

LETTER FROM FARM YOUTH DELEGATE

# Jane Owen Finds South of France Resembles Southern United States

A Moore County young woman who is North Carolina's delegate in the International Farm Youth Exchange Program has been reporting in letters her experiences in France where she has lived since June with a variety of French farm families. These letters which have been made available for publication through the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service have appeared, in part, in *The Pilot*. In the letter to follow, dated September 25, Miss Owen tells about staying with a family in the south of France.

One finds a great deal of similarity between the South of France and the Southern United States. Not only can we say we have both had Civil Wars fought on home ground, but the people are very similar.

The Southern Frenchman speaks with an accent. He is also known for being a gentleman and an agriculturist. He lives a very comfortable life and enjoys good food, good wine and good conversation. The Southern Frenchmen are great hunters and I have already sampled some of the game in this region. They have fairs much like our county fairs. People bring their choice cows, chickens, rabbits, sheep, pigs and bulls. They enjoy the pleasures of eating ice cream cones and drinking lemonade!

The family is a close knit group; although this is general throughout France it is outstandingly noticeable here.

As the couple I am living with

are young, they claim me as a sister. This weekend we went to Pa-pa Fort's home to help cut the grapes as a family project. Since all will benefit from the wine, it was work for the family. Even Grandma helped.

Decked in straw hats, shorts and apron, and carrying large buckets and scissors we left for the vineyard. The grape vines are in long rows, very low and easy to cut. Two people take one row, one on each side. You cut the grapes by cutting the stem that connects the large bunch to the vine. With practice one becomes very fast and it is only a short time before your basket is filled. Then a carrier boy empties your grapes into a large tub that is pulled by a horse or tractor. We had both. When the large tub is filled it is taken away to a cave.

In the field we sang, talked, threw grapes at each other and in general had a good time. The women carried on the latest news and the men were busy keeping the women at work, they thought. The rabbit dogs were on the spot and a gun was always handy in case a rabbit was found.

Grandma kept reminding everyone to save the snails. When we finished that day we had two baskets full of snails: one basket with the large snails for eating and another basket of small snails for the ducks. That night Granma forgot the snails and they crawled out on the kitchen floor. I had to gather snails all over again.

When the grapes are carried to the cave they are mashed by an electric cutter and are then stored in large vats for three to four days, depending on the weather.

The grapes are then mashed or pressed and the wine is stored for three months. At the cave I saw the grapes boiling or fermenting. No sugar or water is added—the wine is natural.

Wine is a basic item in the Frenchman's diet and the farmer knows how to make the best. Of course each region has different wine; all will tell you their's is best.

The southern part of France is enchanting and romantic. The people are kind and interesting. My experience here has been one of my best in France and I will always remember and love these people.

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**Nathaniel Wells, Former Pinebluff Resident, Dies**

Funeral services were held at a Middleport, N. Y., funeral home Sunday for Nathaniel M. Wells who died Wednesday of last week at Duke Hospital, Durham.

A winter resident of Pinebluff for many years, Mr. Wells had lived since early this year in Fayetteville.

The Rev. Alfred Underhill of the Middleport Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Hartland Central Cemetery near Middleport.

A native of Hume, N. Y., Mr. Wells maintained residence in Middleport, N. Y., where he was a Ford Motor Company dealer before coming to Pinebluff more than 20 years ago, while retaining an interest in the Middleport company there through the years.

In Pinebluff he was active in social and civic events and enjoyed golfing on Sandhills courses.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mrs. Enola Best who had been a winter visitor to Southern Pines for several years before their marriage in February of this year; two daughters by his marriage to Mrs. Della Wells who died about four years ago, Mrs. Warren A. Snell of Middleport and Mrs. Frank W. Peiffer of Rochester, N. Y., four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wells, who has lived at Fayetteville for the past year, owns the home on Maples Road which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James M. Lindsley. Her former husband Frank A. Best, died here about five years ago.

**Smith Attending Realtors' Meeting**

Lt. Col. F. M. Smith of The Pines Realty Co., president of the Southern Pines Board of Realtors, is at Asheville for the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Realtors and the 14th Regional Convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

The convention, held at the Grove Park Inn, will run through Saturday. The regional meeting includes delegates from the two Carolinas, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

# Tennis Matches at Pinehurst Set for Sunday Afternoon

Exhibition singles and doubles tennis matches at the Pinehurst Country Club courts are scheduled for Sunday, starting at 1:30 p. m., Joe Roddey, professional who is at the club for the season, announced this week. The public is invited.

Playing a 10-game set singles

match will be Dr. "Bo" Roddey of Greensboro, a physician who holds more North Carolina titles than any other man in the state in closed tennis history, and Allen Morris who ranks No. 3 in the East and has played in the All-England Wimbledon tournament.

A native of Charlotte, Bo Roddey who is a nephew of the Pinehurst professional—last month won the N. C. State doubles championship, with Jack War-math of Greensboro.

In the doubles match, Dr.

Roddey and Whitt Cobb will team against Morris and Joe Roddey.

Cobb, of Durham, and Bo Roddey, playing for Davidson College, won the Southern Conference doubles title in 1950—and are still playing together. Cobb continued his tennis career as coach at Duke University, Durham.

Joe Roddey, Pinehurst C C professional who came to the Sandhills last spring and conducted a series of tournaments and junior events at Pinehurst, has had a long and creditable tennis career, winning many college, state and Southern sectional titles.

**HEROIC HISTORY**

Shortly after America's first National Seashore became a reality on the Outer Banks Islands of North Carolina in the early 1950's, the director of the National Park Service remarked that "Cape Hatteras has perhaps one of the most interesting and heroic sea histories in the entire United States, if not in the world." To a great extent, this is also true of the entire N. C. coastal area—first in North America to be explored by Englishmen.

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