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Highland Players Present "Ladies In Retirement"

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The second production of the Highland Players of Flora Macdonald College under the co-direction of Professors Neil Watson and William Reagan was the three-act comedy and tragedy drama, "Ladies in Retirement." The play was written by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham and was centered around the late Victorian era.

Although quite different from the imaginative production of "Everyman" given by the Players last year, all who saw the play presented Friday night, December 5 compared it favorably with that success of last spring and considered it a credit to the cast and directors.

Among the cast were: Jean Sandifer, President of the Student Body, who carried the role of "Knowledge" in last year's production; Dot Anderson, who portrayed "Good Deeds" in last year's play; Linda McNett, Betty McGuire, and Harriet Duff, members of the Freshman Class; Pat McNeill, a member of the Senior Class and Professor William F. Reagan. I feel that special mention should be bestowed upon Pat McNeill and Jean Sandifer for their excellent characterizations and congratulations to the entire cast and Highland Players for a job well done.

Six FMC Girls Selected For Who's Who In Colleges

One of the biggest honors to be bestowed upon a college student is for that student to be selected for WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. Students all over America are eligible to compete for this honor which is based on scholarship, character, leadership, service, and many other things.

The six girls from Flora Macdonald this year are Jean Sandifer, Ginnie Buhler, Peggy Elliott, Evelyn Boyd, Margaret Jean Underwood, and Elsie May. All six girls have been outstanding throughout their four years in college.

Jean Sandifer, who hails from Charlotte, is now President of the Student Body; Ginnie Buhler, from Graham, is President of the Athletic Association for the second consecutive year. Peggy Elliott is serving her second consecutive year as Editor of the *Pine and Thistle*, and Evelyn Boyd is doing a fine job as President of the Christian Association. Margaret Jean Underwood is a member of the Student Council as President of her class, and Elsie May has an almost endless job as Editor of the *White Heather*.

Congrats to you six. We're mighty proud of you!

WANTED: STUDENTS' VOICE IN PRESS

This is your newspaper and we want it to stay that way, so all of you contribute to the paper in any way possible. News is always appreciated and your opinions and suggestions on how the paper may be improved. We're still in infancy!

FMC BECOMES WINTER WONDERLAND

White Gift Service Begins FMC Christmas Season

It seems fitting that our college Christian Association should have a large part in planning events during the season that celebrates our Lord's birthday. Having a joyous Christmas party for the servants, packing stockings for the servants' children, making over old toys and dressing dolls for children who would not see Santa Claus otherwise, and singing Christmas carols all over Red Springs are highlights among our activities. In addition there are several special programs that enrich our spiritual appreciation of the holiday.

For many years it has been traditional to give from the hearts of the students and faculty of Flora Macdonald a love gift to the Interdenominational leper colony in South Korea. The name "White Gift" has come to be the designation of this present, that title being inspired by a beautiful legend that is repeated at our annual White Gift Service the Sunday evening before Christmas holidays. At this service the offering is dedicated to the ministry of body and spirit carried on in a little Korean village that bears the name of our college. The other most important traditional service sponsored by the Christian Association at this season is the Dome Service which comes this year on Wednesday night. This takes the form of a lovely pageant in drama and song in the rotunda, accompanied by a choir in the dome singing the familiar Christmas hymns. Catherine Campbell is the student chosen this year to direct the dome choir.

Christmas Trees Glow On Campus

The William Bartrum Scientific Society has again completed its traditional Christmas project as evidenced in the blazing lights on the Christmas tree on front campus. The Society has worked hard this year to replace any decorations which might have been misplaced or broken, and as a result of this work, all of us can enjoy the lights out front.

Somehow, Christmas isn't complete without a bit of cheer on the outside as well as in, so hats off to "Billy Bartrum" girls,

Choral Club Makes First Appearance

The Flora Macdonald College Choral Club presented its first two public appearances of the season Sunday, December 7.

The Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, was host to the group for the morning service at 11:00. The members of the congregation had arranged dinner for the group in individual homes. The same program was presented in Wilmington and in Chadbourn at 5:00 at the beautiful Chadbourn Presbyterian Church. Afterward, the Choral Club enjoyed a delicious supper in the Fellowship Hall.

