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TINKER DAY ALREADY
IN THE ATMOSPHERE

Chilly days, colorful hillsides, falling leaves—enter October. And sometime along in October, enter Mr. Turner in knickers to breakfast or, to be more explicit, enter Tinker Day. There is no holiday on the Hollins calendar which brings a more eager thrill of anticipation from the first of October until the tatted moment arrives breakfast suddenly emerges from its early morning lethargy and becomes the gayer meal of the day. The whir of chatter usually more common to lunch draws out all other noises. Of course, the tables under the dome are on the gate to be the first to see Mr. Turner, and then there will be the usual burst of applause. Everyone is looking forward to the day's outing, the climb up old Tinker, the singing on the rock and the stunts after dinner.

There is seldom an afternoon now when these girls on the hockey field or the tennis courts fail to look up at old Tinker and wonder when they will be climbing the mountain. At such a time it is interesting to turn back to its past and see where old Tinker got its name. One of the most common traditions is that Tinker was named for a group of deserters or skulkers during the Revolution. These men pledged their trade as tinkers while hiding on the mountain and thus avoiding military service. Such a tradition would inevitably put something of a stigma on the beautiful name of a beautiful mountain. Evidence has been discovered in recent months to prove that tradition entirely unfounded.

In the first place the name Tinker appears as the name of a creek prior to the Revolution. A Tinker hill is recorded before Revolutionary times. Another peculiar tradition is that Tinker's Mountain took its name from Tinker Creek, one branch of which follows the base line of the mountain for a long distance around its east, northeast and south sides. The creek itself was probably named for some early settler of the locality. This is true, furthermore, in the opinion of Mr. F. R. Kegley, of Wytheville, Virginia, who has made an extensive study of the records of this region.

According to Mr. Kegley there are two possible theories in regard to the name of Tinker. In the first place, long ago practically every kind of industry was represented along the creek which was at first called Roan Creek. There were, naturally, all sorts of blacksmith and tinker shops on its bank or on the nearby roads. Mr. Kegley feels it might be possible to draw the conclusion that the creek took its name from the trade plied on its borders were it not for one thing.

There was at this same time a family by the name of Tinkers, sometimes written Tinkers, associated with William Preston and living in this locality. In the earliest record of the name, February 8, 1761, it is found as Tinker's. This suggests a man's name. Moreover, there was a prominence at this time to use family names for creeks and mountains. Thus we find Carter's Creek, Peters Creek, and Mason's Creek. There is a possibility that the name was given in memory of some exploit of

Names of Honor Students
Announced by the Dean

In Convocation, on September 23rd, Miss Williamson announced the names of the Honor Students for the session. In doing this Miss Williamson followed the tradition of always devoting the first Convocation to the reading of these names.

The Honor Students at Hollins are those who have averaged 2.3 merit points for every hour of work taken the previous year. In addition to this, they must be good citizens of the College community.

The Honor Students are as follows:

SOPHOMORE CLASS: Jeanette Bauer, Beverly Chalk, Katherine Dilworth, Mary Elizabeth Fosland, Myron Alice McDonald, Frances Mears, Elizabeth Rice and Janet Stirling.

JUNIOR CLASS: Elizabeth Coleman, Rosella Douglas, Elizabeth Hanger, Elizabeth Ellis, Helen Louise Garber, Kate Holland, Helen Herron, Rosamond Larmour, Katharine Locke, Margaret Weed and Elizabeth Young.

SOPHOMORE CLASS: Frances Sinclair Backs, Dorothy Donovan, Mary H. Fletcher, Sophia Fox, Sara K. Griffin, Adria Kellough, Martha Carev Kurth, Mildred Raymonds and Nan Cook Smith.

The Fall Calendar for Session is Announced

The Administration announces the following calendar for the session. It is the custom each year to present to the students and faculty, various student organizations at Convocation each Wednesday night, while throughout the larger sessions are scheduled for the Little Theatre.

October 4th—Kirby Page, Series of Addresses. Arousing of Y. W. C. A.
October 5th—Dramatic Association.
October 14th—Athletic Association.
October 28th—France.
November 2nd—English Singers.
November 10th—Student Life.
November 17th—Report on Junior Month.
November 21st—Student Play.
January 14th—New York String Quartette.
February 7th—Doctor W. A. Lucart.

Assistance of Y. W. C. A.
February 7th—Roxy Chapman Andrews.
February 22nd—Founder's Day. Address by Marion E. Brack, President of Bryn Mawr College.
March 20th—Florence Jackson, Vocation for Women.

