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## Dr. Woodson Granted Leave Of Absence By Board

### Dome Service To Be Traditional

"Hear O Heavens, and give ear O Earth, for the Lord has spoken; the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light . . ." These familiar words of the prophet Isaiah mark the beginning of the traditional Dome Service at FMC. This service, which is one of the highlights of the entire year, will be presented in the rotunda after our Christmas banquet on December 16.

Each year the cast of the Dome Service is changed but the service is the same, symbolizing the unchanging wonder of the birth it celebrates. It is customary never to use students who are here for their first time until they have experienced the joy and beauty of the Dome Service by watching it. Ceil Heins, vice-president of the C.A., has worked long hours directing and perfecting the service for this year.

The carols sung before the service, the scenery, the dome choir, the air of expectancy within the entire group as the service moves from the prophecies of the Old Testament to the Baby in the manger with shepherds, magi, and angels kneeling before Him help all to feel a true spirit of awe and reverence. As the service closes with the choral response, all worshipers realize that their

lives have been enriched and blessed by reliving the pageant of our Lord's birth. With the angels each will continue to sing in his heart "Glory to the new born King!"

The cast for this year's Dome Service is:

Mary — Martha Stevenson  
Joseph — Judy Wienges  
Isaiah — Willa Jackson  
Traveler — Jane Woodard  
Watchman — Margaret Ann Martin

Gabriel — Carroll Shoemaker  
Angels — Prissy Thomas, Sally Day, Magie Fishburn, Ann McLeod

Wisemen — Phyllis Golden, Marty McCormick, Gussie Brady  
Shepherds — Shirley McNeill, Jerrie Johnson, Peggy Wade, Liz Green

Special committees are: Lights, Carol Ann Wolfe; costumes, Becky Brooks; properties, Judy McCall; publicity, Sylvia McRae; Choir, Alice Carol Huggins; Bell lyre player, Jeanette Davis; building lights, Barbara Somers; characters, Sandra Abbott, Elaine Evans; make-up, Marilyn McGrath.

### Float Wins In Carousel

For the third consecutive year, the Red Springs Merchants Association contributed a beautiful float for the Charlotte Club of Flora Macdonald College to ride in the Carolinas Carousel parade, held in Charlotte on Thanksgiving Day. For the third time, also, the FMC Charlotte Club, which includes this year a co-ed, Charles McNeill of Charlotte, looking every inch a Scotchman in his smart Plaids, won a prize, first prize this time.

The tartans and kilts gave the true Scottish flavor on the float itself, which was lettered on each side, CHARLOTTE CLUB - FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE - RED SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA. The Scottish symbol on the front, made and contributed by talented W. N. (Bill) Gibson of Red Springs was white with lettering in bright blue (blue and white — FMC college colors) "Flora Macdonald — A Scottish College — In a Scottish Town," with Scotland's national flower, a colorful thistle, on the left, and outlined across the top with Scottish Plaid.

Two of the kilted lassies from the club, with one lad, recently arrived in Charlotte, acted as honor guard for Pipe Major



DR. MARSHALL S. WOODSON

### The White Gift

Many long years ago the students of Flora Macdonald College gave money to build a little village of about fifteen cottages for Leper families in South Korea. This village was named "The Flora Macdonald College Leper Village." If one of us were ever so fortunate as to tread upon its grounds, in service to its inhabitants, we would see large gate posts at its entrance with the words "Flora Macdonald College Village" upon them in large letters — letters that reveal a manifold love expressed through generous gifts year after year.

This leper colony is under the American Leprosy Missions, Inc. of New York, but under the supervision of the Presbyterian Mission (U.S.) in Korea and has as its administrator Rev. E. T. Boyer. Within the colony

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Jack Smith, a native of Scotland now living in Winston-Salem, who made a colorful figure as he marched in the full regalia of the Highlands, piping vigorously the airs of the Old Country. Another delightful feature which added Scottish flavor, was the group of "Queen City Highlanders," led by Donald MacDonald of Charlotte as advance guard. Donald is well known in Red Springs, where he organized the Clan Donald Society of the Carolinas here at Flora Macdonald a few years ago — he is now Chief of the Clan, and his enthusiastic cooperation added greatly to the success of the Flora Macdonald Float in the parade.

