

## Students Attend White Gift Service

Once again one of the most inspirational services of the year at Flora Macdonald was experienced by all who attended. The annual White Gift Service took place on December 11 at 7:00 in the auditorium.

The program consisted of sacred music by the Choral Club under the direction of Mr. Lawrence Skinner; the White Gift Story and dedication of the gifts, and the Christmas Story. The Christmas story was interspersed with the scripture read-

ing of the Christmas story.

The White Gift Service is a dedication service held in order to dedicate the gifts given by the students for the Flora Macdonald Leper Colony in Korea. The dedication is carried out through song and worship by the entire group. Through this service, others are remembered and at the same time the giver receives blessings.

Following the service, the students were divided into groups to go Caroling into different sections of town. The faculty was invited to the home of Dr. Gwynn for caroling.

Upon returning to school, Mrs. Gambill dietitian treated all to hot chocolate and doughnuts.

## Bar-Illian Performs

Israel-born, twenty-four year old pianist, David Bar-Illan, will be in the concert spotlight here at Flora Macdonald on Tuesday, January 3, 1956.

Bar-Illan, born in Haifa, Israel, began his studying and playing the piano at the age of five. He gave his first piano recital when he was ten. He attended the Julliard School of Music and the Mannes College of Music, where he received the highest awards given by these schools, and in 1953 he was awarded the Coronation Year medal.

Bar-Illan's study was interrupted when he returned to his homeland and joined the army during the Israeli War of Independence.

This promises to be an outstanding concert of the year.

## Society Sponsors

### Door Beautification

Mathematical Honor Society is sponsoring a "door beautiful" contest. The purpose of this contest is to encourage the girls to decorate their doors and to help make the school more beautiful during this Christmas season.

The judging will take place on the day of the Christmas banquet and prizes will be given to the top two. Of course, there is a small charge of ten cents per room to enter the contest.

## Dome Services Feature Pageant

"O come, o come, Emanuel" With these words the Dome Service will begin. It is to be given December 14 at 8:00 p. m.

The scene of the Manger is to be laid in the rotunda. There

## Music Club Promotes Decorations Contest

Annual table beautiful contest is now underway. Once again the Saint Cecilia Music Club is sponsoring this contest. The purpose of the contest is to promote more interest in decorating out tables for the Christmas banquet.

In order to enter the contest there is an entrance fee of twenty-five cents per table or three cents per person. The money obtained from the entrance fee will go toward the prize, and if there is any left, it will then go into the St. Cecilia Music Club treasury.

There will be a gift for every member of the table that wins first prize. For second and third place there is honorable mention.

The table decorations will be judged immediately preceding the Christmas banquet. The judges are Mrs. Lawrence Skinner, Miss Arlette Poole, and Dr. Leslie Bullock.

the students will watch as characters for the Christmas Story unfold the beautiful old story. A tradition at Flora Macdonald College, this Dome Service will, with much careful planning and hard work, bring the Christmas spirit closer. As the story unfolds, a choir under the direction of Ann Stafford will render appropriate music.

Several committees working diligently will make this pres-

entation possible. Properties by Becky Taylor and Alese Harrison make the scene more real. Timely costumes by Pat Ritter, Beverly Collier, and Hazel McLean will add much. Also special lighting by Betty Joe Hatcher will play up the important scenes.

The carefully chosen cast includes Cynthia West, Becky Browning, Shirley Thornton, Helen Green, Betty Tolar, Lib Guinn, Jean Loueen Price, Lou Benton, Elise Williams, Judy Brown, Barbara Cockrell and Betsy Graham.

Ann Turner, Vice-president of the Christian Association and Mrs. Elbert McPhaul, advisor, are planning this year's service. Ann says, "The traditional Christmas Dome Service has certainly been an impressive service - one that projects into the audiences the true Christmas spirit. The interest and willingness of this year's cast and committeemen promise a service that will be an inspiration to us during our Christmas season."

## Helpers Mend Toys

by Sandra Sweet

"Don't forget your old toys!" These were the words heard by the student body as they went home for Thanksgiving holidays. And they didn't either! For as day dawned on December 1st a multitude of toys could be seen piled up in Watkins - the Toy Workshop.

The workshop was held December 1st through the 3rd and was opened every day from 3 to 5. The Toy Workshop is held for the purpose of fixing toys for the helper's children to be given out at the Friendship Party. Pat Powell, chairman of Social Service was in charge.

