

THE FEMININE FRONT (Report From South America)

By Rosalie Williams

This is the first in the series of articles which I have been writing about my experiences in South America. I do hope that the readers of THE CAROLINIAN have found them interesting and that they may have served in a small way to awaken interesting and create understanding of the counts and people of Colombia. In weeks following I shall devote this column to items of social and general interest, especially to feminine readers of the area.

SPORTS

With baseball and football demanding so much interest here in the States at this season it would seem apropos to mention some sports which are enjoyed by the Colombians.

Bull fights thrill Colombians and almost all the principal cities have large bull rings. The world's greatest toradors have come to Colombia and there are several young Colombians who have triumphed in the plazas of Spain and Mexico.

Bull-fight fans are doubtless the most critical to be found in any sport. They are loud in their expressions of approval and praise when the fighter exhibits skill. But woe unto him if he is awkward or has a bad day. Anything which is movable in the stands may be thrown at him.

During an evening's show, six bulls are killed. I had seen a bull fight in Mexico and was able to make a comparison with the one I saw in Bogota. The latter was definitely inferior, the summer months being the off season as far as this sport is concerned. Not only were the fighters not very skilled, the bulls were of the Ferdinand type that is, they were just not interested in fighting. A bull fight is indeed a bloody spectacle and one has to go far back and understand the temperament of Spanish speaking people to comprehend their love for it which brings capacity audiences to the arenas even during the off seasons.

In addition to the bull fights the principal sports enjoyed by Colombians are soccer, bicycling, baseball, cock-fighting and horse racing. The Spanish called horse, a unique type is the most popular nationally. Tejo is a popular sport characteristic of Colombia. It is a curious blend of Roman discus thrown an aboriginal Chibcha or Muisca game. (Chibchas and Muiskas are ancient Indian tribes of Colombia).

CLOTHING

Bogota is called the Athens of South America, that is, the cultural center of the continent. In their dress, the women tend to be also strivers hard to live up to that title. I am sure the well-dressed women of Bogota can hold their own in elegance with those of Paris or New York. One notices that dark colors are the correct thing there. In fact, Bogota has been called the city of black.

As for articles of clothing, the poncho and the layton are predominant native items. The poncho is worn from the shoulders to slightly below the waist. It is woven of wool in a square approximate-

ly four feet on each side with a vertical slit in the center for the head. The byeton, also woven of wool, is similar to the ruana, but much bigger so as to cover the whole body. It is usually red on cools being symbolic of the traditional political parties Liberal and Conservative. These items are used in cold climates. In warmer climates bright colored ruana of cotton is used.

The woolen ruana has been adopted by many foreign tourists and elegant Colombian women.

Among national hats is the hand-woven fiber hat called jopo or jiplo or suaza, known throughout the world as the Panama hat, Panama having formerly been a Colombian department or state. It is typical of country people and very cool for the hot climates.

Typical footwear includes alpagatas woven of fiber, and quimbos a leather sole tied on with leather thongs. Both of these are used by country people.

As adornment and as a handbag the carriel of Antioquia (a department of Colombia) is notable. It is made of calf, in various colors, and has numerous pockets. It is worn with a long shoulder strap, and is typical of the rural men of Antioquia and Caldas, another department. Recently the carriel has been adopted by women as a purse both in Colombia and in countries to which it is exported.

THIS AND THAT

A few of the places of interest which I saw and some of the customs which stand out as different from ours are these:

Dead bodies are not embalmed in Colombia. Law requires that the dead be buried within twenty-four hours after death. Thus if a person dies in the morning he must be buried before nightfall. After eight years, relatives must exhume the remains of their loved ones and put them in a small container which is placed in a permanent resting place, a cemetery which is a huge garden of cement vaults.

Colombians are most of the Latin America republics, devoutly Catholic, and no matter how poor the people or how low the standard of living in every city of any size there is usually a lavishly rich cathedral containing fabulously bejeweled religious relics.

One of the wonders of the world is a remarkable underground cathedral in an abandoned part of a salt mine. The entire cathedral walls, with unbelievably beautiful carvings, are made of salt. One walks about a mile underground to reach the cathedral where regular services are held. It is called the Salt Cathedral (La Cathedral de Sal).

New York has its Niagara Falls and Colombia has its Tequendama Falls. Everyone who goes to Bogota looks forward to the short trip by bus or car on the scenic route through the majestic Andes Mountains to the famous Tequendama. I have not had the privilege of seeing Niagara and cannot make a comparison, but Tequendama is certainly a wonderful sight to see.

"Congestive Heart Failure in Childhood"

Lay sessions in the afternoon will cover presentations of 1959 Heart Fund campaign materials and a new series of program units for local Heart organizations. The state Heart Association Board of Directors will meet at luncheon, and the annual business meeting and banquet will be held at 7 p. m. with Dr. Wakerlin as guest speaker. The public is invited to attend these sessions.

