

Atalita Chegwin Tells Of Events in Colombia

Miss Atalita Chegwin, an instructor in Spanish at Elon last year, who is now living at her home in Barranquilla, Colombia, recently in a letter to Dr. and Mrs. Hirsch told of the revolutionary activities which have taken place in that country. Since these events are of world wide importance and because Miss Chegwin has many friends at Elon, we think Dr. and Mrs. Hirsch for allowing us to publish the letter.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Hirsch:

I suppose by now you are very well informed about the situation in Colombia; however, Esilda and I have been thinking that both of you would be interested in hearing some details.

These are sad days for our country. We people on the coast have practically no way of knowing the exact situation in the interior, since the Government has control of the press and radio stations.

I was at the office last Friday afternoon when the news was heard for the first time. Our office faces the Paseo Bolivar, Barranquilla's main street; so I could appreciate the immediate reaction of the people when they first learned of Dr. Oatin's death. Flag-waving, speeches, long live the Liberal Party, etc. You know how this is among Latin people. There was a "Junta Revolucionaria," the mob took the Alcaldia, tried to burn "La Prensa", a conservative paper, etc.

However, Barranquilla is a very "pacifica" city, and at nine o'clock everything seemed quiet, especially since the radio stations had been taken over by the Government, which announced that the situation in the interior was good.

However, the next morning we had to hear bitter news. During the night several of our commercial buildings had been set afire. Robbery had been great. The Cathedral of San Nicola's and the Colegio de San Rogue had been attacked also. This, of course, was a job done by the Communist Party to the Conservatives. This last party, perhaps, did not take any part here in Barranquilla, but I do believe they have taken part in other sections of the country.

In Bogota the fight is still going on. We know it because our uncle, Rafael Borelly, came back today from the capital. Thank God he could get a special plane and permission to leave the capital with some other members of the family. His office in Bogota was burned. He is the only civilian that has left the capital since all communications were interrupted.

The conservative party is in power, but the "gabinete" has been divided between the two parties—six liberals and six Conservatives. Right now nobody knows how things will be tomorrow or day after. Time will tell. We are not allowed to go out after

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tation diamonds may be had for the small sum of \$2.95.

Being an habitual pipe smoker I don't know why I don't take advantage of the tremendous bargain in pipes which the newspaper advertises. For only five dollars I can obtain twelve different shapes! If they'd make it a baker's dozen, I might be tempted. On the other hand, though, if I had five dollars I'd be reading "Esquiver" instead of a ten cent tabloid. Here's an item that wil appeal to the girls. For just \$4.98, I repeat, \$4.98, you can have for your very own a marvellous 5 in 1 glamour kit. Honest girls, you can do everything with it but change a tire. It contains a flashlight (built-in) mirror, cigarette case, lighter, and lip brush. For no extra charge you even get it monogrammed. Be the first in your dormitory to have one. Everyone will be nuts about it. You'll be nuts too if you order one.

How Times Change

Recently while purchasing some photo supplies in town I was waited upon by a most charming and attractive young lady who looked as though she'd fit in any Junior class in college. During the course of our conversation I discovered that she was a student at the high school taking what is known as occupational training on which she is graded. She spends several hours each day doing this work and several hours in the classroom. Its nothing new for the larger cities, but dear old BHS was never like that when we were going there. Another change at the school is a little hard to take for we "old-timers". Students, both boys and girls, are permitted to smoke on certain portions of the school grounds. Such things were discussed but no action was ever taken on them back in the late thirties. If you were caught smoking, you might as well pick up your books and go home until your parents came to "reinstate" you. Its good to see some progress being made at BHS eh, M.G.?

seven o'clock and the Government controls the radio stations.

These are sad days for our country and of course, they have to be sad for us. The Pan-American Conference is going on, though we believe that very "ironico"—a group of men talking of peace and better relations while around them people are killing each other. I wonder whether these meetings will ever do some good in this world.

Esilda joins me in sending you our best regards.

Sincerely,
Atalita

VET NEWS

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Housing

A three-ring circus was in the Congress this week as politics and personal feuds controlled the debate on an amended form of a long-dormant Taft-Ellender-Wagner long-range housing bill. In the House, the Committee on Veterans Affairs continued beating its collective head against a known legislative blockade by going through motions of holding hearings and drafting amendments to the so-called American Legion Veterans' Homestead Act of 1948. This bill does not stand a chance of being voted into law by Congress.

V A Personnel

The new impact of VA's loss of 500 employees will be felt next week when VA announces removal of all raining officers from supervision of GI Bill training. Although Congress gets blamed by the public and by the vet organizations, Congress is not to blame in this instance and was willing to appropriate money to permit VA to retain employees but was discouraged by VA Chief Carl R. Gray Jr. Despite contention of Gray to House Appropriations subcommittee, that "essential and desired" services could be maintained through retention of only 1000 of 8500 employees originally scheduled for dismissal March 31, heavily it Vocational Rehabilitation and Education section of VA is now to eliminate completely already weak service of training supervision for GI Bill students and job trainees.

Improper supervision of on-the-job raining led to early GI Bill "abuses", which prompted Congress to pass inamous ceilings law in 1946, similarly as been charged with responsibility for inadequate training in "fly-by-night" schools, waste of training rights on "useless" courses.

What few training officers remain

Intramural Sports

The intramural softball program has been moving along at a rapid pace for the past few weeks on Elon's playing fields. This, in spite of the fact that the diamonds have not been properly lined off, and not backstops erected.

Some of the games have been very low scoring affairs, while others have been rather "bloody pitchers" battles with scores coming across home plate like eggs leaving the dining hall on the night of the fire. In fact, at present, the girls of third floor West seem to hold the record with the eye-raising score of 44-4 over the hapless lassies from Ladies' Hall. Of cours, play was halted at the end of the second inning due, we hear, to the fact that a certain "ringer" by the name of Miss Whicker happened to be both on the losing side and also in charge of the girls' program!

Second Floor West is expecting new blood soon in the form of Bus Wigmore, who is being farmed out by East Dorm for more seasoning; then watch out for that section of the campus.

East remains atop the loop, as they have not yet been defeated. Contributing to East's fine victory streak are Tony Cockrell who has done some effective hurling for his team and Ernie Gaster, who is one of the neatest infielders in the league.

We have a George Case in our midst in the person of Jack Hanel, who is rendering his services to Sigma Phi. Jack is very fast on the base paths and often makes doubles or triples on what usually would be singles, and is adept at stealing a few bases.

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