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DOROTHY BISHOP DODGE

1915 - 1970

Mrs. Dorothy Dodge, wife of William R. Dodge, died Monday, December 8. She was the business manager here at St. Mary's, and was also treasurer of the board of directors. A memorial service was held Wednesday, December 9, in St. Mary's Chapel.

JOHN HILL

1900 - 1970

John Hill, who retired from the St. Mary's staff August 31 after fifty-six years of service, died November 27. He began his service to St. Mary's as a water boy in the dining room in 1914. In later years he assisted in many areas on campus.

THOMAS J. C. SMYTH

1919 - 1970

The Reverend Thomas Smyth, born in Belfast, Ireland, died November 10. He had served many parishes in North Carolina as well as UNC-G and St. Mary's. He served as chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1968 until this fall.

PRESIDENT'S OPEN LETTER TO THE STUDENT BODY

I had a conversation with several girls the other day on the subject of Christmas cards. This came about in discussion of the verse I wrote on the cards you all received. We agreed that so often "standard" Christmas greetings are not reflective of the season. They are either curt and rather meaningless, or they are sticky and overly sentimental.

When asked to write something to you all on the meaning of Christmas, I thought of an expansion of what I had written on the card.

Today we are living in a time of uncertainty. We live in a time of shifting values, great confusion, seeming chaos. We are often separated from each other - - - person from person, generation from generation, race from race. In this lostness we become fearful, we feel impoverished, we tend to regard each other with suspicion. If youth cannot learn from age, and age cannot receive energy and spirit from youth, our whole human enterprise is poorer. The same principle applies to the races and to general human relationships.

These are characteristics of our times.

Then to the Christian comes this yearly reminder of a simple event so great that time has been marked before and after that happening. The birth of Jesus is noted historically. The continuing fact of His coming is noted theologically. For this is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. This is the symbol of hope in the often tragic human situation. Still there is Bethlehem. The Christ who stands with us in our generation is not the Saviour of the young or the old, the black or the white, this person or that person. He is the Lord of all. He is the unifying power that can heal our deep divisions. He is the best hope for peace. He is love.

St. Mary's is named for His mother. The wonderful beauty of that birth has great meaning for a Christian community such as ours. I pray for each of you a Christmas filled with the beauty of His presence and the warm love that is His eternal gift to us.

A blessed Christmas to each of you.

Faithfully yours,
Frank W. Pisani

CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION HELD

The first annual Christmas Tree Judging took place Wednesday, December 9. Most halls participated in this event with great gusto and lots of originality. Some trees were of the usual Christmas type with ornaments, lights, and tinsel. Others showed originality and thought such as the Candy cane and Bow Tree of third

west Smedes, the Charlie Brown Tree on first Cruik, and the various jewelry trees. Honorable mention should go to second west Smedes for their sexy tree-top ornament, at least. And the "winnah" is: SECOND PENICK!!!! Congrats and Merry Christmas!



EDITORIAL

For the past few weeks, it seems that our morals have been on a crazy roller coaster ride. One minute we're "up" and the next, we're "down". To go from holiday happiness to exam depression and back to holiday anticipation can be quite a strain on one's psychic. All this has left us somewhat mixed up and unsure.

What has this got to do with Christmas? Everything! This is the basis for the very first Christmas. If mankind had been sure of himself and had known exactly what to do, then there would have been no need for Christ to have been born. Instead man was very confused and didn't know which way to turn for the truth. Christ came to help man straighten things out. He took the rap for a lot of the mistakes of man, and he helped him get a "new lease on life." This is what Christmas means.

This is what Christmas should mean to us. It should be a time for us to calm down and really see the situation we're in. We should reflect on our mistakes and make new and better plans for next time. We should come out of our mad whirl and re-orient ourselves to our problems and needs. We should remember too, that there is still Someone who will take the blame, and who will help us straighten ourselves out.

HAVE A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS!!!

J.L.D.

CHRISTMAS POEM

By BEVERLY LETT

Christmas eve
Mary and Joseph
at Bethlehem
in a stable
no room anywhere else
Jesus
was born there
so many years ago
The Son of God
The Son of Man
The Prince of Peace

Peace on earth
the angels said
that night

Peace on Earth
Peace on this earth?
on this earth
there is no Peace
there is War

in Vietnam
in Israel
in the streets in front of
houses
But

Jesus was born
in Bethlehem
The Messiah, The Savior
to give Us
Hope and Courage
to work, live, and die
to create a real
Peace on Earth.

CHAPLAIN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas is not an escape from reality; it completes reality in that the coming of Christ to man, in the flesh, is the overwhelming concern for each of us. The word of God, which has steadfastly given hope to man, becomes flesh in a humble stable off a back alley in a large town. Into the world comes the Messiah.

How do we know this? The reality of Christ is known only through faith. Finally, as in all matters of faith, it is the individual who does or does not accept reality. HAVE A MERRY AND A REAL CHRISTMAS!!!!

The Bulletin Board

The Educational Film, "How to TEACH," will be PRESENTED at the faculty MEETING NEXT WEEK - compliments of the ASSEMBLY committee.