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### GREETINGS

To the trustees of the College, our advertisers, the faculty, student body, and many other friends, the staff of THE RUTHERFORD RECTANGLE extends its best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### EDITORIAL

The Christmas season, beyond the shadow of a doubt, is a very happy time in most of our lives. Our thoughts tend to turn toward home and the loved ones there. College boys and girls have a recess from their studies and go to their respective homes. The majority of them think of having a good time, receiving gifts, and the like. However, while we are celebrating, we often forget the real reason for our happiness at this particular time. One thousand nine hundred and thirty two years ago, God gave his only Son in order that a wicked world might be redeemed. When the child Jesus was born in the little town of Bethlehem, the Magi came bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. From this, originates our custom of giving gifts at Christmas time.

While we are having our good times, we should never forget to give God something in return for His great Gift. We can do this by living a spiritual life that is pleasing in his sight. We may give ourselves to His service as Lowell expressed in his famous poem "The Vision of Sir Launfal"—

"Not what we give but what we share,  
For the gift without the giver is bare;  
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,  
Himself, his hungering neighboring, and me."

Our gifts of material wealth may also serve as an agent to do some great good.

This year let us not think so selfishly of receiving gifts but, on the other hand, may we try to see a way to help someone else. In Acts 20:35 these words are found: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." How true this is but it is evident that many of us forget it when Christmas time comes. We should remember those who are far less fortunate than we. In this time of economic depression and unemployment in our great land, no doubt there will be many homes that Santa Claus will fail to visit. Cases like this are the ones which demand our attention.

There are numerous ways by which we can make someone, somewhere happy. Many times a kindly act or deed may accomplish more than an expensive gift. Then, we can give liberally to our various organizations for charity which will, in turn, supply the needs of some poor family. There are also instances where it is possible for us to offer individual help. In your own community, some family probably does not have enough food or clothes. What can we, or rather what will we, do with conditions like these? Such situations furnish a wonderful opportunity for a bit of mission work. Will you welcome the opportunity or carelessly pass it up?

May we all strive to make this one of the happiest of Christmas seasons in spite of our "hard times." We can do it. Go out and play Santa Claus to someone and you will gain utmost benefit, pleasure and happiness. Try it!

## The College Brewery

(E. D. C. B.)

### APPRECIATION

It is natural for human beings to take many things as a matter of course. Broadly speaking, we enjoy the privileges and advantages presented by nature, human fellowship, and God, without so much as considering the reasons for, and true significance of, their existence. They are inherited values of which we may avail ourselves with little personal effort. The constant study, past and present, of noted scholars and the heroic bravery of liberty loving patriots that have resulted in unprecedented educational attainments and peaceful Democracy which clothes our great nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" have apparently grown dim in the minds of unappreciative modern Americans.

Do we appreciate the patient mercies God has shown us? He made this perfect universe and all that therein is and gave man, a creature most wonderfully made, dominion over it. Since the fall of the human race, God has made provisions, even to the extent of giving his own Son, whereby all men might travel the enlightened Road of Salvation to Satisfaction and Peace. We, being restricted by human weaknesses and temptations, are unworthy of this priceless kindness and can do little way of recompense for it. Nevertheless we all may appreciate these blessings of God. Many of us, however, are so wrapped up in worldly affairs we forget this important privilege of appreciation.

The home is a great place to learn, and begin to practice, the art of being appreciative. All through the tender age of a child, the parents struggle patiently to give it a start in life. Later, when left to his own initiative, the boy often becomes selfishly ambitious, using his parents' teachings and goodness only as a personal stepping stone, seemingly forgetful of the love and sacrifice that motivated their attentions. This sacrificial labor should be appreciated by this young generation to the extent that it would inspire us to lead such lives of moral purity and progressive activity as to stay the gray hairs of worry and disappointments from our mothers' and fathers' aged heads.

