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Christmas Holidays Draw Near

A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

by Pres. F. F. Elliott
The Christmas holidays will soon be here and you will be scattered for whatever awaits you at home or elsewhere. Our bodies and minds can do so ill apart from our wills, and no harm can come to us except to our bodies apart from our wills. The days of our vacation, like all days, "Bring dirtdems and fagots in their hands" according to our wills.

In this season all the hopes and dreams for a decent world find their origin. In one of the darkest hours of our world a baby was born in whose heart and head lay the potential solutions of all our problems. I suppose that will always be true.

Our problems, however, still persist and increase. For example, there are only three countries in the world that haven't had a fatal traffic accident this year. One of the sad facts of the glorious season approaching is that we shall add several to the total of those who lives are snuffed out on the highways. And this is not the worst. There is always that which is worse than a clean death.

Often our sense of values is warped; and things we regard most highly soon lose their luster. Things that are valuable are costly. In some of the myths some of the most beautiful flowers—Amaranth, Narcissus, Hyacinth—sprang out of the blood of a person, not just any person, but a choice one. Gardens are always costly. Sometimes also are gutters. We have both, gutters and gardens; and we may walk in whichever we choose.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

by Rev. Linnens
Long centuries ago on a hillside in Palestine an angel made the most astounding announcement of all time to the shepherds gathered there: "... behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Matthew said the birth of the baby Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, GOD WITH US." This is the heart of the Christmas story, the Incarnation. This is the Grand Miracle which Fulcrone of when he said that God was in Christ. This is the miracle the angel had in mind when he spoke to Joseph, concerning Mary and said: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save His people from their sins."

This is the good news of Christmas, that God broke into human history in the being of Jesus Christ to bring redemption to sinful men and that in our lives there are most wonderful events we have blurred the meaning of Christmas. For large numbers of people this has become a lost meaning of Christmas. This is dramatically illustrated for us in an experience Life Magazine had several years ago in preparing its Christmas issue. Life sent a photographer to the School of San Raoc in Italy to get some pictures of the famed Trastevere murals of the nativity. The photographer tried every conceivable kind of light trying

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE STAFF

Dorms Decorate

by Ann Helten and Dewey Heggard
Christmas spirit is in the brisk winter air, and everyone is counting the days until they will be free for two glorious weeks of eating, sleeping, and general fun.

HAPPY got the Christmas spirit early when they tried to portray the Manger Scene too soon, but Mr. Godwin insisted they return to the cow.

HAPPY plans to form a new club the title of which will be "The Christian Christmas at Gardner." HAPPY will also play classical Christmas music such as, "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth," by Phillip Kings.

Decker has gone all out for Christmas with one light burning in Steve Floyd's room; he is staying over to see his gift. Decker has been handling.

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BITS AND BRIEFS

Thanksgiving evening the faculty and students of Gardner-Webb were guests of the College Government Association at the annual Thanksgiving Banquet, held in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. The traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, dressing, cranberry salad, and pumpkin pie was quite well received. The Choral Ensemble under the direction of Mr. James Chamblie entertained the assemblage by their beautiful rendition of various songs. Pres. Phil Elliott closed the festivities on a serious note with an inspiring message. Everyone quite enjoyed the Thanksgiving Banquet—especially the girls as they were allowed to stay out until 11 o'clock!

and Miss Abbie Miller afforded their chapel audience a rare privilege when they appeared together recently. Mr. Chamblie displayed his expert talent in two dissimilar selections, and illustrated his unusual aplomb as he—so carried away in the music—missed an entrance cue and retraced his notes, much to the joy of the audience. And, of course, Miss Miller was at her usual superb best.

One of our sophomore students, Glenn Starnes, has been having a little trouble lately. It seems that a few boys are a little bit mixed-up as to who Sylvia and Brenda Starnes are. Brenda Starnes is married to Glenn Starnes. Sylvia Starnes is the eligible one.

A party was given for the cast after the last performance Friday night at the home of the director, Mr. Flynn, who was the host. The party was highlighted when Mickey Morrow, acting president of the Delta Psi Omega Dramatics Fraternity, extended an invitation to all members of the cast to join the fraternity.

Phyllis Freeman, a native of Retic, N. C., received a clock radio as her award for her prize winning feature story, "Mystery Shrouds Owner of Old Bullet - Riddled Shirt" Wins Journalism Award For Phyllis Freeman

The late Mr. W. J. Freeman, Phyllis has yet to decide between the field of teaching or business. However, she still likes writing as a hobby.

Research played a big role in gathering material for her feature. Also, Phyllis joined interviewing with her research to come up with the background of the bullet-riddled shirt. Phyllis feels that this assignment proved to be very interesting and at the same time very educational.

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BANQUET HERALDS HOLIDAYS

by Monty Mills
The festivities and the gaiety of the Christmas holidays will get well under way tonight, December 12, at Gardner-Webb College. Faculty and students of Gardner-Webb will begin to feel some of the Christmas excitement at the annual Christmas Banquet at 6:16 here tonight at 6:30 in the school cafeteria.

After eating a festive Christmas meal that would delight even old Santa Claus, the faculty and students will be royally entertained. A very appropriate program of Christmas music is on the agenda. The Christmas music will be presented under the direction of Mr. James Chamblie. The various seasonal songs will emphasize the holiday which is already prevalent on the campus.

With the singing of a Christmas carol by the faculty and students, the annual Christmas Banquet will be brought to a close. The Christmas spirit which has been present these past weeks will be heightened by the evening.

A vote of thanks goes to Miss Carl Baucou and the Baptist Student Union for the planning and the presentation of the annual Christmas Banquet. Also, to Miss Jeanie Odum and her cafeteria staff, heartiest thanks.

Forensic Squad Victorious

The Appalachian State Teacher's College branch of the Phi Kappa Delta-National Forensic Society—was host to eight schools from Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina for the 18th annual Appalachian Mountain Forensic Tournament held at Boone, North Carolina, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 4, 5 and 6. The Gardner-Webb Forensic Squad under the direction of Prof. F. B. Deidmond made the trip.

Members of our debate teams are Janice Anderson and Janelle Queen; Ray Ruttle and Jimmy Wise. Affirmative team members are John Parker and Paula Winstard; Bill Greene and Mike Smith defend. Terence Dennis Porph and Harold Harris.

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TRACING A COLLEGE Problems Of Writing A College History

Editor's Note: Following are excerpts from an address made by Prof. F. B. Deidmond on August 29 before the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association meeting at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain. Prof. Deidmond is author of Lengthened Shadows: A History of Gardner-Webb College, which was published in 1937 as part of the college's Golden Anniversary celebration.

Arnold Toynebe has said that "the only good reason for writing a book is because (sic) one's wish to write it is a master passion." The wish has to be masterful because the work is tormenting, as every writer knows. On the basis of Toynebe's generalizations I should never have written the history of Gardner-Webb College. In the first place my writing it did not grow out of a master passion. It was virtually an assigned task. The English Department of the college was asked by the Steering Committee of the Gardner-Webb Golden Anniversary Celebration to prepare a history of the college from its inception as a denominational high school to its Golden Anniversary year as one aspect of the college's semi-centennial celebration. I readily accepted "for the department." Even then, according to Toynebe, it is a wonder that the book was written.

Materials for local history are where you find them—at least, that was my experience in running down and gathering the materials which

went into Lengthened Shadows. I set the end of the academic year 1855-56 as the dead line for having all of the material gathered. The chore which the gathering of materials and the preparation of the notes can be as considerably lightened by

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