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## "Images" Chosen Theme Of Student Body Dance

### Around The World And Back

#### Drought Plagues the Carolinas

Many cities in North and South Carolina are in the midst of a growing water shortage unparalleled in the history of the two states. A survey of a number of towns in the two states revealed desperate circumstances in many communities. The water shortage is not only working a hardship upon the normal activities of the citizens, but in many instances the very life of cities stand in danger should a fire of any consequence break out.

Many towns are making preparations to extend their water supply to prevent this situation's ever happening again. There's little that can be done except pray for rain, haul water, or get it from nearby fish ponds as York, S. C., is doing right now.

#### Mendes-France's Plan to Re-arm Germany Wins Cabinet Backing

Premier Pierre Mendes-France launched his opening battle for National Assembly endorsement of the nine-power London agreement for West German rearmament. The cabinet gave him its political do-or-die backing.

The Cabinet ministers authorized Mendes-France to make the

London accords an issue of confidence — putting the government's life at stake if necessary.

The Premier, now riding a crest of favor in public opinion, can force the deputies to remove him from office if they attempt to repudiate the West European and North Atlantic plans which he accepted in London.

Mendes-France will ask the Assembly to approve his foreign policy in a general resolution. It appeared clear that Mendes-France is hoping for a large majority to help him convince other allied governments he is in position to deliver the goods on any final deal. This would be important when the diplomats get down to writing details of the London accords.

#### First Woman Engineer is Named To State Highway Commission

Miss Emily Brown, of Wilmington, was recently employed as the first full-fledged woman engineer in the N. C. Traffic Engineering Department. Miss Brown was the first woman actually to complete all four years in the Civil Engineering School at State College and to receive a degree.

#### Naomi Farr To Sing Here

Naomi Farr, versatile young American soprano of opera and concert stage, will appear in recital at 8:15, Thursday evening, October 14, at Flora Macdonald College. Miss Farr has had a richly varied career as singer, dancer, and actress, with appearances in Broadway musicals and in concerts from Los Angeles to Paris. Her repertoire includes a dozen operatic roles; she has made recordings for Metro Goldwyn Mayer in Hollywood, and in the spring of 1953 was chosen for the highest national award by the National Federation of Music Clubs.



NAOMI FARR

Born in Salt Lake City into a theatrical and musical family, Miss Farr studied ballet and piano as a child, and for number of years looked forward to becoming a ballerina. Her decision to become a singer grew out of a notable success when she sang the title role in a high school production of *Martha*. For several years thereafter she studied voice in Los Angeles, New York, and Paris, where she became the protegee of Mme. G. de Tinan, stepdaughter of Calude Debussy.

Mme. de Tinan was so enthusiastic about Miss Farr's extraordinarily sensitive interpretation of the songs of Debussy that she urged her to learn the role of Melisande in Debussy's opera, *Pelleas et Melisande*, which she later did with Pierre Bernac. While in France Miss Farr gave concerts in Paris, sang at the American Embassy and the American Conservatory in the Palace of Fontainebleau, and participated in a number of program arranged by Nadia Boulanger.

On her return to the United States, Miss Farr's operatic rep-

ertoire has included such leading roles as Natalie in the *Merry Widow*, Juliet, Manon, Melisande, and Marguerite in *Faust*; she has given numerous concerts in the western states, taken leading dramatic roles in theatre productions, and appeared as leading soprano soloist in the first performances of Leroy Robertson's oratorio, *Book of Mormon*, with the Utah State Symphony Orchestra. During the current season she is making a concert tour and appearing as featured soloist with the National Broadcasting Company Symphony.

#### A Plea For Old Toys

By ANITA WILLIAMSON

Would you like to help someone have a merry Christmas? Of course, you would. So whenever you go home on the week-end, look around and see if there are washed, painted, dressed up, and repaired to look almost like new. Everyone always enjoys the work and fellowship at these Toy Workshops. These toys will be carried to those who are less



The Dance Committee is hard at work developing their plans for "Images". Pictured above are: left to right, Elvira Tyner, Billiegene Addor, Chairman, and Carolyn Robinson.

