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Dome Service Tops Activities

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The Christmas season at F. M. C. has more highlights than any other season, and one of the most profitable and enjoyable is the Dome Service, which calls to mind in a vivid manner the origin of Christmas.

The Dome Service is always held in the rotunda at 8:00 on the night of the Christmas Banquet. The carols, the scenery, the choir in the dome, the star and — most of all — the story itself give this service an awe and a reverence truly worshipful.

To effect such a service, much work and preparation is necessary. With Mrs. Elbert McPhaul as the ever reliable and indispensable counselor, Betty Barnes as capable director, and hard working committee chairmen, this year's service is sure to be impressive. Committee chairmen are:

Adeline Brady, director of the dome choir; Frances King, properties; Gay Mothershed, Sandra Sweet, costumes; Frances Morton, lights; Sandra Abbott, Linda Phillips, casting.

Since it is felt that the service is more meaningful when viewed for the first time, the cast is chosen from upper classmen, who having first felt the depth of its meaning can now share their blessing with others. This year's cast is:

Joseph, Jack Watson; Mary, Elise Williams; Isaiah, Paul White; Shepherds, Cynthia West, Alese Harrison, Dewitt Dukes, Dot Hall; Watchman, Becky Browning; Traveler, Sandra Sweet; Wise Men, Shirley Evans, Hazel McLean, Derice Weir; Angels, Nancy Jo Thompson, Jean McRae, Ceil Heins, Dina Brown, Frances Timberlake; Gabriel, Barbara Wingate.

We predict that the Christmas story as related in the dome service will be an unforgettable experience for you.

Facts About Consolidated College Made Known

(From an exclusive interview with Dr. Woodson)

On Thursday, December 12, 1957, the board of trustees of the Consolidated College met to consider definite policies regarding the operation of Flora Macdonald College until the opening of the New Consolidated College. It was decided that the present trustees of the college will continue to serve in their present capacity. President Woodson stressed the fact that all assets of the college are to be kept intact, and that constant attempts are being and will be made to improve the academic work at Flora Macdonald.

The initial plans for actual consolidation took place when the Synod of North Carolina met at Barium Springs, N. C. in 1956. At this time they voted to consolidate Flora Macdonald, Peace, and Presbyterian Junior College into a coeducational institution to be located on the eastern seaboard. This was decided after extensive two year study was made of the educational institutions of the Synod. Some of America's most outstanding educators participated in this study which was financed by a grant of \$50,000.00 from the Ford Foundation.

The thirty-two members of the board of trustees for the new school consist of eight members from the Flora Macdonald board, eight from Peace, eight from Presbyterian Junior College and eight elected from the Synod at large.

An all-out campaign to secure five million dollars in cash and pledges was launched by these trustees. Laurinburg, N. C., pledged three million dollars.

Angels Song Unheeded

RUSSIA'S REACTION TO VANGUARD
EXPLOSION WAS ONE OF JESTING

A Red Army newspaper says

Uncle Sam thought of launching a Sputnik in the sky. He announced it to the world not 2 days but 2 years in advance. The boastful and rich uncle called his Sputnik "Vanguard." The name was beautiful and quite chic. But it turned out to be pshik.

It is plain to see that Russia is making the best of our unfortunate situation.

U.S. CAN TAKE FIRST BLOW. According to all the things the U.S. stands for we can never afford to be the aggressor against Russia. The popular debate is "Can we afford to allow Russia to strike the first blow of aggression?" General Norstad, top allied commander, says that even though Russia could destroy many of our major cities within 35 minutes, we would still have enough power to retaliate. What an encouraging note.

PRESIDENT BACK AT WORK. The President is back at work and recovering from his recent illness rapidly. He is taking part in the NATO conference in Paris.

In August, 1957, aided by a grant from the fund for advancing education, a group of educational leaders met on the campus of the University of North Carolina to draft an ideal curriculum for a church related college. Competent authorities have pronounced the proposed curriculum as "unique and extensive."

"The tentative target-date for the opening of the consolidated college is September, 1960," stated Dr. Woodson.

Merry  Christmas