

Allen Fulfills Varied Duties At Salem



The Rev. Walser H. Allen

The Reverend Walser H. Allen, assistant professor in the department of religion and philosophy and college chaplain, is a well-traveled man.

From spending his childhood in Kernersville where his father was pastor to the Moravian Church, Mr. Allen went to Bethlehem, Pa., Germany, and the Virgin Islands. He entered Moravian College in Bethlehem where he did his undergraduate work. After college and before his seminary work, he spent one-and-a-half years in the army, six months of which he was stationed with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Before deciding definitely on a career in the Moravian ministry, he attended graduate school at the University of North Carolina. The next two years were spent in Moravian Seminary at Bethlehem.

Northern England was the locale for his third year of study at the University of Manchester and the Moravian College at Fairfield. The students there lived in a small dormitory and attended some classes in Fairfield. Most of the classes were held at the University of Manchester. Additional work at UNC completed the requirements for a M. A. degree in history.

In 1951, he was accepted into the ministry of the Moravian Church and spent the next few years at various churches in North Carolina.

The past year Mr. Allen and his wife, former Salemite Joanne Bell, were assigned to the Moravian Church on St. Croix Island of the Virgin Islands. According to Mr. Allen, the church now existing on the island is the result of Moravian missionary work there since 1732.

Settling at Salem brought new experiences to the Allens—suddenly they were house-mother and father to four Salemites: one senior, one junior, and two sophomores. "It's a lot of fun having them in the house," Mr. Allen laughs, telling of the time the three girls upstairs froze for two nights before complaining about the stuck window. They reported to him of sleeping in pajamas, bathrobes, and all the blankets folded double.

In addition to his teaching duties, Mr. Allen is the college chaplain. This office is always filled by a Moravian minister appointed by the Provincial Elders Conference. The church recognizes it as a position in the Moravian ministry. The duties of the chaplain include being advisor to the YWCA and assisting them whenever needed for evening chapels or other programs. He acts as the liaison between the college and the various denominational groups. He is also available to any student for counseling.

Winston-Salem Native Writes Stirring Novel

The Fleet Rabble, A Novel of The Nez Perce War, is a recent work by Frank Borden Hanes, a native of Winston-Salem and the author of two unusual novels in verse. This is his first major work in prose.

The story narrates a stirring incident on our Western frontier which has received little attention. The Nez Perce Indians were one of the most powerful and civilized tribes of the Pacific Northwest. In their early contacts with the white settlers, they were friendly and gave valuable assistance to the Lewis and Clark Expedition. However, in 1877, when the U. S. Government attempted to deprive them of their land and move them to a reservation, Chief Joseph led his 300 warriors against the government forces, defeating them twice. The Indians later decided to flee to Canada and freedom. After a forced march of 2,000 miles with their women, children, and livestock, they were overtaken by government troops within a few miles of the border.

This march is the story of the book and it is told in vivid details, describing the Indians' many hardships, acts of courage, and final humiliation. It graphically points out the disadvantage Indians, fighting for their home and food supply, had against our troops, who were badly trained, ignorant, and often brutal. In the preface the author states his purpose for writing this story as "to present in a logical manner the great dignity and fortitude these Indians displayed in an overwhelming campaign."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upperclassmen wishing to take the hygiene exam to be given Monday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m., must sign up in the Dean of Students office by Monday, October 9.

Freshmen will take a fifty-minute health knowledge test this month in place of the hygiene exam. If they do not meet the required standards of the test, they must attend a series of ten lectures second semester. All sophomores and juniors who have not taken the hygiene exam by spring must take the health knowledge test in the fall.

Tuesday, October 10, the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet to discuss plans for the ten year program leading to the 200th anniversary of Salem in 1972.

Dr. Gramley and Dr. Wendall Patton of High Point College are giving seven or eight days this fall to the solicitation of business and industry in the state on behalf of the North Carolina Foundation of Church Related Colleges. Salem is one of the twenty-four members in this foundation which last year raised \$403,000 for the operating budgets of member colleges. Salem's share in the total was \$14,000.