#### Red Springs Fall Festival

The Red Springs Merchants Association is sponsoring their annual Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 20. An entire day of both educational and entertaining activities has been planned. The festivities will begin at 10:30 a. m. with a colorful parade in which numerous high school bands, many professional and local floats, and the now famous "Crazy Cars" will participate. An impressive selection of platform speakers including Senator Erthle Caryle, several other distinguished state officials, local town mayor, and a representative of General Cleveland from Ft. Brag will be presented. Following the speech of Mr. Bob Poage, senior member of the Congress Agriculture Committee from Texas, the introduction of Miss North Carolina, and a stag Buck dance, free prizes will be given away. After a luncheon at 12:30 entertainment will be offered at Robins Ball Park. A football game, calf show, and calf catching will be featured on the program. The high lights of the afternoon will be the giving away of a new Plymouth car, cooking range, refrigerator, and washing machine. During the day lucky ticket holders will receive \$600 in a valuable assortment of prizes. The Red Springs National Guard will choose a Miss Fall Festival, and a Miss Red Springs will be selected from a score of local beauties. Reigning over this gala day of varied activities will be these two queens.

any old toys that can be spared and bring them back. Maybe your little brothers and sisters or nieces and nephews have toys that they don't play with anymore. They will probably be delighted to give these toys to help someone have a joyous Christmas.

Why bring back old toys? There will be Toy Workshops at which time these toys will be fortunate than we.

May we always remember that "It is better to give than to receive." And that it is in such a way as this that we may show our thankfulness for God's love for us. So remember to bring back your old toys that you might help someone have a Merry Christmas.

#### Student Honored

Carolyn Johnson, a versatile member of the sophomore class, received at the last meeting of the Math Club an achievement award, acknowledging her as having the highest freshman mathematics average for 1953-54. In recognition of this notable accomplishment the Chemical Rubber Publishing Company of Cleveland, Ohio presented to her a handsome book. It is entitled *Standard Mathematics Tables* and bears a gold lettered inscription of her name and her achievement.

#### Attention Poets

All college students are cordially invited to submit original verse to be considered for possible publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry.

This is the Twelfth Annual College Competition.

The recognition afforded by publication will reflect definite credit on the author, as well as your school. Over a hundred thousand manuscripts have been submitted to the National Poetry Association in the past 10 years. Of these, about 4,000 have been accepted for publication.

Rules are simple—as follows: Manuscripts must be typed or written in ink on one side of a sheet. Students' home address, name of College and College address must appear on each manuscript.

Students may submit as many manuscripts as is desired. Theme and form may be in accordance with the wish of the student contributor. In order to give as many students as possible an opportunity for recognition and because of space limitations—shorter efforts are preferred.

Closing date for submission of manuscripts is November 5.

All entries should be mailed to: Dennis Hartman, Secretary, National Poetry Association, 3210 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles, 34, California.

In 1952, the talent of two of Flora Macdonald's students was recognized and their poems were published.

#### CONTEST HELD FOR MODERN ART

Big plans are now being made for the annual Student Council Dance which is to be held in the dining hall here at Flora Macdonald at eight o'clock on the evening of October 23. The student body has elected as the dance committee: general chair, Billiegene Addor; chairman of decorations, Carolyn Robinson; chairman of refreshments, Elvira Tyner; and chairman of invitations, Shirley Chadwick.

The theme of this dance is a little different from the usual. It is to be very modern with a color scheme of black, white, and red. Decorations for the dark backdrop will include white masks, made of paper sculpture. The music will be furnished by an orchestra which will include both brass and string instruments.

In order to create more interest, the dance committee is sponsoring an art contest. Anyone may contribute a painting of modern art. There is a possibility that it will be used for decorations at the dance. The dance committee will judge the paintings. The winner will receive a free ticket to the dance and the painting will be on display in the dining hall during the dance. Everyone in the student body is invited to enter the contest.

There's much fun in store for all, so make plans now to attend the Student Council Dance.

#### Fussell Chosen Marshal By Zetesians

Gwen Fussell, Junior transfer from Peace, was chosen marshal by the Zetesian Society Wednesday morning. Gwen is a native of Rose Hill, North Carolina.

Other Zetesian marshals are Emojeane Womeldorf, Betsy Graham and Sally Ann Monroe. They were selected last spring.

#### Spiritual Enrichment Week

The days of October 5, 6, 7 have a special meaning to each one of us. Words can not express how much we gained from Dr. Hall's messages with the theme—"The Glory of God Through Jesus Christ". Dr. Hall spoke on: *The Glory Lost*, *The Glory Counterfeited*, and *The Glory Restored*, at our chapel services. The vesper messages were: *The Glory of His Person*, *The Glory of His Church*, and *The Glory of His Cross*. Freshman - Sophomore and Junior - Senior discussion groups were held each day with discussions on the outgrowth of the day's messages. The services closed with an impressive Communion service in the auditorium followed by a candle lighting service and the singing of *The Lord's Prayer* around the rotunda. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Hall.

The Christian Association was very fortunate in having Dr. B. Frank Hall from the Pearsall (continued on page 2)