Judging by the calendar the Hollins community is assured of interesting and varied programs throughout the semester. Among these are two of the Tinkers or Teachers who were in Preston's Company of Rangers in 1758 and 1759, or that of another who served in the militia of the Bedford regiment. Be that as it may, there is a tradition back of Tinker of which Hollins may be proud.

At eight o'clock, on September 18th, the formal opening of Hollins College took place in the Little Theatre. The invitation was enhanced by the academic procession, led by Miss Matty E. Coke, and Doctor E. H. Kirk, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Doctor George Braxton Taylor, the chaplain, opened the exercises with an invocation. Following this, Mr. McCracken welcomed the new students and announced the changes in the faculty for the coming session. Miss Coke then introduced Doctor Kirk, the speaker of the evening.

Doctor Kirk, D. D., L. D., received his education at Sewanee, a College, Memphis, Tennessee. He is now the pastor of the Franklins Street Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore, and a member of the faculty at Goucher College. He is well known, both as a speaker and a writer.

Doctor Kirk's speech was centered around the need for a new potential of energy. He interpreted the present depression as the fruit of wrong thinking and the fear of war. To combat this state new energy is needed. The greatest danger facing the world to-day is war, for war is in the air. The mind of Europe, the mind that knows fully the horrors of war, the mind that understands the unspeakable effect of war, not only upon human lives, but upon the life of the world, that mind is dwelling on the fear of another war. The American people, the United States can no longer remain aloof; it is time to take definite steps to change the idea of war. This is the time for a new potential of energy which, according to Doctor Kirk, is embodied in public opinion. Since people live largely on conventional ideas, and the people of to-day, and especially the women, to make war unconventional. "For a woman," said Doctor Kirk, "has the advantage over men in not having common sense." Because of this fundamental difference, combined with the unwillingness to accept complacently that which she believes is impossible of execution, the educated woman has demanded for herself and her ideas a prominent place in the world. It is, consequently, to her that the older generation looks to-day for help. For in the nation belief, the unshakable determination of young women lies the hope for a world at peace.

This stirring appeal brought to the entire student body the boundaries of the College campus. In the exclusion of life at Hollins there is a tendency to forget the problems and causes with which the world is concerned. After all, beside being citizens of the College community and citizens of the United States, we are citizens of the world.

ELECTIONS HELD BY THE JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES

At class meetings called last week, elections were held to fill vacancies in the offices of the president. Anne McGrady was chosen President of the Junior Class. Bets Brede was elected by the Sophomores.
Ten New Members are Added to the Faculty

The new members of the Hollins faculty for the current year are:

- John C. Cook, Assistant in Chemistry
- A. M. McFarland, Associate Professor of English
- E. H. Thrasher, Assistant Professor of Psychology
- W. E. Hunter, Instructor in Economics
- A. V. Gates, Instructor in Chemistry
- W. L. Jordan, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- W. H. Whittenburg, Assistant Professor of Physical Science

These new faculty members bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Hollins community.

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Director of Newcomers Entering Hollins This Session

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ALUMNAE NOTES

Eleanor Wilson, '30, is Secretary to the Dean at Swarthmore College.

Angie Turner, '30, was married on September 12th, to Mr. Sidney Jeffries. In the wedding party were many Hollins girls including Mary Turner, Margaret Jeffries, Anna Whitman, Frances Bostford, Vera Wilhelm and Nancy Lee Turner.

Anna Bohannan, '30, was married this summer to Mr. Booker Carter, of Martinsville, Virginia. The couple are now living in Richmond.

Cecelia Scott, '30, will be married on October 10th to Doctor William B. Hester, Elizabeth Morris, Mary Lee Wiltsee, Mary Elizabeth Perry are among the attendants.

The engagement of Elizabeth Trenbath, '31, to Mr. Irving Fitzpatrick, of Montclair, New Jersey, was announced in June.

Mr. and Mrs. William Harrington (Virginia Jones, ex '31) announce the birth of a son, William, November 29th, 1935. Mrs. Harrington, '33, has recently been elected President of the Hollins Alumnae Chapter in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Maie P. Hildreth, '31, was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Alabama last spring.

Elizabeth Love, '31, is studying in Geneva, Switzerland, this year.

Sue Rutherford, '31, is doing social work in Baltimore, Pennsylvania. Dorothy Querles, '30, is working on her Masters Degree at Radcliffe.

Kathleen McCloskey, '31, is studying at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. A scholarship was awarded her for her senior commercial study at Hollins last spring.

Mary Adams Holmes, '31, after studying at Heidelberg during the summer, is traveling in Europe.

Mabel Uzzell, '31, is living at the Parnassus Club while studying at Columbia University.