Open To Negroes:

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

By STAFF WRITER
HINTS FOR JOB HUNTERS

Here are just a few hints on where jobs can be obtained. Industry provides approximately one-fourth of all jobs in the country. Farming employs a somewhat less number. Other employment will be found in distribution, transportation, public utilities, the professions, the service business, and trades, such as garages, laundries, barber-shops, restaurants and hotels.

Sometimes jobs are available in fields which you may overlook. In industry, for example, there are doctors and nurses in the medical department, teachers of training courses, editors of plant publications, personnel workers, accountants, attorneys, laboratory technicians and research workers, engineers and industrial chaplains, to name only a few. Some companies even provide beauty parlors for women employees.

A little searching will find unexpected types of jobs in fields other than industry.

Keep your eyes open to new developments which will create jobs. New industry like television may offer good possibilities. Some older industries are receiving new impetus from new products and processes: the development of frozen foods in the food processing industry, for example.

The need for new construction.

Jobs At Stake In Ala. Park 'Mixing' Strike

MONTGOMERY (AP) — If city parks are closed to prevent racial integration, many Negroes will lose their jobs and the Negro economy will suffer a \$100,000 setback, a recent study of records indicated.

The parks and recreation board, which has denied a petition for the desegregation of Oak Park "and all other parks", has 70 Negroes on its payroll who earn a total of \$101,134 annually, the report showed.

WORKERS WORRIED

According to one report, some of these workers have expressed considerable concern over their future as a result of a new agitation to integrate municipal parks and the subsequent statements by city commissioners that the parks will be closed if necessary to prevent racial mixing.

CLOSE PARKS

City Commissioners have said they "have no intention" of integrating park and recreational facilities and further declared that if worst comes to worst, they will close all parks, white and Negro to head off desegregation.

CONTINUE FIGHT

A spokesman for the 48 Negroes who signed the petition asking the right to enter Oak Park on an equal basis with whites have not announced their next step after denied by the petition by the park board, however, they have warned that they will continue the fight.

One of the Negro park employees, Buck Caton, a zookeeper at Oak Park, has been employed by the city 42 years. Several others have more than 20 years of service.

Adequate forage and grain are keys to successful livestock production.

Farmers who don't normally fertilize their crops adequately should take a good look at their situation; try to determine how much yields could be increased through proper fertilization. Idle farm machinery is the most costly.

new machinery and equipment by industry and the public utilities will make possible thousands of jobs. At the same time, there is a steady growth of service businesses. As a final suggestion, let your friends know you're looking for a job and what kind of job you want. They are often your best source of leads. A letter of introduction or telephone call from someone who both you and the employer will sometimes help. It won't get you the job—you'll still have to sell yourself. But it may help to get an interview. If your mutual friend is someone whose judgment the employer respects, it may tip the scale in your favor in case of a tie.