The Canterbury Club will meet Thursday, October 12, 1961 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin with the Celebration of Holy Communion in Little Chapel. After the service the members will go to the Day Student Center for a discussion.

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This is a difficult story to tell, but the author has succeeded in making it interesting and alive. Considerable research must have been done by him to be able to give us with such tenderness and compassion the many details of Indian life and lore. He is at his best when he is describing the feelings and emotions of these brave, but wretched people.

Students And Faculty Discuss Future Of Man

"The Future of Man" will be the overall theme of a series of discussions in the Student Faculty Forum Series this fall. There will be four Wednesday night meetings during which two different viewpoints on the topic under consideration will be presented in 15-minute talks by faculty members from Salem and Wake Forest. These talks will be followed by 45 to 60 minutes of general discussion by all participating.

Dr. McLeod Bryan of the Wake Forest religion department and Dr. Pat Murphy of the Wake Forest philosophy department will present the first topic, "Is Christianity Dead?" on October 18. This forum will deal with the future of Christianity in the Nuclear Age.

"Does contemporary science create a mythology adequate to the plight of man?" is the question to be dealt with in the second meeting. Dr. Changboh-Chee and Dr. Tom Turner of the Wake Forest sociology and physics departments, respectively, will speak on their viewpoints of "The Age of Science and New Mythologies." October 25 has been set as the date for this forum.

"The Future of Unbelief" is the title of the talks to be held on November 1. The speakers will be Dr. David Smiley and Dr. Penland Banks from Wake Forest's history and sociology departments. The discussions will deal with post-Christian idealogies.

Dr. Phillip Africa, professor of history at Salem College, will be one of the panel members to talk on "The End of Human Life." The question to be considered is whether any values have survived from the past and lasted until the present age. The other panel member has not yet been named.

All meetings will be held on the top floor of the Maple Springs Methodist Church, 2569 Reynolds Road.

Supper (\$.75) will be served at 6 p.m.; the following discussions will end at 8:00 p.m. Those wishing to attend the Forum only, should arrive by 6:45. Students and faculty are invited. Taxi fare for Salem students will be paid by the Wesley Foundation, sponsor for the non-denominational series. You may attend any one or all of the meetings.

The purpose of the Forum Series is "to bring together for discussion and debate students and faculty from Salem and Wake Forest College who are concerned about the current crisis mankind is facing."

If you are interested in the series, contact the Wesley Foundation by phone (PA 3-9931) or by mail (Box 7433, Reynolda Station.)

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Alice Reid

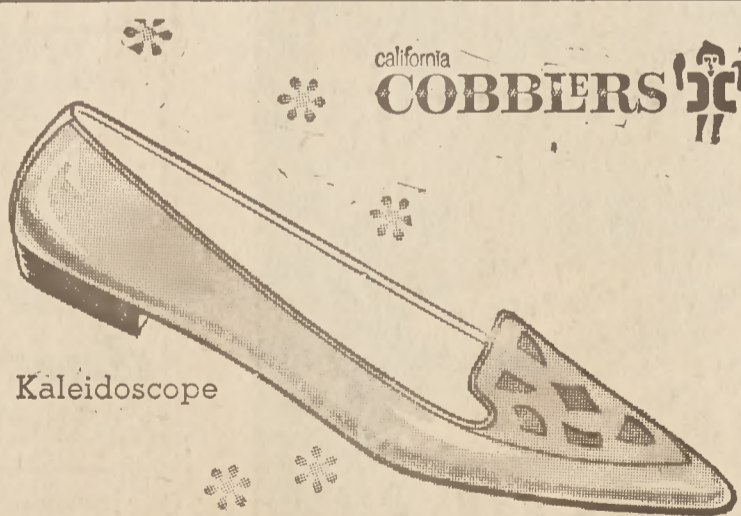


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