Mary Belle Deaton, '31, is teaching public school music in Statesville, North Carolina.

Frances Lineberger, '31, after making her debut in Raleigh, North Carolina, early in September, will sail for a year's study in Florence.

Peggy Barker and Jane Underwood, '32, have transferred to Northwestern.

Virginia Goddard, '32, is now studying at Washington University in St. Louis.

Annette Anthony, ex '33, has pledged Chi O at Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee.

Elizabeth Thompson, Louise Moore, Anne Wyman, Peggy Underwood and Harriet Wyone are among the debutantes to be presented in Atlanta this season.

Sarah Welch, '31, has a position in a chemical laboratory in Charleston, South Carolina.

Kitty Hildreth, '34, is now studying at the University of Virginia. Her sister, Jane, '28, is a technician in the hospital at the University.

Page Stone, '26, will be married in October to Mr. Leonard Muse. Charlotte Patch, '31, is teaching public school music.

Evelyn Woody, Ruth Martin, Lois Pruitt, Mozzie Dalton, Margaret Nabors and Juan Hartsook attended the football game at V. P. I last Saturday.

Mary Watkins, May Gilmore, Page Rudd and Betty Robinson were at the opening dances at V. M. I.

Camille Dawson spent last week-end at her home in Salem.

Adelaide Dany and Beatrice Thickens thickens to the dances at Chapel Hill last week.

Louise McNulty had as her guest last Thursday night, Maury Tice, ex '34, of Roanoke.

Lieutenant E. S. Dyer visited his sister, Mabel, last Saturday.

Mal Tabb, ex '32, of Hampton, Virginia, visited Betty Taylor last week.

Misses May and Carolin Bush, of Greensboro, North Carolina, were guests of the College during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tankard visited Florence last week.

Mrs. W. T. Sockwell motored up here from Florida last week-end. Misses May and Caroline Bush, of Greensboro, will be married on December 19th, in the gymnasium. The program consisted of twelve dances, for which Locklayer's Orchestra furnished the music, interspersed with stunts put on by the Freshmen. Those in East staged their impressions of On Entering Hollins, while those in West gave a short skit called Radio. The decorations were very effective and added just enough color to relieve the barrenness of the gym. Streamers of brightly colored paper hung from balcony to balcony to create a gay setting. And to top everything off, refreshments were served in the Kellar.

The Y. W. C. A. party is one of the most important social activities of the year since it comes at the Christmas Season and is the first real opportunity for the old and new girls to meet and mix with each other. The committee succeeded in making it more enjoyable than usual this year by means of the card dances and organization of the program.

Dr. Gladys L. Palmer is Doing Research Work

Dr. Gladys L. Palmer, former Professor of Sociology at Hollins College, has resigned her position here in order to do important research work sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania.

The Palmer's study, which deals with the result of the solution that has been found, after much research into the case, is either to procure a table for the Victrola so that Jay and "Wa" can play it in their room, or to present them with some soft needles.

There was a hostess who explained, upon looking into her French grammar book, why do they put Greek in these books, too? They were phonetic symbols.

The Green Elephant is to be congratulated on the excellent business which they have had in the past week. The Junior Class is fortunate in the splendiferous management of their shop.

Doesn't it seem ludicrous to see the Class of '32, who still feel (and occasionally act) like Freshmen, bouncing around in an atmosphere of caps and gowns, dignity, candles and approaching A. B. degrees? Well, children will grow up, you know.

The change of the dinner hour back to six o'clock should do much to mitigate the sufferings of all those who have been annoyed by hunger pains.

What a relief to discover that seeing two girls who are almost identical in appearance is not a sign of cock-eyedness but just the proper recognition of family resemblance. Otherwise optical illusion might be a common complaint on campus since so many "old girls" have brought little sisters to Hollins.

Two more have at last reached the goal of any schoolgirl's expectations. Julia Lamar and Sue Wood were pledged last Tuesday to A. D. A. They presented as their requirements for initiation, the stirring old "drum". The Hour of Reckoning, playing the leading roles of Myrtle Myrdblap and Reginald Harrington Zilch very creditably. Their friends wish them much happiness in their new activity.

A certain Senior reverted to the long-forgotten days of "Senior Deference Week." She explained gently, but firmly, to some errant Freshmen in the Hotel Patrick Henry that the Hollins room was the rendezvous for upper classmen alone.

If Dr. Taylor continues to make mysterious allusions to various chapters in Genesis, Isaiah, or what have you, Hollins girls soon be known as a school of Biblical research... And gather ye round, all who were not bold and brazen enough to investigate the third requisite for the boy going off to college is not a toothbrush, but a sweetheart!