Numerous helpers came to fix dolls with no arms, tractors with no wheels, boats without sails, dolls without hair; to paint trucks, wash stuffed animals and sew doll dresses.

"The workshop was a tremendous success due to the hard work of the girls. I would like to thank everyone who helped," stated Pat.

## CA Gives Party

Each year during the Christmas season, the Christian Association, in conjunction with the Social Service Commission, entertains the college colored help with a Christmas party. This year it will be in Watkins Hall on Tuesday, December 13, at 3:30 p.m.

Entertainment will be furnished by several of the college girls. A jolly visit from Santa will climax the party. He will deliver a gift from the Christian Association to each helper and a stocking for the helper's child. The many and varied toys from Santa's workshop will be given to the helpers also.

Watkins Hall has been filled with activity lately. Girls have been busy making doll dresses out of discarded remnants of material and repairing and brightly painting old toys which the students brought from home after the holidays. These toys are to be distributed by the helpers to their children or other children.

The annual Christmas Party for our helpers is only one of the many things the Christian Association does at the Christmas season, but probably none carries out the spirit of Christmas more.

## Banquet Features

### Varied Carols

During the approaching Christmas season, preparations are being made for the traditional Christmas banquet. This is a time of feasting and fellowship on the FMC campus. Every student, (including the day students), faculty members, and administration are invited to the banquet.

The dining room becomes a gay festive room as Christmas decorations adorn the tables. A contest is held and a prize is given to the table with the most attractive decorations. Not only do the tables change their appearance but the people who sit at them have changed. The usual dress of sweaters and wind-breakers have disappeared and formals have taken their place.

The spirit of Christmas is continued in the dining room as the students sing Christmas carols. Several countries are represented as the words of the carols are sung in Spanish, Latin, and French.

Spanish students will carol, "Pabla de Nar'z Roja," "Ruthe Red - Nosed Reindeer;" "Noche de Paz," Silent Night;" and "Casabel," "Jingle Bells." "Ill est ne, le deuin enfant" and "Unflabeau" will be rendered by the French students. Latin Students will sing "Adeste Fideles," or, "O Come All Ye Faithful;" and "Veni, Veni Emanuel," or, "O Come, O Come Emanuel."

The Christmas banquet will be on Wednesday night, December 14. A Christmas dome service in the rotunda following the evening meal will climax the evening's activities.

## Fantasy, Reality Blend to Create Winter Wonderland at Dance

by Gay Mothershed

"Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?  
In the lane, snow is glistening  
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight  
Walking in the winter wonderland."

A combination of fantasy and reality blend to form the theme of the Zetesian and Epsilon Chi Societies' Christmas Dance for 1955. The fantasy was the fairy-like fragility of the ballroom and the reality was the beauty of Senior Bridge in the snow which formed the backdrop plus the students and their dates adding to the festive occasion.

Greeting the couples as they entered were the beautiful traditional Christmas Tree and a glittering ball suspended from the rotunda. As the couples entered through a snow flake, they were greeted by the atmosphere of a wonderland with the band of Jimmy Morgan creating a wistful, seasonal mood.

### Unique Invitations Sold

Unique invitations were sold by Boots Pridgen and Gay Mothershed for the dance which was under the chairmanship of Jane Sheets and Judv Brown, Betty Bridges and Dotti Morris created the beautiful decorations which were used while Peggy Tucker and Miriam Barrow prepared the holiday refreshments.

Dr. Leslie Bullock was the



General chairmen Judy Brown, left, Epsilon Chi, and Jane Sheets, right, Zetesian, think longingly about the dance afterwards in the room.

Master of Ceremonies for the occasion and chaperoning were Mrs. P. P. McCain, Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Woodson, Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Gwynn, Jr., Dr. Helen Rodgers, Miss Doris Hawse, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Skinner, and Mrs. Bullock.

### Group Forms Figure

Participating in the figure were the chairmen of the various dance committees and the officers of both societies. Officers of the Societies are: Zetesian, Jane Wood, president;

Mac Calhoun, vice-president; June Jarrett, secretary; and Lucy Richardson, treasurer; and for the Epsilon Chi Society, Barbara Arrington, president; Frances Shaw, vice-president; Macel Cox, secretary; and Pat Farmer, treasurer.

And so ended the Winter wonderland Christmas Dance - - - gone away are the tangible things of the dance, but long to be cherished are the memories of " - - walking in a winter wonderland."