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## Womble Accepts New Position

Flora Macdonald is sad, especially the home economics majors, over losing a dear friend and professor to the Home Demonstration branch of the Agricultural Extension Department. Miss Charlotte Womble has resigned her position as Head of the Home Economics Department to accept a position as Housing Specialist. Her office will be located in Ricks Hall, State College in Raleigh.

Unless one could have seen the department upon her arrival in the fall of 1953, Miss Womble's contributions can not be fully appreciated. Holding the position of "Head," she began to pull out her unlimited ideas for improvement, such as completely redecorating the department including turning an old machine room into a living room, supervising the flooring, painting, and the purchase of new equipment for the foods lab., placing the appliances on a yearly replacement plan, and purchasing new sewing machines in the department. During her stay, the enrollment of home economics majors has doubled. Presently, there are around 30 home ec. majors.

In her spare time, Miss Womble can usually be found with a hammer in her hand or perhaps a saw, for she has a love and a "knack" for re-doing old furniture. Or perhaps she might be seen carrying into the Home Management House, an old stick or root which she declares has beauty and great possibilities. Have you ever seen a finished product? Such gorgeous creations.

The Home Management House holds the proof of her time, energies, and originalities. The house was donated by Dr. Woodson only three years ago. Renovated furniture, patching, repairing, painting, and wise buying resulted in a lovely home. Almost every day Miss Womble is adding a new touch of beauty.

During her six years here, she has acted as advisor to the Home Economics Club and this year as Freshmen Class Advisor. She has served as a member of the Executive Committee, Co-operative Committee, Social Committee and Student Teaching Committee. Last year she received the high honor of being elected Treasurer of the North Carolina Home Economics Association. She has also served on a number of State Committees of the NCHEA.

After receiving her B.A. at East Carolina, Miss Womble taught six years in Cary and one year in Harnett County as a Vocational Home Economics Teacher. Then she went to Woman's College University of North Carolina where she was granted a graduate assistantship in Textiles and Clothing Research. In



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## FMC Gets Lowdown On Giant Brains

by JANE HARRELL

For many weeks now those people connected with the Mathematics Department and the Mathematical Honor Society have been waiting in anticipation for two visitors. On May 7 these two visitors arrived on the campus of Flora Macdonald College. These illustrious visitors were Mr. Herman R. Wesson, the Applied Science Director for International Business Machines, and Mr. W. M. Johnson, the Branch Manager of the International Business Machines from the Raleigh District. In case you haven't guessed, International Business Machines is better known to everyone as IBM.

Mr. Wesson flew to Raleigh from Washington where he is director of the area covering the states of Maryland, the Virginias, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. In Raleigh Mr. Wesson met Mr. Johnson and they came together to talk to and to interview members of the Mathematics Department about possible jobs with IBM. During fourth period the two men spoke informally with the Junior mathematics majors: Sue Lahr, Jane Harrell, Carol Ann Wolfe, and John McManus. They talked at length about IBM and the possibilities for and different types of jobs with that company.

In the fall of 1953 she came to Flora Macdonald. Since then she has attended Penn State Summer School twice and Florida State last summer, where she did advanced study in clothing, housing, family financing, and household textiles.

The words of Miss Womble are these: "I have enjoyed it; I love it and the people, for I have met and worked with many wonderful people; yet I am looking forward to my new work."

Yes, everyone is sorry to have her go, but just as strongly do they wish for her the greatest advancement and success. Best wishes go with you, Miss Womble.

At one o'clock Mr. Wesson and Mr. Johnson ate lunch in the college dining hall with the officers, old and new, of the Mathematical Honor Society. After lunch Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wesson conducted interviews with Jeanne Flournoy, Kathy King, Sarah Hatcher, and Adalyn Burrows, all Seniors in the Mathematics Department. As a result of her interview Adalyn went to Raleigh on Monday, May 11 for tests.

At four-fifteen Carol Ann Wolfe, President of the Mathematical Honor Society, introduced Mr. Johnson to the group assembled for the May meeting. Mathematics students and their teachers from many of the high schools around Red Springs were invited to the meeting. Representatives and teachers from three of the high schools in the area were present. The high schools represented were Red Springs High School, Wagram Higs School and St. Pauls High School. Mr. Johnson introduced Mr. Wesson to the group. Alabama, and although he now lives in Washington, he has lost none of his Southern accent.

Mr. Wesson gave a very interesting and informative talk on computers, both those made by IBM and by other companies. He explained with many diagrams how the computers are made. He then showed how they were used with an elementary example. He put the example into the digital language of the computer. With this language he ran the example through the computer he had drawn on the blackboard of the Bible classroom and showed how the answer which he got from the com-

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## Senior Class

## Denounces Tradition

by PHYLLIS BARNETTE  
Due to a recommendation from the 1958 Senior Class Pres-

## Kadel And Miller To Address Seniors

Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson, president of Flora Macdonald College, has announced the program and speakers for the 1959 Commencement week end.

Dr. William Howard Kadel, president of Florida Presbyterian College in St. Petersburg, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 31, at 11:00 o'clock. A native of Gettysburg, Pa., Dr. Kadel received his B.A. degree from Gettysburg College; the degree of Sacred Theology and Master of Theology, from Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburg; and the Doctor of Theology degree from Union Seminary in Richmond. He has served pastorates in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida, and was chaplain in the Air Force during the war. His first book, PRAYERS FOR EVERY NEED, has recently been published. Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., Dean of the college, will conduct Senior Vespers at 7:30 the evening of Commencement Sunday.

Dr. Donald C. Miller, Professor of New Testament at Union

Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, will deliver the Commencement Address on Monday, June 1. The graduating exercises will begin at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Miller is also a native of Pennsylvania and has attended the following colleges and universities: Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; Biblical Seminary, New York; New York University; Faculte' de Theologie - Protestante, Montpellier, France; and the University of Basel in Switzerland.

Dr. Miller has held several pastorates and teaching positions, including Pyengyand in Korea, before assuming his present post at Union. He is also the author of a number of books—THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED: STUDIES IN ISRAEL; CONQUEROR IN CHAINS: A STORY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL; FIRE IN THY MOUTH: PREACHING THE BIBLE MESSAGE OF REDEMPTION; THE NATURE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH, and THE WAY TO BIBLICAL TEACHING.

## Fruitful Retreat

by MARTHA PERRY

Have you ever wished you were a child again — oh! just to play those cute little games and feel as if you never had a care in the world? Well, this is what the Junior Christian Education class did May 9, at their retreat about a half mile from FMC.

The most part of the afternoon was spent learning new

games and playing them. The kindergarten game, Jack and Jill, was one of our favorites. You sit down and place a finger of your right hand on your right knee and a finger of your left hand on your left knee. Then sing "Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill, one named Jack and the other named Jill. Fly away Jack (right finger over shoulder), fly away Jill (left finger over shoulder), come back Jack, (right finger back on knee), come back Jill (left finger back on knee). Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill, one named Jack and the other named Jill." How 'bout

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## Faculty Vacancies

by MARION DAVIS

The faculty is losing two of its members at the end of this school year. Dr. Eleanor Scott, head of the English Department until her unfortunate accident and subsequent period of hospitalization just prior to Christmas, will not be back. Her presence and influence on campus will be missed by all those who know her. Also, the head of the Home Economics Department for several years, Miss Charlotte Womble, has accepted a position elsewhere.

From the office of Dr. Gwynn comes the information that obtaining replacements is still in the process, but as yet no definite ones have been secured.

We sincerely hope that our Capping Service will be a big success and very meaningful to all who attend.