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## Around The World And Back

By ELLEN WILLIAMS

Mrs. Ethlyn Wisegarver of Edgemont, Illinois, step-mother of four children, has been chosen as "Mother of the Year".

Secretary of State Dulles has said the Europe's military strength will probably be increased "by perhaps as much as 30% next year". This information comes from a meeting of the NATO in Paris.

A final vote on May 5 by the Senate will settle the Coastal Lands Issue involving State or Federal control of the disputed lands.

On April 28 thirty-five American prisoners arrived by hospital plane in Honolulu. From this first group of homeward bound POW's only one was a Carolinian, Cpl. Harry E. Purvis of Yorktown, S. C.

Clare Boothe Luce is now officially the U. S. Ambassador to Italy.

Ohio has officially been accepted into the Union as of April 27. From Ohio has come seven presidents but upon probing into history it was discovered that this territory had never been officially accepted by Congress as a State. A House interior subcommittee took this preliminary action but of course the resolution still must get the full approval of the House, the Senate, and the President!

On April 27 Durham began its week-long Centennial with a parade headed by our governor, William B. Umstead, who is a native of Durham. This was for the governor, his first public appearance since his heart attack soon after inauguration on January 8.

## Cashwell Represents AA At "Play Day"

On April 18, 1953, at Meredith College in Raleigh, N. C., the Athletic Federation of College Women (A. F. C. W.) held their annual "Play Day". Various colleges sent representatives in softball, archery, tennis, and other sports. Sara Cashwell represented Flora Macdonald in tennis and made a very good showing. Next year F. M. C. hopes to send more representatives for various participation.

## Sports Comments

By Betty Jean Gilliland

Many of our swimming stars and those who are hoping to learn are looking forward to the instruction courses given by Patsy Teer and Mary Lisle Tucker. Mary Lisle is going to teach those of us who know absolutely nothing about swimming the basic strokes. Patsy is going to teach a course in the more advanced strokes in swimming. These courses will probably run for about three weeks. Mr. Lang has been so kind as to take charge

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## May Day Exercises Set for Tuesday

MAY QUEEN

Marië Essey To Be Reigning Queen

Flora Macdonald College's Three-Day Convocation, held April 17-19, was ended on a memorable note as Honorable Walter H. Judd, M.D., member of the Congress of the United States, spoke on "With Christ in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century." To say that the crowd who gathered to hear him were impressed is a great understatement; and, because of popular demand, his complete address is published in the inside section of this issue of **The Skirl**.

The **Skirl** staff wishes to thank Miss Leta McIntyre and the business students for their fine work of transcribing the speech for our use.



MARIE ESSEY

## Sanders And Jenkins Go To N. C. I. R. C.

The North Carolina International Relations Club annual conference was held on April 18, 1953, at Meredith College with 50 students representing nine colleges. The theme of the conference was "The Student Faces World Tensions". The major highlight of the program was the discussion on:

- (1) The Foreign Student Looks at the U. S. A.
- (2) Problems of Imperialism.
- (3) World Racial Conflict
- (4) Strengthening the N. C. I. R. C.

Sara Sanders and Faye Jenkins, the Flora Macdonald I. R. C. representatives, were two of the three leaders on World Racial Conflicts. They both brought back favorable reports of a successful conference and a desire to be among the F. M. C. delegates next year.

## F. M. C. Girl Wins Scholarship

Sally Ann Munroe, a freshman from Clarkton, has won a scholarship to the American Youth Foundation Leadership Training Camp at Miniwancax near Shelby, Michigan, August 3 through 16. This camp is under the sponsorship of the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Missouri and is held each summer.

Sally Ann was one of four F. M. C. freshmen who were asked to apply by a committee of the faculty. Having been selected as the applicant from F. M. C. she was then chosen by the Danforth Foundation for one of the sixty scholarships which are given each year. These sixty are chosen from around three hundred applicants.

The girls selected on the basis of social, mental, physical, and spiritual aspects.

## PRAYER

O God, who are evermore and everywhere at work for good among those who love Thee, cleanse our eyes so that we may see others and not ourselves. And seeing, may we open our hearts, our hands, and our possessions to serve other's needs. In the name of the Master, whom we love. Amen.

May Day at Flora Macdonald College will be held Tuesday, May 5, at 4 o'clock p. m. The event will take place on the front campus, and Marie Essey, from Maxton, will be crowned as May Day Queen. The theme of the day is "The Nut Cracker" taken from the beautiful "Nut-cracker Suite".

