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## Around The World And Back

With ELLEN WILLIAMS  
Foreign Minister Molotov continues Soviet Russia's sly scheme of wrecking the Big Four conference in Berlin. On February 9th the Soviet representative stated that he would present a new plan for "European security" to the conference. He contends that the European Defense Community was a preparation for war, and that this plan is nothing more than a means of blocking agreement or discussion of any problem.

Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh completed the first day of their New South Wales Country tour in Lismore, Australia on February ninth. A crowd of 50,000 was on hand to welcome the royal couple.

European countries are producing 25 million dollars worth of tanks and ammunition monthly for NATO forces.

Secretary Charles E. Wilson has predicted that the French and loyal native forces in Indochina probably would be victorious over the Vietminhese if there is no intervention by Red China. The U. S. has sent highly technical equipment to Indochina.

Technicians have also been sent as temporary trainers and will return June 12. Wilson says he sees no need for sending American into Indochina against the enemy there as was done in Korea against the Communists.

The Bricker Amendment controversy will definitely play a leading role in the Congressional elections coming up in November. Lack of reaching a decision now on this issue will mean trouble for the Republicans. This is probably why Republican leader, Senator Knowland, has fought so hard for a compromise. The Democrats, on the other hand, want it sent back for committee study and buried for a while, thereby piling up troubles for the Republicans this year.

Former Governor Kerr Scott has appointed Terry Sanford, 36, of Fayetteville to manage his Senatorial Campaign.

## Baptist Girls Have Informal Party

On Friday, February 5, at five o'clock the Baptist girls from the college were invited to the home of Mrs. Paul D. Early for the informal party. The girls popped corn, made fudge and ice cream. These tasty refreshments were topped off with cokes.

The group also enjoyed group singing. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

### PRAYER

Dear Father—  
Teach me the faith of the mountains,  
Serene and sublime,  
The deep-rooted joy of just living  
One day at a time,  
Leaving the pretty possessions  
The valley folk buy  
For the glory of glad wind-swept spaces,  
Where earth meets the sky.  
Amen.

— Author Unknown.

## Week Of Spiritual Enrichment Held

The Reverend J. Walter Dickson, Jr., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Belmont, N. C., was the speaker during Spiritual Enrichment Week which was held on campus February 9-11. The theme for the week was "Let Go and Let God."

The first message which Mr. Dickson brought was in chapel on Tuesday morning. The topic of this message was "Bringing Life into Focus." "What is Life?" This was the question which Mr. Dickson put before the group. George B. Shaw has said, "Life is just one damn thing after another." Everyone feels like this at times, probably after a weary day, or when everything seems to go wrong.

Many people think of life as nothing if a bank book, stock reports, new clothes or maybe a new car are not in evidence every year. These are the people who squeeze out worldly pleasures and who have not stopped to look for the true combinations in life. Still other people think of life as a long day at the circus. They think you should get the most out of life while the getting is good. Their only thought is satisfying their self-desires. Eat, drink, and be merry is their motto, but they forget that tomorrow they might die.

Bringing a life into focus with God is the desire, or should be the desire, of every human. All should want to get the most out of life, but yet make it a fruitful life.

These views of life were compared to the lens of a camera out of focus. A camera which is out of focus will give a picture of life but not a true picture. The only thing needed to obtain a true and beautiful picture is delicate adjustment. The same thing can be done to a life. Make the necessary adjustments to life and it will be a beautiful one. The choice of focus is up to the individual, but above all, the Christian focus is best. In the Christian focus there is a value above all eternities.

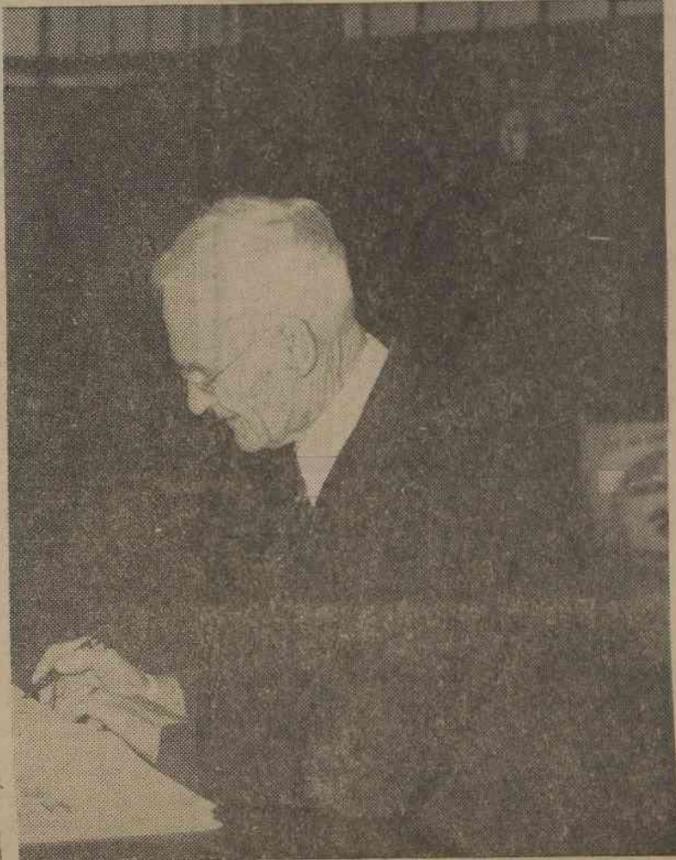
If one is in a Christian focus, he will have Christian faith. Christian faith informs one that life behaves as it does. It tells one of the restless nature of the world's foundation. Faith also teaches one to live wisely in this world.