In the social world, we have many friends. Are our personalities great enough to merit their devotion? Do we express our appreciation of their friendship? So many times, instead of being appreciated, our friends are taken, along with other things, as a matter of course. A monotony and dullness results that saps out the very spirit of living itself.

Upon looking into the matter carefully, we find thousands of privileges and advantages that we enjoy but personally do not deserve. To mention a few, there are educational advantages, governmental prestige and protection, industrial inducements, recreational retreats, and other subsidiary ones.

In applying this to our own lives as college students of today and aspiring leaders of tomorrow, let us break down these generalizations into those minute portions which effect us day after day. By doing this and reacting favorably to circumstances, we will be in an appreciative mood that will draw us into a higher and nobler plane of Christian living.

## OPEN FORUM

### SCHOOL SPIRIT

Dear Editor:

To my way of thinking one of the pre-eminent requisites of a successful school is that intangible element known as "school spirit." When this subject is mentioned our minds almost inevitably turn to thoughts of football, baseball, and the sports. This is well but why do we ordinarily limit its scope to the sports when it should justly fill a bigger and more meaningful mission?

In justice to a well balanced curriculum school spirit should cause each student to be considerate of his Alma Mater. In doing this he will refrain from all those petty offenses which are common to every student body but which profit no one. The rules of our school should be the guide of our lives so long as we attend its classes and drink at its fountain. The indifferent member of any school should be ousted by those possessed of a true school spirit. Those who have a purpose should make the proverbial "drone" feel that he is entirely out of his sphere of activity.

The strength of any organization is easily detected by the spirit which actuates its existence. As we look back over the history of Rutherford College our hearts are filled with pride as we view her noble accomplishments along educational and spiritual lines of endeavor. Her illustrious sons are today filling seats of honor and responsibility. It is then only a natural consequence that there burns in our hearts an earnest desire to see perpetuated this good work, but we find ourselves in the clutches of circumstances and await with eager anticipation the labors of that meeting which is to determine our destiny. The question then arises: shall we not continue to live in the atmosphere of that spirit which has safely guided us through other storms of distress? Unless we exhibit the right school spirit we are apt to find ourselves harboring ill feelings towards others. Let us instead, fellow students, be considerate of all parties concerned. 'Tis true we want our school to remain intact but if the fates decree otherwise let us fall in lines to make the most of whatever changes may take place.

John Gibbs.

Billie Sides.

### LET RUTHERFORD LIVE!

To the Editors of

The Rutherford Rectangle:

Rutherford, our dear old Alma Mater, has stood the test almost eighty years. In the annals of her life, great men have gone out into the world to render untiring service to their fellowmen. Not only has Rutherford educated a large number of ministers, but other professional men have received their education from the grand old institution. She has been a mother to a great number of boys, who, because of financial conditions, could not go to school elsewhere.

Rutherford has in her possession a college farm, which enables a large percentage of the boys to work a major part of their way through. And, too, the farm provides the school with a number of necessary victuals.

The location of Rutherford is very fine. We are out here, away from the noise and clang of the busy world. There is nothing to distract our minds from our studies. It is a fine place to delve into our course of study; to learn the real values of an education; and, to apply them to our life work.

Rutherford has splendid buildings on her campus, which add much to the desire for her to remain at her present site.

The atmosphere at Rutherford is very splendid. The friends we make here are the ones that will be a life-long brotherhood relationship. A cooperative spirit is shown by nearly every student. The students are willing to help when you are in trouble. We, too, have a splendid faculty, who seem to be intensely interested in each student.

The literary societies of the school have long been an enjoyment to the students of Rutherford. An intense interest is taken in the literary work at this school. Men have become talented in thought, eloquence, and delivery, through the aid of the literary societies.

I, as one of the happy students of Rutherford, sincerely desire that the men who are at the head of the grand old institution will see and have the opportunity to permit Rutherford to remain with us many years. I hope that she will be able to do greater work in the future than ever before. Finally, I shall say my desires shall be fulfilled if she remains.

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