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Around The World And Back

With ELLEN WILLIAMS

A cut in foreign economic aid next year seems to have the support of Southern Democratic senators. The Eisenhower administration's plan to reduce American economic aid to Western Europe has long been clamored for by Republicans. The Democrats can easily swing the balance in favor of drastic cuts in 1954.

In January, 1954 American scientists will inoculate one-half million to a million children with a new vaccine which they hope will defeat polio. By January of 1955, the world should know whether or not polio can be serum controlled. The areas in which the children will be inoculated will be selected by a committee on the basis of getting a cross-section of every type of polio experience. It is probable that each state will have an area in the one-year experimental test.

The third British atomic test has been successfully completed in Australia. The announcement was made officially after the word came from Sir William Penny, who is head of Britain's atomic research.

Russia has charged Greece with preparing for a new war as a result of an agreement between Greece and the U. S. This agreement gives U. S. permission to use an undisclosed number of Greek air and naval bases to bolster North Atlantic Pact defenses. Russia warned Greece that she must bear the responsibility for the consequences of this action which she says agitates the international situation.

The United States has charged Russia with directing a communist torture center in North Korea. Dr. Charles W. Mayo has presented the charge before the U. N. political committee. He said that the tortures were worse than those methods used during the middle ages. The mental torture, as described by Dr. Mayo, was designed to destroy the victim's mind and make him produce an elaborate fiction. Mayo declared that this action went on even after the armistice of July 27.

Cattlemen from 30 states have called for a sweeping investigation of the spread between the price they get for their livestock and the price the consumer pays at the meat counter. Secretary of Agriculture Benson is in favor of indirect methods to aid hard-hit cattle growers. Cattle growers, however, are in favor of immediate and direct government supports for the livestock industry.

Norman A. Cocke, Sr. of Charlotte, N. C. has been named president of Duke Power Company. He succeeds the late E. C. Marshall of Charlotte who died September 21.

The Duke Power company was founded by the late J. B. Duke and serves the Piedmont sections of North Carolina and South Carolina and has its general offices in Charlotte.

OBEY THE TRAFFIC LAWS

Student Council Dance Held Sat. Night

Missionary To Brazil Visits Campus

Miss Frances Hesser, a graduate of Flora Macdonald who is now a missionary serving in Brazil, was a recent visitor to Red Springs. During her brief stay, Miss Hesser spoke to various groups on the campus.

In an address to the entire student body during a morning chapel service, Miss Hesser talked about Brazil as a great challenge and opportunity. She pointed out that the Westward movement now taking place in Brazil is advantageous to the Christian workers there, because many people, once tied to another faith by loyalties, are now in new areas with different situations and will more readily become Christians.

Although it was settled over one hundred years before the United States and is a rich country, Brazil today presents social, educational, and other frontiers. Miss Hesser reasoned that the country's being held back is fundamentally due to the lack of Christian leaders.

Brazil is "the country of tomorrow," and in her final words, Miss Hesser emphasized that, although much has already been done, more consecrated workers and continued prayers are needed.

Choose Cast For "Blithe Spirit"

The Highland Players will present their first major production, "Blithe Spirit", in the college auditorium. The date has not yet been announced.

Tryouts were held, and the cast was selected as follows:

Patterson Yeargin, Elvira Condomine; Carol Kittrel, Ruth Condomine; Elbert McPhaul, Charles Condomine; Shirley Thorton, Mrs. Bradman; Hollis Batchelor, Mr. Bradman; Betsy Brewer, Edith; Linda McNutt, Mme. Arcati; Student Director, Martha Ann Morrison; Faculty Directors, Mr. Reagan and Mr. Tatum.

Supernatural in its makeup, the play proves to be quite hilarious. The action is limited, but the dialogue is extremely good.

If you like comedy, you'll love "Blithe Spirit". Be sure to see it.

TRIP TO NEW YORK

Having been approved by the Executive Committee, plans for the New York trip are beginning to take definite shape. The trip, being sponsored by the Athletic Association, is scheduled for the spring holidays, and the price per student is estimated at about \$64. It is hoped that many of the student body will be able to participate in this educational adventure.

PRAYER

O God, our strength and guide, make us unselfish and help us to see the needs of others; give us wisdom to know the difference between right and wrong, and the courage to do what is right; make us willing to offer ourselves, our talents, and all we have to be used in doing Thy work. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Judge Sharp To Address F. M. C. Homecoming Rites

Judge Susie Sharp, special judge of N. C. Superior Court, will be guest speaker at the annual homecoming program at Flora Macdonald College on Saturday morning, November 7, at 11 o'clock, it has been announced by Mrs. L. Franklyn Jones of Wilmington, alumnae president.

A native of Rocky Mount, Judge Sharp was graduated from Reidsville High School and from the University of North Carolina Law School. She also attended Woman's College in Greensboro. While at the University she was student editor of the *North Carolina Law Review*.

She was appointed the first woman judge in North Carolina by Governor Kerr Scott in July, 1948, and is the state's only woman judge.

The morning program will feature music from the college Choral Club under the direction of Professor James Cobb and a piano solo by Professor John Sinclair. A business meeting will follow the program at 12 noon with Mrs. Jones presiding at both sessions.

Luncheon will be in the college dining hall at 10 o'clock and at 2 o'clock a coffee hour will be held in the college parlors, where members of the college faculty will be guests of the alumnae association.

Students will be excused from fourth period classes on Saturday to hear the address by Judge Sharp.