Three more generous residents, Jim Townsend, Jim Graham, and Douglas McMillan, "paid the piper," who, being Scottish, didn't pipe for nothing!

### The Skirl Staff Dedicates

### This Issue To Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson

At a special called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Flora Macdonald College, held in the President's office in Red Springs on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 8, the Board reluctantly granted the request of President Marshall Scott Woodson to be given a leave of absence in order to accept the presidency of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Banner Elk, North Carolina. As the head of the Memorial Association, he will be the President of Grandfather Home for Children, Grace Hartley Hospital, and Lees-McRae College.

In presenting his request to the Board, Dr. Woodson stated that in answering the call to Banner Elk he did so believing it offered the finest opportunity he knew of in the Southern Presbyterian Church for unselfish and sacrificial service to the Kingdom of Christ. The program at Banner Elk offers an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of his Master in the ministry of healing the sick, sheltering the homeless, and guiding young men and women in their college training.

Halbert M. Jones, Chairman of the Board of Flora Macdonald College, says: "During his ten years as President of Flora Macdonald College, Dr. Marshall Woodson has rendered a distinguished service to the college and to his Church. Under his leadership, Flora Macdonald College has grown in educational stature in student enrollment, and in financial strength. Dr. Woodson is a dedicated servant of his Church and his Lord and will serve with vigor and effectiveness wherever he may choose. The Board of Trustees of Flora Macdonald College, with reluctance and with deep appreciation for his years of devoted leadership, has acceded to his request to give him permission to accept the call to serve in another field during early 1960."

During the ten years that Dr. Woodson has served as President of Flora Macdonald College, the college has shown progress in every department, and at the present time the college is in the best condition it has ever been from the point of view of buildings and grounds, the quality of its students and faculty, and the excellency of its academic program. The college closed its fiscal year on June 30 with every bill paid and an operating surplus of over \$21,000.

Dr. Woodson is to assume his duties at Banner Elk early in 1960 and succeeds Dr. Joseph H. Carter, who has been the Acting President for the last two and a half years. Dr. Carter will continue to serve the institution at Banner Elk in the capacity of field representative and Bible lecturer.

Since March, 1957, Dr. Woodson has also served as the Acting President of the Consolidated Presbyterian College which is being erected in Laurinburg. At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Consolidated College, Dr. Ansley C. Moore of Pittsburgh was elected as the permanent President and plans to assume his duties about January 15. Dr. Moore is one of the distinguished ministers of America and brings to his task proven capacities for leadership.

In regard to Dr. Woodson's work in connection with the Consolidated College, Mr. Hector MacLean says: "I doubt if the Consolidated College would have ever become a reality without the services of Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson. His contribution to this great adventure in Christian higher education is immeasurable. His devotion and zeal to a difficult task have assured the Consolidated College of a firm and lasting foundation. It is with deep regret that we see him take a leave of absence from the Consolidated College, but we know he will be eminently successful wherever he goes."

Dr. Woodson's motive in asking for a leave of absence rather than resigning grows out of an earnest desire on his part to maintain his contacts with Flora Macdonald College and to serve the institution in an advisory capacity, while giving his full time to the work at Banner Elk.

The Board, at its meeting on Tuesday, appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Halbert M. Jones, The Reverend C. W. Worth, the Reverend Don Carson, and Miss Mary McEachern to work out the details in regard to appointing an Acting President to serve upon Dr. Woodson's departure.

Dr. Woodson received his A. B. degree from Presbyterian College, his M. A. from the University of South Carolina, his B. D. from Columbia Seminary, and an earned doctorate from Union Seminary. He is the recipient of a honorary LL.D. degree

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### GPC President Named

Dr. Ansley Cunningham Moore, presently minister of the Sixth United Presbyterian Church at Pittsburgh, Pa., was named the first president of the Consolidated Presbyterian College on November 25. He will begin his new duties immediately after his resignation which becomes effective January 15.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, he is a graduate of Emory University and Columbia Theological Seminary at Decatur, Georgia. He did graduate work at the University of Chicago Divinity School at Union Seminary in Richmond and at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He holds an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Southwestern at Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Moore, a member of the board of trustees of Muskingum College, is an associate of the National Presbyterian Church (President Eisenhower's church) and is a contributing editor to THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK.