



Coach Gene Todd of the C. C. Owls has turned out to be quite a prophet. Todd ventured the opinion that without some good, tall boys out for the basketball team, it would be a long winter, and the cold has certainly set in.

The Owls, playing before packed crowds (all on one row of seats) have gone down five out of six times.

With the majority of the players working and unable to make many of the road trips, the Owls have been short on reserves. On one road trip earlier in the season, Charlotte College had only six players. But easy-going Coach Todd has not given up by a long shot. He is in the process now of getting some excellent players in starting the Winter Quarter. As Coach Todd put it, "If we can get together enough players to finish out the fall quarter, I think we'll get some help next quarter."

The prospects, unnamed by Coach Todd, are thought to be some former top notch high school boys that are switching schools or have dropped out.

Let's hope that when we come back after Christmas we will have a little better team. The boys that are out now are good, but with more depth we should be better prepared. In the first few games our boys have just run out of gas.

Everyone is talking about it, but none is doing anything about the attendance at the home games. It is this writer's opinion that if Charlotte College ever plans to become a large and thriving institution, sports will have to play a big part. Not that sports are to be parallel to education, but every business has to have a drawing card for business, and in colleges and universities, it is sports.

The faculty and student body should both come to life and get behind the team. At the rate we are going now Charlotte College will be a big school in ten years, but how will our athletic teams be getting along. Unless the people in the school wake up, we probably will not even have a team.

A hopeful thought for headlines in the Charlotte Observer in 1960: Charlotte College vs. North Carolina in the Charlotte Coliseum.

**HIS SPOKEN TRUTHS
PROCLAIM
EVERLASTING
PEACE IN THE
BROTHERHOOD
OF MAN**

For many of us, Christmas represents that one special time throughout each year when all of our joys and all of our desires seem to culminate into one occasion that is fondlest in our memories. It tends to hold a reverent place in our make-up that gives meaning to all the high moments which we have experienced--a time when trouble seems to be forgiven, or at least set aside for awhile. It is that season which stands alone among the others with a special theme as found in Abou Ben Adhem's immortal plea that he be written as one who loved his fellow-men. But why? Where is the reasoning for this spirit of love? Suppose we examine Christmas in the past.

Remember those times when the excitement over the coming of Saint Nick was in reality a truth beyond understanding--a truth that made the possibility of a power greater than man something tangibly real; or those times, as we were growing older, when Christmas meant the re-uniting of our families to share each other's joys in the spirit of belonging one to the other. As time moved on, and the giving began to have more meaning than receiving, remember those special gifts, bought with great care and lovingly put away for the final moment. Yes, these were happy times. But why? Where is the reasoning for this spirit of happiness--happiness and love? Suppose we examine the Christmas story.

For unto us was born a child whose spoken truths have proclaimed everlasting peace for the brotherhood of man. Here is our reason, lest we forget, in the eternal hope created by a child, born in the spirit of love that this truth might be paramount in the heart of man.

Dick Buckley

**The Macys
Visit France**

Last summer Dr. Macy, of the foreign language department, and his wife took a trip to France, the first they had taken in ten years. The primary purpose of the trip, stated Dr. Macy, was to visit his father who is almost 100 years of age.

On June 8 Dr. and Mrs. Macy left New York aboard the *Ariadne*, the only ship available at the time. Their first stop was at the port of St. Miguel in the Azores. Dr. Macy described the islands as a paradise. He said that deluxe hotel accommodations were only about \$4.00 a day.

After landing in France at the port of Cherbourg on the 18th of June, Dr. and Mrs. Macy caught a train to Paris, where they stayed for about three days. "The weather was the most beautiful in Paris that I had been in almost 100 years," said Dr. Macy. While in Paris the Macys visited all the places of interest and saw all the sights do. When asked what he thought of Paris after ten years, Dr. Macy said, "Paris was renewed from the war. The people have such an optimistic outlook on life."

From Paris the Macys then went to Nancy, where Dr. Macy spent several days visiting his father and the familiar places in that part of France.

Upon leaving Nancy, Dr. and Mrs. Macy then returned to Paris to plan a tour of southern Europe.

The first stop on their journey was Italy. There they visited all the famous cities such as Rome, Venice, Milan, Naples and Florence. Since Dr. Macy speaks Italian as well as five other languages, he had no trouble in getting accommodations or reservations.

While in Europe, the Macys also visited Switzerland, and in the French Alps they went to the foot of Mount Blanc, the highest peak in Europe.

After seeing much of Europe, the Macys once more returned to Paris to make preparations for their trip home. While in Paris, Dr. Macy purchased approximately 225 French and Spanish books for the language department at Charlotte College.

