

President McLarty Writes

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Almighty God our Father, who hast given us grace at this time to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, we laud and magnify Thy Holy Name for the countless blessings which He has brought; and we beseech Thee to grant that we may ever set forth Thy praise in joyful obedience to Thy will.

Help us here and now to pause and think how empty our lives would be were it not for Christ's coming to the world. When we imagine the unchecked cruelty and lust, the arid deserts of spiritual barrenness, and the dull, dead despair of lost men and women who would know Thee not, we draw back in horror from the abyss. Then again we will begin to see how much He means to us; and a faith will rise up within our hearts that is a saving faith, a hope in Him which lifts up our spirits, and a love of Him which blesses our homes, our College, our daily contacts with our fellows. What would we be without Him? We know that answer all too well. We would be lost. Life without Him would not be life at all.

Let this Christmas be a renewing of the mind and spirit of Jesus Christ in our thinking and a cleansing of our hearts and lives by His pure presence. Give each of us new courage to live the Christian life in our day and generation, bearing witness to His saving grace before men. Let some of His radiant joy come to our weary world through us.

O God of compassion and tender mercy, minister to Thy servants according to their deep and personal needs. Be Thou the companion of those who sorrow, a support to those who are wearied by life's vexations, a protector to all who seek Thy divine help when temptations tug at imagination's sleeve. Give guidance and sound motive to those who are capable and strong. Undergird with Thy might the weak and halting and hesitant Christian, lest he convince others that faith cannot be strong, and God cannot help His own. Uphold us with a sense of Thy everlasting presence that we fail not men nor Thee.

May these holidays soon to begin not come and go as a matter of course, but may each of us cultivate times of contemplation when we think upon the inner meaning of Christmas; Thy great love for mankind, the wants and needs of others, and our own spiritual revival in the fact of the birth and life and ministry of our Savior. Amen.

Tornadoes To Play In Holiday Tournament

The basketball team will make the long trip to Binghamton, N. Y. over the Christmas holiday to play in the Broome Tech. Christmas Tournament, December 29 and 30.

Four teams will participate in the tournament. Broome Technical College will play host to Joliet, Illinois, Jackson Junior College from Jackson, Michigan, and the Tornadoes.

Broome Tech is rated number one in Region III. They are led by Mike Steele who averages 20 points a game. They won the tournament last Christmas.

Joliet College was champion in its region two years ago and participated in the Nation-

al Junior College Tournament the same year.

Jackson College played in the National Tournament last year after winning in its region.

The Tornadoes took ninth place last year in the National Tournament in Kansas.

Brevard's first game is at 9:00 p.m. on December 29. They will meet the Broome Tech. team.

Joliet and Jackson will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the same day.

The winners of the two games will meet at 9:00 p.m. on December 30 for the championship. The two losers will meet in the consolation game at 7:00 p.m.

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PICTURED ABOVE is the Christmas Queen and her court. Seated at left is Queen Sue Megraw, with sophomore attendant Dot Goedert at right. Standing, left to right are

Betty Kay Fox, freshman attendant; Judy Harper, sophomore attendant, and Alice Holman, freshman attendant.

Open House will be held in Taylor Hall Dormitory tonight from 8 until 10 o'clock. The student body, faculty, and staff are invited to tour the dorm at this time.

"Christmas At Home" Is Featured

"Christmas at Home", an annual event at Brevard College, was held on Sunday, December 13, between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The affair took place in Jones Hall, which was festively decorated from the basement to the top floor for the occasion. An open house was held for the purpose of displaying the decorations on the room doors. A judging committee composed of faculty members inspected the hall decorations and the individual room doors, and awarded a number of prizes.

Taking first prize for the most original door decoration were Loretta McQueen and Joy Maugans. Prize for the prettiest adornment went to Monica Driscoll and Marilyn Norton for their Madonna tapestry. The ribbon for the most religious decoration went to Ann Mueller and Linda Hall for a lighted creche window. The prize for the best hall went to the basement floor for their decorations following the theme, "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Five honorable mention ribbons were awarded, including one to first floor, old wing, for its theme of "Toyland".

Following the judging and awarding of prizes, a buffet supper was served in the parlor of Jones Hall.

The Clarion staff, in behalf of the student body, extends sympathy to Miss Cindy Hunter in the death of her father last week. Our best wishes go to Miss Billie Lee Waller, who was called home to Charlotte Court House, Virginia, because of her brother's illness.

Faculty, Staff Hold Christmas Banquet

The yearly Christmas dinner for members of the College faculty and staff, and their families was held on December 14.

The affair, which is the only time in the entire year when the faculty and staff members gather at the same time for a dinner, was held in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

The informal program was presented by President Emmett K. McLarty, who drew a large Christmas card with colored chalks.

Mrs. Joe Dixon and Mrs. W. Glenn Hardesty then presented a puppet show for entertainment of the children. It was enjoyed by everyone.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!