Faith, which is a Christian philosophy, brings life into focus because it gives a better view of the continuity of life.

Being a Christian is not withdrawing from the world. It is living for God and with God. This life is rough instead of smooth, but the best is to be if one makes the best of life now. "So Let Go and Let God." Live for his life.

At Vespers on Tuesday night Mr. Dickson used "Self-Pity: Its Cause and Cure" for his subject. He reminded the assembled group that everyone has suffered from self-pity. This disease can come from a rainy day, a glance from the teacher or just any simple  
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## Dr. Vardell Honored on 94th Birthday



DR. CHARLES GRAVES VARDELL

Dr. Charles Graves Vardell, Sr., was honored on his 94th birthday last Friday afternoon from four until five by a reception in the college parlors. Assisting in receiving guests were the officers of the Alumnae Association, Mrs. Robert Chapman, Mrs. G. T. Bullock, Mrs. Walter Bullock and Miss Brown Morrison.

Punch was poured by Miss Zula Rankin of Fayetteville and Mrs. Elbert McPhaul of Red Springs. Assisting in serving were the ten "granddaughters" of the college—daughters of the alumnae—and the one great-granddaughter in the student body. They are Linda McNett, Elizabeth McIntosh, Mary Hagood Little, Harriet McAuley, Pat Ritter, Joyce Thigpen, Mary Archie Brown, Sally Ann Munroe, Charlotte Calhoun, Sara Margaret McLeod, and the first great-granddaughter to attend the college, Betsy Brewer.

A gift was presented from the college faculty and staff by Miss Hazel Morrison from the Alumnae Association by the president, Mrs. L. F. Jones of Wilmington, and from the Student Body by the president, Phyllis Leggett.

## Lambert Receives Chemistry Honor



RICARDO LAMBERT

Ricardo Lambert, freshman, was recently presented a book of chemistry and physics in recognition of her making the highest grades in Chemistry on the campus during the first semester.

Dr. Amy LeVesconte, Professor of Chemistry, made the presentation during a recent chapel service. The book, donated by the Chemical Rubber Company, is entitled "The Handbook of Chemistry and Physics". On the cover is engraved "First Term 1953-54, Freshman Chemistry, Flora Macdonald College."

Ricardo, a native of Albemarle, is very much interested in science. She plans to study for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology. "It's a long, hard road," she says, but those who know her are sure that she will achieve her goal.

## Seniors Making Plans For Commencement

The Senior Class is busy making plans for the final few months here on campus. They have selected four men from which the Baccalaureate and commencement speakers are to be chosen. As yet replies have not been received.

The invitations have been ordered.

Each of the seniors is looking forward to the Silver Tea at which Mrs. McCain will be hostess at her home in Southern Pines. The event will be in April.

## Board Of Trustees Meet February 9th

The trustees of Flora Macdonald held their mid-winter meeting here on the campus last Tuesday. The board includes representatives from the three controlling Presbyteries of Fayetteville, Orange and Wilmington.

President Marshall Scott Woodson and Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Dean of the College, gave reports on the excellent progress of the college; and Halbert M. Jones, chairman of the board and the development campaign, also gave a favorable report.

## ATTEND STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING

Phyllis Leggett, president of the Student Body, and Carolyn Robinson, president of the Sophomore Class, represented Flora Macdonald at the Student Government Association Convention held in Greensboro last Friday and Saturday. Valuable workshops and discussions were held during the two-day event, which was attended by delegates from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

## Art Workshop To Be Held Here

A fifteen-hour art workshop will be held here on the campus February 23-26. This workshop will be open to all student teachers in the Senior Class, including Elementary Education majors and Secondary majors in various fields, Home Economics, Bible, and Public School Music majors—and Junior majors in Elementary Education. More than fifty students are expected to participate.

The college sponsors for the event are Miss Mary Conoly and Miss Annie Cherry of the Education Department and Miss Charlotte Womble, Head of the Home Economics Department and Instructor in Art.

The workshop functions in cooperation with Miss Patsy Montague, Assistant Educational Supervisor of the State Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh and the art consultant, Mr. Henry C. Richmond, representative of American Artists Color Works, Inc., Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Miss Montague will spend Tuesday, February 24 at the college to assist with the workshop. Miss Sue Underhill, Elementary Supervisor in the Red Springs, Fairmont and Lumberton Public Schools will also co-operate by coming to the workshop sessions.

During the four-day period, those attending the workshop will go over the principles of drawing, painting and coloring and then the techniques used with various mediums, and finally wind up by choosing their own projects. They will make a frieze or two, models regarding some social study, tempera painting, and silk screen painting. All materials are furnished by those conducting the workshop.

The art workshop presents a rare opportunity, and students here are looking forward to it.