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Around The World And Back

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On December 8th Eisenhower addressed the United Nations Assembly and revealed to them his plan concerning the Atomic bomb. His plan is an international atomic energy pool for peaceful purposes. This proposal has met a wave of support from U. S. leaders.

Russia's first reaction to this project was rejection on the grounds that Eisenhower is threatening atomic war. The majority of the Western World favors Eisenhower's views, but Russia's action will again mean the success or failure of the plan.

The United States Supreme Court finished on December 9, their three days of hearing arguments which may determine whether or not racial segregation will be outlawed next June. Observers who listened to the hearing are definitely divided in their opinions about what the decision will be. Many feel that segregation will be upheld while others feel that the Negro will win the privilege to enroll their children in white schools.

Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther plans to ask the NATO for 1,200 more war planes and a 10 per cent boost in NATO ground forces. The supreme Allied commander in Europe plans to tell the ministers of the fourteen NATO nations, who will convene in Paris December 14, that the weakest gap in the Western European defense program is the plane shortage. The U. S. delegation will be headed by Secretary of State Dulles.

Chief Justice William Clark has been suspended by the State Department for insubordination. Associate Justice Carl W. Fulham has been appointed to preside over the three-judge U. S. Appeals Court system in Germany.

The General Electric Company has launched a huge sweeping loyalty program to purge any communist from among its 230,000 employees. G.E. plans to suspend for 90 days any employee who refuses to answer questions.

BANQUET TO BE HELD

Flora Macdonald's Annual Christmas banquet will be held on Thursday night in the college dining hall.

The formal occasion will include a program of carols in different languages by various clubs on the campus.

Various outside guests will be present.

DOME SERVICE TO BE THURSDAY NIGHT

The impressive Dome service will be held in the rotunda on Thursday night at 9 o'clock. This annual event will be in the form of a nativity pageant in drama and song. Members of the Choral Club will be in charge of the music.

Let's put Christ back in Christmas

Christmas Dance Held Saturday Night

Dean Honored



MRS. P. P. MCCAIN

Mrs. P. P. McCain, Dean of Women, was honored by the students, faculty, alumnae, and friends on Wednesday evening, December 9, 1953 at a surprise banquet in the dining room.

Mr. Roger Decker, vocational guidance director of the college, introduced the master of ceremonies, Mr. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, North Carolina.

Mr. Johnson then introduced the speakers, the first of whom was Dr. Price Gwynn, Jr., Dean of the College. Dr. Gwynn gave regrets for the absence of Dr. Woodson, who had to be away from the campus in connection with the campaign program; and also the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Halbert Jones, who was also unable to attend.

In paying tribute to Mrs. McCain, Dr. Gwynn, realizing that time would not permit the reading of the long list of her achievements, gave three of her personal characteristics: First, she is one of through-going integrity. She has convictions and lives with them. Second, she's a person of great loyalty, without which no progress is possible. She supports her goals with her whole life. Third, she is willing to go the second mile no matter how heavy the burden or long the struggle. Dr. Gwynn stated that the saying, "Spend and be spent" truly applies to Mrs. McCain and ended his tribute to her with "Long may she live and reign as Dean of Women at Flora Macdonald College!"

The second speaker of the evening was Mrs. Franklyn Jones, president of the Alumnae Association. In expressing her greetings to Mrs. McCain, she also said that she felt that the alumnae would want her to congratulate the college on having her a dean of women.

The Reverend Samuel Maloney, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Red Springs, took the unique position in that he represented the fellowship in Christ made up of students, faculty, citizens, and friends who worship with her. Thus he, on behalf of the church, brought greetings, appreciation, and love to Mrs. McCain.

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Christmas Dance Committee



Left to right: Betty Hamilton, refreshments chairman; Kathleen Murchison, decoration chairman; Judson Faggart, refreshments chairman; Bonnie Bunn, invitations chairman; Jessie Blalock, general chairman; Florene Thompson, general chairman; and Mary Hale, invitations chairman.

Play To Be Given For The Lumberton Kiwanis Club

The Highland Players will present "Christmas Is Too Old Fashioned" at the annual Lumberton Kiwanis Christmas meeting at the Lumberton Country Club. The cast will dine with the club members and wives, and a dance will follow the program.

The one-act play, written by Anne Coulter Martens, is built around Minda Marshall, a personal shopper for a large department store. Because she was hurt by the sentimentality of Christmas when she was young, she is scornful of an old-fashioned Christmas. Eventually she changes her attitude about many things.

Ella Ruth McNeill and Cleo Codas are student directors of the play.