College Marches In Fall Festival Parade

Red Springs' Annual Fall Festival Day, sponsored by the local Merchants' Association, was held on Wednesday, October 21. The colorful day of events included a parade, football game, speeches, giving away of prizes, and various other activities.

The Flora Macdonald Student Body marched in the parade and some of the girls rode on floats, one of which was sponsored by the college.

SCOTLAND ALUMNAE MEETS ON CAMPUS

The Scotland County Chapter of the Flora Macdonald College Alumnae Association visited the college on Wednesday night, October 28. After having dinner in the dining hall, they were led in a devotional period by the Christian Association Cabinet and later enjoyed a skit given by Epsilon Chi and Zetesian Societies.

TO TEACH BIBLE IN COLORED SCHOOL

Plans are now being made for the teaching of Bible in the colored school again this year. Ten girls out of the junior and senior classes will begin this inspiring project the middle of November and will be working with children in grades one through five.

Play Planned For Hospitality Weekend

One of the big features of Hospitality Weekend, scheduled for November 14-15, will be a one-act play presented by the Highland players on Saturday night. The play, "A Date with the Professor", takes place in a college dormitory with seven girls busy making plans for the Junior Prom. One of the girls, who never has a date, finally—and with help from her friends—snags the dreamboat of the campus.

The cast of the play is as follows:

Minna	Betty McQuire
Kate	Becky Williams
Mrs. McCord	Mary A. Brown
Sally	Jean Rouse
Gracie	Carol Kittrell
Beatrice	Kathleen Murchison
Estelle	Fay Buck

Student Volunteer Officers Meet

Last week end the Student Volunteer officers met with a group from PJC and Davidson to make plans for a Student Volunteer Retreat in North Carolina. The tentative date is December 4-6 and possibly it will be held in Davidson. Representatives from all colleges in North Carolina will be invited. The purpose of the retreat will be to interest other colleges in having a similar group. A representative from the Student Volunteer Movement office in New York will be the main speaker.

The most important project for the Student Volunteers now is beginning to teach Bible in the colored school. This is a valuable experience for those teaching and everyone is urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Pick Cotton To Raise Money For Chapel

In order to raise money to complete the building fund for the prayer chapel, the Christian Association has been sponsoring "cotton-picking afternoons." From the first two afternoons a total of thirty-two dollars was gained.

The experience of picking cotton was quite a new one for most of the girls; and, in spite of the aching backs, everyone seemed to enjoy the task, and began to realize ever more fully that each person is a part of the prayer chapel project.

Maid Of Cotton Representative

Billigene Addor was recently elected to officially represent Flora Macdonald in the 1954 Maid of Cotton contest. Billigene, a member of the junior class from Addor, North Carolina, has won various beauty contest honors in the past few years.

The contest opened September 9 and the lucky girls will be named in Memphis, Tenn., on the night of January 6.

(Student to Prof.): "What's that you wrote on my paper?"

Prof: "I told you to write plainer."

Flora Macdonald's first formal dance of the year was sponsored by the Student Council on Saturday night, October 31, 1953. The theme, "Indian Summer", was not only unusual but provocative and integrated well throughout the dance.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Richard Gader and his orchestra.

The figure was composed of the Dance Committee, the Student Council, and their escorts. Committee members and their escorts were chairman, Nancy Stikeleather, from Statesville with Charles Williams from Rocky Mount; decorations chairman, Jo Mays, from Taylorsville with Bob Hedrick from Statesville; and invitations chairman, Lula Jones, from Laurinburg with Walter Atherton from Mercersburg, Penn.

The Student Council and their escorts were president of the student body, Phyllis Leggett, from Rocky Mount with Marshall Woodson, Jr. from Charlotte; vice president of the student body, Norma Jean Thompson, from Glade Valley with Paul Brown from Laurel Springs; secretary of the student body, Alice Brantley, from Selma with Junius Jones from Lumberton; treasurer of the student body, Pat Farmer, from West End with John Hasty from Charlotte; president of the Christian Association, Saradee Davis, from Quincy, Florida with Charles Woodson from Red Springs; president of the Athletic Association, Mary Lisle Tucker, from McKenney, Virginia with Dick Smith from Durham; president of the senior class, DeLaine Boney, from Wallace with Don Bailey from Charlotte; president of the junior class, Mickey Jernigan, from Fairmont with David Muselwhite from Fairmont; president of Zetesian society, Patsy Teer, from Hillsboro with Paul David from Hillsboro; president of Epsilon Chi, Retta Parker, from Pollocksville with Howard Watts from Waterbury, Connecticut; and president of the day students, Betty Lou McDonald, from Red Springs with Dan Martin McDonald from Red Springs.

Chaperones for the occasion were Dr. and Mrs. Marshall S. Woodson, Mrs. P. P. McCain, Miss Carol Robertson, Miss Ellie Mae Sowder, Mr. David Meese, and Mrs. E. F. Neighbors.

Baptist Girls To Attend Convention

Twelve Baptist students on the campus are planning to represent the College at the Baptist Convention to be held November 6, 7 and 8 at the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N. C. The girls going are Frances Bobbitt, Clara Liles, Nancy Gallop, Joan Hester, Lois Tedder, Mildred Butler, Shirley Ann Kiger, Annie Byrd, Naomi Lee, Sally Bald, Juanita Buffkin, and Shirley Bullard.

Main speaker for the event will be Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre. The theme for the three days will be "Worship and Work."

"I drink about fifty cups of coffee a day."

"Doesn't that keep you awake?" "It helps."