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## Growth Of Interest Seen In Christian Activities At P.J.C.

Since the beginning of the second semester, it seems that the interest in Christian Activities here at PJC has increased to a great extent. No one seems to know just exactly what has brought on this new interest but evidence seems to indicate that there are two main reasons for it.

First, we received several boys at the beginning of the semester who are interested in the spiritual atmosphere here. Since these boys have been here, they have taken a very active part in several programs in an effort to increase the Christian atmosphere. They have given much of their time and effort to see that it functions properly. For them we are thankful, and we hope that the spirit which they have shown so far will continue as long as they remain here as well as all through their future lives.

Secondly, there seems to be a renewed interest, among the old students. The old students have found through past experience that there must be cooperation and interest from all members concerned in order to carry out any program efficiently. Keeping this in mind, they have taken a new interest in Christian Activities and are seeking to promote a broader Christian atmosphere. If this spirit is continued throughout the semester we should see many worthy accomplishments.

The new interest shown by new and old students alike has certainly added greatly to our SCA Program. This organization shows a 100% increase in attendance. At some of its later meetings the guest lounge in the Administration Building just didn't have enough seating space to accommodate all of the members. Likewise, during recent prayer services in the dormitory, Whitlock's bed and other room furnishings, including the floor, has proven too small to seat all of those attending. This increase in membership and attendance seems to be adding life and strength to the SCA.

Is this a real comeback or is it just an upshot which will fade out in the next few weeks? Only time can answer this question but in most all respects it now looks as if this is a real comeback.

With the help of Religious Emphasis Week, which will be held from February 22-27, the Christian atmosphere here should become the dominant one. Let's all continue to give our support to see that this is accomplished.

## "Where Do I Go From Here?"

During the remainder of the semester, those who are fortunate enough to graduate in June will be asking this question: "Where do I go from here?" No student, although some have tried, can remain here forever. Since this is a Junior College, one can receive only a portion of his education

here. For this reason the student must choose another institute in which to complete his education.

"There is no definite answer to the question previously asked but several factors, which should be given due consideration, may influence one's choice of another school after leaving PJC.

Some students will transfer to an institution which offers scholarships or other financial aid. For example, boys who are good athletes may obtain athletic scholarships which will take care of a large portion of their expenditures, while others may be eligible for pre-ministerial, academic, or other kinds of scholarships. Others may choose a particular school because they have a friend there now or have had one there in the past. They feel that their friend would be a help to them from the social standpoint, if the friend is of the opposite sex, and a help both academically and socially if the friend is of the same sex.

Others may choose a particular college because it is located near their home. These students seem to like and enjoy the social realm to which they are accustomed, so they remain in it if possible.

Many students may attend a particular school because their parents, or whoever may be sponsoring their education, want them to do so. Some students are actually forced by their parents to attend a particular school.

Many students choose a college which offers professional courses leading to the endeavor which they wish to make of their life's work. The choice will be determined by the profession for which one is studying whether one wishes to be a doctor, lawyer, engineer, school teacher, businessman, scientist, etc. Since most educational institutes offer one or possible two courses which are the best to be had, this particular school may be chosen because of its superb training in a particular field.

The division of a school year perhaps may influence a student's choice. For example, some students like the quarter system while others prefer the semester system.

Faculty members may also play a large part in a student's choice. Although most all professors in a given school will direct the student to a different school, one can gather information and advice from them which, after being considered carefully, may help a student to make a choice.

Some students may choose a school supported by a state, while others may choose a denominational school. Usually rates at denominational schools are higher than those at a state school, but, on the other hand, denominational schools usually have a broader Christian atmosphere.

Another point which may be considered is the academic rating of a school—whether it is high, average, or low. Some students like to attend a college which has a high standard while others wish to attend one whose standard is average or low. Those who feel that their ability to learn is from

## Miss Martha Coggins Becomes Bride Of James M. Johnson

On Saturday afternoon, February 6, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon in a quiet home wedding marked by dignity and beauty, Miss Martha Pearl Coggins became the bride of James Mack Johnson. The Rev. W. W. Hutchins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sanford, officiated.

Prior to the ceremony a program of piano music was presented by Paul Lucas, Jr.

The vows were spoken in the living room of the home before an improvised altar of greenery, interspersed with arrangements of white gladioli and chrysanthemums and seven-branched candelabra holding white cathedral tapers.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and attended by her sister, Elizabeth Coggins. For her nuptials, she wore a becoming wool frock of off-white, fashioned with round neckline, fitted bodice and a full ballerina skirt. Her small off-white hat was sequin-trimmed and her other accessories were also off-white. She carried a white Bible topped with a corsage of white roses and carnations, and moss green velvet leaves.

The groom was attended by his father as best man.

Following the ceremony the parents of the bride entertained at an informal reception. From a beautifully appointed table, centered with a bridal arrangement and flanked by white tapers in crystal holders, the wedding cake, lime ice, mints, and nuts were served.

Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Sanford High School and attended Mars Hill and Salem Colleges.

The bridegroom graduated from Sanford High School and is a student at Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, where he is studying for the ministry.

Following the honeymoon, the couple will be at home in Maxton.

## Dean's List For First Semester

The registrar's office has announced that the following students were on the Dean's List for the first semester that ended January 23:

Currie, Fred H., Edgar, Charles F., Hollenbeck, William J., LaMotte, Edward M., Kempton, T. James, Langley, Milton, L., Matheson, William N., McCain, Robert L., McLaurin, L. William, Warwick, William C., Watts, Howard B., Whitlock, Elinos A., Wright, B. Eugene.

average to poor or those who are willing to exert a great deal of effort will probably choose a school with an average or low academic rating.