Nearing the end of their trip, Dr. and Mrs. Macy had the pleasure of seeing President Charles de Gaulle of France and President Eisenhower making a public appearance in Paris. Dr. Macy said that the crowds were quite large and that the response to their appearance was enormous.

On their return home they were aboard the Dutch ship, NEW ROTTERDAM, which was on her maiden voyage and was carrying the crown princess of Holland, who was making her first voyage to the United States.

Dr. Macy said that the trip was one of the most enjoyable he had ever taken. He said that seeing the great number of American tourists in France gave the impression that the bonds of friendship between France and the United States were growing ever stronger.

Dr. S. Fred Singer

Astrophysics is one of the oldest and most fundamental of the physical sciences; it provided, for example, much of the basis and proof of Newton's Laws of Motion and of Einstein's Relativity Theories. Recognized as one of the outstanding young astrophysicists in the world today is Dr. S. Fred Singer, associate Professor of Physics at the University of Maryland. The youthful looking scientist came to Charlotte College on Monday, November 30, at 7:15 P.M. to address the Charlotte College Student Body.

Dr. Singer's contributions to the field of upper air research are many and broad, including over 100 papers on his researches in cosmic rays, meteorites, design of rockets and satellite vehicles and space travel. In 1946 he began work with Aerob V-2 and American-made German rockets for high altitude cosmic ray research. While on the staff of John Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory, he designed the first miniaturized instruments for high altitude rocket research. He led the first group to measure the earth's magnetic field 100 miles up, and he was the first to discover and measure electric currents flowing in the upper atmosphere, an important contribution to radio communication.

One of his major contributions towards facilitating the study of rocketry and astrophysics at the university level has been as the leader in the design and development of three small, inexpensive rockets for upper air research. In 1951, Dr. Singer made the first practical public proposal for the design, development and establishment of small scientific earth satellite. Artificial satellites containing many of the features of Dr. Singer's MOUSE (Minimum Orbital Unmanned Satellite of the Earth) proposal will be launched during the International Geophysical Year by the Vanguard Project.

He further contributed to the present satellite program by writing and pushing through resolutions at three international meetings that formed the basis for the current IGY satellite efforts around the world. In the U.S. program, he is designing the gear to measure erosion of the satellite by meteoric dust and other particles.

Always looking ahead, Dr. Singer is consultant to the Martin Company on the development of even more advanced satellites and is also consultant to AVCO Research Laboratory doing work on the development of Intercontinental Ballistics Missiles.

The current FAR SIDE project for sending a series of research rockets thousands of miles into outer space - eventually to the moon - owes its existence to Dr. Singer, who thought up the original concept, worked out the basic design and sold the U.S. Air Force on its feasibility. He is now designing and building some of its instrumentation.

In all of his activities, including proposals for satellites and space vehicles, it is Dr. Singer's aim to investigate the properties of outer space and to apply this information to human welfare. For example, he has even suggested a peaceful scientific use of H-bombs to investigate the nature of space between moon and earth. He has

I Was A Teen-Age Worm



Not since the last B. Bardot picture has there been a more surprised or more happy boy than I, when I received an application form for Sigma Lambda Chi Fraternity. One cannot fully describe his feelings because they are a mixture of joy and worry. Joy over being asked and worry because everyone has heard something about frat initiations, and from the many mouth-to-ear conversations the tale soon loses all resemblance to the truth. There is really only one way to get the real truth, and that is to wet your feet. So I did!

Monday is the hardest day of all, because you don't know exactly what to expect from the Brothers or from the student body.

Armed with your trusty paddle, eggs, and your ever-popular Demerit Book, you try to sneak, unnoticed, to class. Just as you arrive about three feet away from safety, somebody yells, "Air Raid, Worm," and it's Katy-Bar-The-Door in trying to fling yourself into a prostrate position, all the while guarding those delicate eggs. Tuesday starts out as a good day; you get ten merit points for being a good worm. This makes you proud. You think you're as good as in! You've got it made! You get cocky! This is just what they've been waiting for.

"Worm Merritt, I want you to sit on Worm Sledge's lap and cry like you never cried before!"
"Worm, bend over."
"Worm, what's my name?"
"Mister Frank Brown."
"Bend over, Worm. It's sir to us."
"Worm, where's your Demerit book?"

And so it goes for the rest of the week.
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shown how the present small satellite could be used as a worldwide weather station. Such long range forecasts would benefit not only the farmer but practically every segment of business activity, adding billions to our national income and raising the general standard of living.

In a long article published in the U.S. News and World Report after the Russian launching of Sputnik I, Dr. Singer declared that he was convinced that "we are doing quite well in our missile-development programs and about on a par with the Russians... as far as space-flight projects are concerned, I am convinced that we can set up and should set up an imaginative program based on existing missiles and existing 'hardware' which would be more than an answer to present Russian success."

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