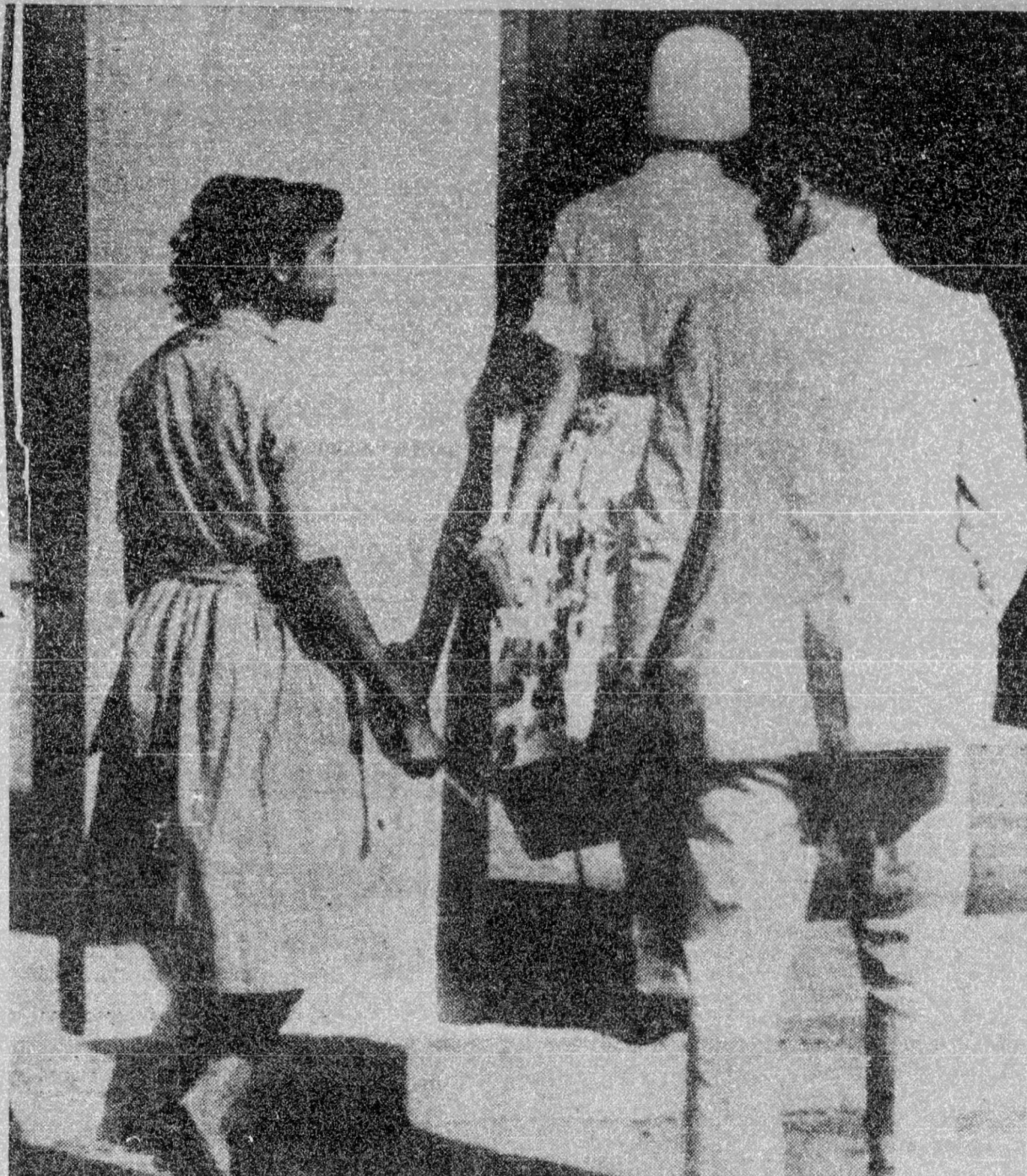


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NEGRO APPLICANTS TO HIGH SCHOOL — Sylvia Morton, left, and Roberta Robinson talk with a newsmen as they enter Barley High School, Charlottesville, Va. They are two of the seven Negro applicants to Charlottesville's white high school, who took achievement tests in the city's school assignment program. Four others failed to appear for the tests. (UPI TELEPHOTO)

Bishop Shaw Says Russians Will Embrace Christianity

Manila International Airport — Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, Wilmington, North Carolina, U. S. A., took time out here recently to say that the time will come when Russian people will also embrace Christianity and love God as all Christians, according to the Manila Times.

They visited Japan, Hawaii and Hongkong, along with three other members of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. His companions were Dr. James W. Eichelberger, executive secretary of the Department of Christian Education, Dr. P. Wisdom and Mrs. Wisdom, they are travelling on fellowships granted by their church for the purpose of observing religious, social and economic trends throughout the world.

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Heart Experts To Convene In Rocky Mount
CHAPEL HILL — The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Heart Association will be held in Rocky Mount Saturday, September 13 at the New Rickles Hotel. Dr. George E. Wakerlin of New York Medical Director of the American Heart Association and internationally known for his research on hypertension, will take part in the scientific part in the scientific sessions.

Others sharing the medical symposium on treatment of hypertension, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, will be Dr. Harold D. Green of Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem; Dr. James W. Woods of UNC School of Medicine, Chapel Hill; Dr. M. D. Bogdanoff of Duke School of Medicine, Durham; and Dr. Eugene A. Stead, Jr., of Duke who will moderate the program.

The afternoon session, from 2 to 3:30 p. m., will present Dr. Henry McIntosh of Duke speaking on "Indications for Use of the Artificial Kidney." Dr. Glenn Sawyer of Bowman Gray on "Diagnosis and Correction of Atrial Septal Defects;" and Dr. Herbert Harned of UNC on

Former Wake County Teacher: Mrs. Lucille Leonard Young Is Eulogized At Memorial Service
DURHAM — A memorial service for Mrs. Lucille Leonard Young, who died at her home on Saturday, September 6, was held at the White Rock Baptist Church here Monday at 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. Young, a kind, patient and long suffering member of the White Rock Baptist Church, was the daughter of the late Robert and Clara Leonard.

For many years, she taught school in Wake County. About 11 years ago, she became a teacher in the Merrick-Moore School, a position she held for ten years. Her labors there ended at the close of the school year in May, 1957.

Mrs. Young joined the White Rock Baptist Church 35 years ago. She was regular in church attendance and in supporting her church. Her membership was included in District Eight of the church.

Program of the memorial services included:
Reading of 23rd Psalms by Father Fred Hunter, Rector, St. Titus' Episcopal Church; prayer, Rev. Ell Thompson, pastor, Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church; resolutions, District No. 8, Mrs. Gladys McNeill, and Durham County Teachers Association, Mrs. E. Bernice Johnson; remarks, L. S. Gilliard, principal, Merrick-Moore School; eulogy — "Her Choice Which Abides" — Matt 20:15, Rev. Miles Mark Fisher, acknowledgments and recess-

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