christmas at Salem, but did you ever think about how the Christmas season has been celebrated through the years? Salem has celebrated Christmas since it's beginning in 1772.

When the college was an academy for young girls, the little girls

## Senior Vespers Will Highlight Christmas Week

Salem adds dignity and feeling to the Christmas season again this year with its traditional Senior Vespers to be held in Memorial Hall Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Although the Vespers are led by the seniors, the sophomores participate as pages. The sophomores are robed in white and the seniors are just familiarly "robed".

Mr. Traylor of the First Christian Church in Winston-Salem will give a brief meditation. The singing of

Christmas hymns will contribute to the majesty of the occasion and the lighted candles will lend a warmth and spirit to this post twilight service. The seniors and sophomores will give candles to everyone who will join in the carol singing. The senior class will issue special music, among which is the traditional hymn "Morning Star".

Seniors will sit on the stage, sophomores in the middle front of the auditorium and the rest of the place is left for you. We hope you will come and bring your friends.

## Salemites Play "Santa Claus" To Orphanage

Christmas spirit swings into high gear at Salem Tuesday night with the annual "Y" orphanage party at Memorial Industrial School.

Salemites play "Santa Claus" to the boys and girls by furnishing the only presents they will receive on Christmas Day.

Children from the home and Salem girls will present programs during the party.

The college will serve dinner at 5 o'clock Tuesday night in order for the buses to leave at 5:30 p.m. from Clewell for Memorial Industrial School.

would have a festive mealtime with stories of Christmas.

During the War Between the States, Salem was one of the few schools which remained open (even Carolina closed!). While plantations were being occupied or burned, many little girls remained here for schooling and safety. At one point in the war, near Christmas, food was so scarce that the officials were certain that they would be forced to close the school, but parents had hoarded sides of bacon, corn, and flour. These were sent to Salem by two wagons pulled by slaves, entering from the west gate. This kept Salem going until the crisis passed.

Each year the celebration gets bigger and better until today it is no longer a Christmas supper, but a Christmas feast attended not by forty little girls, but around four hundred "big" girls, the faculty, and their families.

About nine years ago, the junior class sponsored the banquet. Since then, however, the sophomores have taken over.

Now, as the Christmas holidays draw near, you see seniors, both happy and sad, smile as they think of their last Christmas and Christmas banquet here at Salem. Juniors are sympathetic, thinking of all the hard work of the year before and thinking ahead to when they will be eating their banquet this year (in the club dining room) due to the large number of people attending.

The sophomores are excited, hoping that this will be the best banquet Salem has ever seen, and one they will not soon forget. To the freshmen, the banquet is a new and thrilling experience. They've heard about it, seen people busily working on it, but now they are actually going to be a part of it.

The theme is kept secret until the night of the banquet. It's always fun to think of what it might be—"twas the night before Christmas," or "German Christmas," or even "the littlest angel." But no! These are all themes used in past years. Sorry we can't add this year's theme to the list until after the banquet!

To the student body of Salem College:

The Sophomore Class of Salem College

Requests the pleasure of your company

at the Christmas Banquet, Wednesday, December 16, 1959 at 6 p.m.

honoring the Class of 1960.

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## German Girl Guide To Visit Campus

Irmela Geilenberg, a student of theology at the University of Heidelberg, will visit Salem Wednesday, December 16.

Miss Geilenberg is touring the United States as a German Girl Guide leader and is visiting Girl Scout troops in this area.

While on campus, Miss Geilenberg will attend assembly and a religion 335 class.



From top to bottom:

Sally Wood, Carolyn McLeod, Louise Adams, Lou Scales, Maid of Honor, Sally Townsend, May Queen, Beverly Wollny, Evelyn Vincent, Suzanne Drake, Anita Hatcher, Gay Austin, Ida Mae Jennings, Dot Grayson, Vicki Van Liere, Jette Seear.

## Sally Townsend Reigns As May Queen; Scales, Maid Of Honor, In 1960 Court

By Nanci Bragg

During assembly Monday the May Day Committee presented the May Court nominees for the student body's final decision on the May Queen, Maid of Honor, and the three representatives from each class. Marcia Black, before announcing each nominee, stressed that the girls chosen would be "our representatives on our May Court;" therefore, "pick for beauty." Each individual exercised her subjective objectivity and picked for beauty.

Homer would be pleased with the results. Homer was a new farm hand on the Townsend cattle farm in Manquin, Virginia, who asked, "Mr. Guy, may I have a look at Miss Sally?" It seems "Mr. Guy's" daughter had a reputation for

beauty before Salem acknowledged it with the title May Queen. Apart from admiration at home, Sally was chosen May Court Maid of Honor during her senior year at St. Margaret's Prep School.

Sally is a sociology major who, after graduation this spring, has definite plans for the future, but refuses to disclose them—for publication. However, she does admit her favorite pastime is weekend trips to Randolph-Macon.

Lou Scales, a senior from Rockingham, was elected Maid of Honor. A blond with blue-green eyes and the proverbial "peaches and cream" complexion, Lou has been on May Court since her freshman year. Last spring she was chosen KA Rose, and Anita Hatcher of Fayetteville.

Also a sociology major, Lou plans to combine social work and marriage after graduation.

The representatives from May Court from the senior class are Louise Adams, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Beverly Wollny of Westfield, N. J., and Evelyn Vincent, of Danville, Va. The junior class representatives include Carolyn McLeod of Durham, Jette Seear of Gastonia, and Sally Wood of Smithfield. The three sophomores chosen are Dot Grayson of Charlotte, Ida Mae Jennings of Statesville, and Vicki Van Liere of High Point. The freshman class will be represented by Gay Austin of Jacksonville, Fla., Suzanne Drake of Richmond, Va., and Anita Hatcher of Fayetteville.