The freshman class will get the program off to a good start with some marching tactics. Then the Sophomore class will do a mass drill which will be followed by some Highland Dances by the Junior class.

The May Queen and her court will take their places upon the throne and the program will be presented in their honor. Virginia Buhler from Graham, North Carolina will be maid of honor and attendants are Virginia Gray from Fairfax, Virginia; Joyce Sweat from Talladega, Alabama; and Margaret Jean Underwood from Chadbourn, North Carolina, representing the Senior class; Marlene Jones from Grassy Creek, and Mary Elizabeth Pierce from Red Springs, representing the Junior class; Lucy Fleming from Mebane and Marie Sellars from Whiteville, representing the Sophomore class; Janice Garrett from Wilmington and Laura Lisk from Mt. Gilead, representing the Freshman class. All of these May Beauties will be wearing lovely dresses in pastel colors.

"The Nutcracker" will include many colorful dances. Some of these dances are the vigorous and fast moving Arabian dance, the slow but beautiful ballet of the Sugar Plum fairies, the colorful and fiery Russian dance, the March of the Tin Soldiers, Ballet of the Flowers, the Dance of the Dolls and Toys, Dance of the Silver Flutes and Chinese Dance. Several children from the first grade in grammar school will take parts as mice, and little Linda Ashford from the second grade will do a Doll Dance.

Many girls and mothers are busy making costumes in order to make the dances as beautiful as possible. Some of the girls in the Chinese Dance are wearing Chinese suits sent to them by friends over seas.

Miss Bateman would like to give credit to Will McFadyen for dyeing material in the laundry for the Arabian dances. Also, credit is given to the Freshman Home Economics class under the instruction of Mrs. Davis for cutting scarves. Doris Dunn and Betty Jean Gilliland have done a very good job in advertising the May Day program with several large printed posters. Nancy Gallop, Alice Brantley and Catherine Campbell are working very hard on the music for the program, so surely these girls deserve credit.

Miss Bateman is planning to have the program on the platform out in front of the building. Everyone is certain that this May Day will be just as beautiful as May Days have been in the past. Miss Bateman deserves a big hand for the good work which she has done.

## Baptist Girls Attend Convention

Annie Byrd, Shirley Bolin, and Barbara Cockrell represented the Baptist students of Flora Macdonald at the Baptist Student Union Officers Conference in Albemarle April 24 through April 26. Old and new officers from many of the white and colored colleges in North Carolina were there and from these state officers were elected.

The theme of the three-day event, "We Walk By Faith", was carried out in inspiring addresses and helpful discussions. On Saturday morning the address "Dissolvers of Doubt" was heard. Much time was spent in the clinic workshops, where the different officers met.

Flora Macdonald does not have a B. S. U. on its campus, but it is considering organizing one; and the girls who attended the conference feel that they gained much which will be valuable in helping to establish such a group.

\* "Papa," said the doting mother, "Robert's teacher says he ought to have an encyclopedia."

"Encyclopedia, my eye," grumbled the father. "Let him walk to school like I did."

## Home Ec Girls Go To Raleigh

Sixteen Home Economics majors under the supervision of Mrs. L. P. Davis and Dr. Le Vesconte left for Raleigh, Tuesday, April 21 for the purpose of touring the Textile Department of State College. The tour proved to be both interesting and educational as the girls observed the various processes through which cotton must pass from the bale to the finished material.

Upon leaving the Textile Department the group lunched at the S & W Cafeteria after which they returned in cars driven by Dr. Le Vesconte, Mrs. Davis and Mary Barham. The sixteen girls who made the trip were Betty McGuire, Delores Stone, Margaret Cashwell, Jane Walker, Betty Hamilton, Jean Brian, Catherine Mixon, Sarah Ficquett, Harriet Duff, Edna Edwards, Frances Heyer, Doris Mozingo, Betty Shealy, Mary Hagood Little, Rachel Kiesler, and Mary Barham.

\* A newlywed filling out his income tax return listed a deduction of \$500 for his wife. In the election for exemption claimed for children he penciled the notation, "Watch this space."

## NEW MONOGRAM CLUB



Left to right: Charlotte Calhoun, Mary Leslie Tucker, Patsy Teer, Betty Jean Gilliland, Marjorie Stevenson and Lucille Graham.