The girls returned to Flora Macdonald around 8:00, feeling that the day had been well spent for Flora Macdonald and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Dance Committee Behind The Scenes



FMC Represented At SV Conference Santa Establishes FMC Workshop

The Student Volunteers are continuing to move forward this year under the leadership of Mary Lisle Tucker. Arousing the interest of the entire Student Body in the Student Volunteer Movement was a three-day visit to our campus by Mr. Paul E. Converse of New York, Educational Secretary of the National Student Volunteer Movement. He led chapel services and held special meetings with the Student Volunteers during his visit, and it seemed that he belonged on our campus.

Last year during the Christmas holidays, three FMC girls plodded through rain, snow, and sleet to the Quadrennial Student Volunteer Conference which was held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The girls are still talking about their experiences with students representing the entire United States plus several foreign countries.

This year, three regional conferences will be held for this country—one in the east, one in the midwest and one on the Pacific Coast. Charlotte Calhoun and Mary Sue Coleman will represent the Flora Macdonald Student Volunteers at the eastern regional conference which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, December 27-January 3, and there they will engage in actual study of the work of this great movement.

Incidentally, Flora Macdonald has one of the four Student Volunteer organizations in the State of North Carolina. Let's keep up the good work!

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

"O Thou, who are ever the same, grant us so to pass through the coming year with faithful hearts, that we may be able in all things to please Thy loving eyes. Amen."

—Mozarabic, A. D. 700

"Willie found some dynamite, Couldn't understand it quite. Curiosity never pays— It rained Willie seven days."

Epsilon Chi And Zetesian Present Christmas Dance

On Saturday evening, December 13, FMC began her transformation into a "Winter Wonderland"; and by 8:15 P. M. Saturday the Wonderland became a reality.

Dates began to flock through the open doors of the college and the telephone girls sounded like broken records over the P.A. with "You have company downstairs." The dorms buzzed with excitement as the books were stashed away for one entire night.

The rotunda presented a very homey and cozy atmosphere with an open fireplace through which Santa Claus had come and the gayly decorated table from which guests were served. Yes, there was food, too, and plenty of it. In fact, every phase of that "Good old Southern Hospitality" was emphasized. Before anyone had a chance to get dreamy and sleepy in the rotunda, they were shoved, not literally, into the cold out-of-doors (not the out-of-doors from whence they came). This out-of-doors was an original creation by the dance committee, and the power of suggestion lowered the mercury some 20 degrees. Out in the "yard" were evergreens topped with snow, and in the center was the "Senior" Christmas tree.

The Christmas dance, which is sponsored each year by Epsilon Chi and Zetesian Societies, is usually considered one of the year's best dances. One thing to which this might be attributed is the fact that everyone is anticipating the holidays which are only a few days away. This year was no exception. Spirits were light, girls were beautiful; boys were handsome; and the dance was a huge success.

The dining room didn't just suddenly become an out-door wonderland: someone had to be behind the scenes, and in this case there were many "someones." Tink McKenzie and Ann Stephenson headed the dance as co-chairmen. Responsible for decorations were Lynn Lewis and Betty Lou Lamb and the invitation and programs were arranged and sent out by Frances Dudley and Jean Johnson. All of the food about which we spoke didn't just appear, either, and you probably saw Peggy Callahan and Lucile Wilds checking on the refreshments to be sure that there was enough for everyone—and there was.

Well, girls, another Christmas dance can now be entered into the annals of Flora Macdonald; our fairy godmother's magic wand has taken away our Winter Wonderland, but no magic wand will ever take away that spirit which remains from Christmas to Christmas.

FRANCES DUDLEY SURVIVES OPERATION

Frances Dudley returned to F.M.C. last Thursday after a week and a half at home recuperating from appendectomy. She doesn't look like she's been sick a day, but she's got adequate proof that she underwent the operation. Glad to have you back, Dudley!

He who gets his palms greased is likely to lose his grip.

Spiritual Enrichment Week Highlights Fall C.A. Program

Highlighting the Christian Association program on our campus this fall were the messages of Dr. Harry Moffett of Gastonia during the Spiritual Enrichment Week, October 14-16. Bringing to us the benefit of his broad experience with young people, Dr. Moffett emphasized the fundamentals of Christian faith as he spoke on our theme for the year, "Called to Serve."

The freshman discussion group, (Continued on Page 2)