Whether the school is co-educational or for one sex exclusively may also influence one's choice. Some students prefer the company of the opposite sex while others feel that it is better for them to attend a school which is composed only of those of the same sex.

When all the foregoing factors are considered carefully, a student should have the schools from which he must choose narrowed down to a few. When this point is reached, a fine question should be considered: "In what school would I be best satisfied?" We all know that when we dislike something we can always find a gripe against it. My advice would be for one to consider all the factors pointed out and then, if the choice is not clear, choose the institute which he feels that he will like best.

## Christian Guideposts by The SCA

We are living in a world which channels to our feet those things which we must do before we can become a part of the popular majority. Though they be optional, we are confronted daily with many decisions which fetter our minds with the binding strings of society. Many people take an "I must do that because the Jones' do it" attitude toward life. We who are begirded with such an attitude find that our lives remain unfruitful. In these circumstances we are not individuals, but we have become fused in with a realm of initiations. For the lack of fortitude many people allow themselves to become submissive to the crutch of this world, and our time is spent in vanity. If the question were asked, "what is the testimony of Presbyterian Junior College?", could we as students of this institution say that we are depending upon Christ for our way of life?

By the Way (the way being Christ) we can more readily find our place in society. Society is a big wheel, and we must do our part, as the coming generation of America, to make Christ the hub of that wheel. If Christ is not the hub, the spokes will become weak.

By looking out on the field of the world we can see that Christ is desperately needed for hundreds, for thousands, for you, and for me.

The big question today is, "what are we allowing Christ to do about it?" Are we allowing Christ to work in us and through us to perform that which God has proposed for us to do? We must not prolong that which is detrimental to our testimonies for Christ. Try to look at life this way: We must love, for Christ first loved us; We must forgive, for Christ forgave us; We must show mercy, for Christ first spent mercy unto us; we must be willing to sacrifice, for Christ willingly gave His life for us that we might have life.

When we surrender our all to Christ, we begin a life which co-exists with a richness surpassed by nothing this world has to offer. A person can never know such a state until his life is surrendered to Christ. Fellowship with Christ is the Divine—human relationship. In it a man finds Christian love, Christian fellowship, Christian understanding, and Christian communication.

Oh yes, we do sin daily even though we have committed our lives to Christ, but we have a God that cannot lie; therefore, we can rest assured that victory will come through Christ.

When the day is dark, God has promised an alluminating hope; when there are griefs to bear, God has promised comfort; when there arise doubts and fear, God has promised a guiding hand. Is not Christ the ultimate fulfillment of the word of God? Christ has asked many crippled to stand and walk. If you are not wholly dependant upon Christ from day to day in your daily activities, then try giving Him the reins. Let Him guide and direct your every motive for living. We are heirs to a salvation that shall never die. Let us hold fast the hope that is our from day to day—a life for Christ, a school for Christ, and a testimony for Christ.

"My girl friend's a wonder," said Bill. "Last winter she knitted me socks out of an old bathing suit and this summer she knitted a bathing suit for herself out of my old socks."

Judge: "Have you a lawyer?"  
Defendant: "No, sir, we have decided to tell the truth."

## As Time Goes By



ROBERT TOLAR

There has been a very fine change in our student relation with Flora Macdonald in the past two weeks. Since Thanksgiving holidays there has been a big slump in the social activity on the part of PJC boys. Even the good Christmas Dance did not stimulate any connections.

Synonymous with a few extra warm days, a new green tint on the lawn, a few budding bushes and lonely hard weeks; there is a new organization on the campus. This group, under the direction of "Highland" Hutchins, has one purpose, to get every fellow that stays here on weekends to visit "The Angel Farm" on Saturday night. So far they have acquired Stallings, Judge, Canady and Forbes. These come to breakfast next day on little blue clouds all smiles and seeking recruits. Go carefully Scotties!

On Race Relations Sunday the Glee Club sang for the evening worship at St. George's Methodist Church here. Miss Martin, Dean of Women and associate professor of Religion at Pembroke State College, spoke to a mixed group on Christian Unity. The entire service was an inspiration to the fellows from school.

Mack Johnson is finally married. All the "Skid Row Boys" have been concerned for Mack for a long time and everyone is glad to see him so happy now. First gifts from the boys were a bat for Martha and a football helmet for Mack plus some roses.

Looking forward, baseball season opens with hard practice next week, and the 27th will be the Freshman-Sophomore Dance at F. Mac. On a later weekend, the Glee Club will make its first appearance at the Highland Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. We will enjoy all the trips when we really travel in the spring.

Everything is very quiet and peaceful here. So til the next time bon soir.

## Students Attend Leadership School

During the month of February, there are a number of courses being offered at Flora Masdonald College by the Department of Adult Leadership Education to enhance the teaching program of the church, as well as the spiritual life of the individual.

The purpose of the Leadership Training School is to give a brief but intensive period of study, the goal being to better prepare and equip Christians to fill the multitude of positions of service in the church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Several of the students here at PJC have shown interest by attending these classes which have been a benefit to all. They are Bob Tolar, Bill Hollenbeck, Bob Morris, Elinos Whitlock and Judge Johnson.

I am sure that this training has been set forth to better equip and inform us of the Word of God Almighty. It is through these classes that God chooses to bless our services.