CA Distributes Christmas Booklets

Christmas devotional booklets, sponsored by the Christian Association, have been distributed on campus. These booklets included devotions for December 10 - December 15 and those who contributed material were, Mr. Roger Decker, Peggy Graham, Retta Parker, Mary Ella Mize, Mary Archie Brown, Norma Kelly, Julia Naugh, Mary Sue Coleman, Miss Hawse, Nancy Bell, Nancy Andrews, Charlotte Calhoun and Nancy Stikeleather.

The committee who was in charge of these booklets, which are proving an inspiration to all, was headed by Shirley Fitzgerald.

Mother: "Marilyn, were you a good little girl at church today?"
Marilyn: "Yes, mother. A man offered me a big plate of money, and I said 'No, thank you.'"

"Our Town" To Be Given Wed. Night

Unusual, interesting, entertaining, all these apply to the play, "Our Town", to be given Wednesday, December 16, in the college auditorium.

This play is not a slapstick comedy, a dramatic tragedy, nor a two-bit musical. It's a perfectly blended combination of the element of man's character. Young love that blossoms into a mature love of understanding and happiness is shown in the relationship of George Gibbs and Emily Webb. The character of Simon Stimson, the town drunk, will give you a clearer understanding of why some people act as they do. The Stage Manager, who represents the immortal, will be the "eyes" through which you see "Our Town". Through him, your questions will be answered, your doubts explained, and your hearts touched.

Each and everyone of you will enjoy it immensely, because no matter how hard you try to deny it, someone's character in the play will be your character, in part if not entirely. Impossible? No, it isn't; because this is, in reality "Our Town."

The cast is as follows: Stage Manager, Linda McNett; Dr. Gibbs, Earl Watson; Joe Crowell, Lucy Richardson; Howie Newsome, Mary Martin; Mrs. Gibbs, Shirley Thornton; Mrs. Webb, Sybil Hines; George Gibbs, Elbert McPhaul; Rebecca Gibbs,

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SERVANTS PARTY TO BE GIVEN DECEMBER 16

Members of the Cabinet will entertain the servants at a party in Watkins Hall on December 16. Santa Claus will be on hand to present the children with stockings filled by the prayer bands on campus.

The annual Christmas dance sponsored by the Zetesian and Epsilon Chi Societies was held Saturday night, December 12. The theme was "Twas The Night Before Christmas." Richard Gader and his orchestra furnished the music.

The committees were headed by Florene Thompson, Zetesian and Jessie Blalock, Epsilon Chi. The decorations chairman were Alice Brantley and Kathleen Murchison, refreshment, Judson Faggart and Betty Hamilton, invitations, Bonnie Bunn and Mary Hale.

Attending as chaperones were Mrs. P. P. McCain, Dr. and Mrs. Marshall S. Woodson, Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Bullock, and Mr. Roger Decker.

As dancers entered the dining hall they immediately found themselves in a land of "Twas the Night Before Christmas". Having just passed Santa beside the Christmas tree in the rotunda, they found the reindeer perched on the poles of the dining hall. The backdrop portrayed a scene by the fire place with children hanging up their stockings.

After dancing to the music of Richard Gader and his orchestra and part of the card dances the intermission began. The figure came out of a big package. In the figure were members of the dance committees and their dates. Also the officers of the societies sponsoring the dance.

Refreshments were served in the rotunda. The refreshments were planned to carry out the Christmas theme and colors. Lime ice with cherries was served with cookies.

The Epsilon Chi officers are Retta Parker, president; Billie-gene Addor, vice president; Peggy Callahan, secretary; Jessie Blalock, treasurer; Nancy Ella Mize, censor; Norma Kelly, chaplain; and Sarah Dudley, pianist.

The Zetesian officers are: Patsy Teer, president; Cleo Codas, vice president; Marie Sellers, secretary; Anita Williamson, treasurer; Betty Jo Hatcher, censor; Lucy Fleming, chaplain; and Annie Byrd, pianist.

Annual White Gift Service Held Dec. 13

The White Gift Service was held on December 13 at 7:30 in the auditorium. The Service was very impressive and it made the audience realize what the true Christmas Spirit means.

Nancy Stikeleather read the scripture which made the Christmas story come alive. The Scripture readings were as follows: Isaiah 6:7; Isaiah 9:2; II Corinthians 4:6; John 1:9; Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 2:1-8; Luke 2:8-16; and John 3:16-17.

As Nancy read the various verses, the Choral Club responded with numerous Christmas selections which made the Service even more beautiful. Some of the selections were "O Come All Ye Faithful", "O Come, O Come, Emanuel", "Now the Rarest Day", "Strangers Say A King is Born", "Gloria", "Now Come the World's Salvation", and "Holy Child".

Christmas Carols were played softly on the organ throughout (Continued on back page)