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## Around The World And Back

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President Eisenhower has announced that he will meet with Stalin or anyone else if it will mean peace in Korea.

The president has taken his first week-end trip outside Washington area since he took office January 20. He left Washington February 24 for a long week-end of golf at his favorite course, the Augusta National in Augusta, Georgia. He traveled both ways aboard the presidential plane, newly named the Columbine.

Senator Byrd of Virginia became the only Democrat to receive a permanent congressional chairmanship under the new Republican administration when he was unanimously re-elected chairman of the committee on reduction of non-essential federal expenditures.

Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt died February 24, at the age of 77 due to ill health. He served under Hitler and directed Germany's major military campaigns of the second world war. The allies respected him more than any other general serving under Hitler.

The United Nations opened its seventh session February 24 with a welcoming address by President Eisenhower. The President expressed his hope that this organization would do much toward establishing lasting peace. However, he did not mention the Assembly's debate on the Korean situation.

Charles E. Bohlem has been accepted by the USSR as ambassador to Russia. The forty-eight year old Harvard graduate is a top expert on Russia.

Fracis White, a Yale graduate, has been nominated ambassador to Mexico.

The University of North Carolina will replace its present quarter system with the semester system beginning the school year '53-'54 and will therefore have classes on Saturday. The decision was reached by the Board of Trustees after a three hour debate on February 23.

The Reverend Charles M. Jones, pastor of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian church, has been discharged upon the seven to one vote of the Orange Presbytery Judicial Commission. This decision came after an eight month church wrangle which began June 13, 1952, when an investigation of the Chapel Hill church was begun by a commission appointed by the Orange Presbytery. Charges were made that Rev. Mr. Jones beliefs differed from the main body of the Presbyterian theology.

The House Un-American Activities Committee will have \$300,000 to use in its search for communism in schools and in its other investigations. The first public hearing since the new Congress came in started February 26 on communism in education.

# Addor Chosen Dance Queen

## I. R. C. Celebrates Eighth Party

On February 11th at 6:40 p. m. the International Relations Club members had their eighth annual birthday party. All the club members had looked forward to this day with a great deal of anticipation, and their desires for fun and a good time were richly awarded at the occasion.

Upon entering the right front parlor, the members had very little time to sit around and chat because this very room was to be the scene of many and varied games. Delanie Boney, Betty Lou Lamb, and Ellen Williams did an excellent job as the program committee. The first game was particularly enjoyed by everyone. Each person present was given a piece of paper with a name on it. Then the fun really began. Each one had to find the other half of his or her heart. There were such distinguished persons at the party as George and Martha Washington, Anthony and Cleopatra, and Louis XIV and Marie Antionette. Such comedians as Maggie and Jiggs and Blondie and Dagwood were also there. After finding the other half of the heart, the couple sat down to make honeymoon plans. A huge map was placed on the curtains, and one member of each couple was designated to pin their place of destination on the map. The only catch to the whole thing was the fact that the person had to be blindfolded. Many of the honeymooners strayed away from their chosen paths.

The members were then divided into groups, four or five to a group, and each group presented a popular song for the benefit and pleasure of the others. Most of these groups were quite good.

Behold! of all wonders there was even an art exhibit. In recognition of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, each group was asked to draw a picture of Lincoln, and told that at the end of a certain period of time the picture would be judged and the winner would be determined by the applause of the audience. Each group set to work diligently. The decision, as to which group had drawn the best picture of Lincoln, was a hard one to make. However, the audience firmly expressed the fact that Phyllis Leggett's group did the best work.

After so much laughing and singing, the members present had used up all their energy and were ready for food. Their wishes were well-rewarded. In the back parlor each person was given a lovely serving of ice cream, cake, mints and nuts. Joyce Sweat, president of the club, cut the cake, and the officers assisted with the serving.

All were very happy to have Dr. Woodson and Dean Morrison as guests. The club says "Thank you" to their sponsor, Miss Robertson, for such a lovely party.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

## Spiritual Week Is Inspirational

Reverend John McMullen spoke to the student body February 17-19 in a series of interesting messages on the topic, "I Am A Christian—So What?" Speaking each day in chapel in the auditorium at 10:10 and at evening vespers at 6:40 in the rotunda, he chose six striking titles for his informal talks.

Beginning at the logical point, "Mr. Mac" first led a consideration on Tuesday morning of the question, "Am I Christian?" Emphasizing the difference in being recorded on a church book as a Christian and truly being a Christian, he pointed out that one must begin where he is, exercising the principles of the Lord he professes in his daily relationships with others.

That evening after an outdoor supper and bonfire marshmallow roast, the first informal sing and vesper meeting was held on first floor under the rotunda.

Through a talk on the appealing topic, "Falling in Love with Jesus" the speaker showed that the same three simple principles apply in the human realm of courtship as in the spiritual experience of belief. First, there is the period of acquaintance and discovery. Second, comes the joy of shared experiences, so vital a part of any friendly relationship. Finally, there is complete self-giving if the relationship is to be one of full significance and permanence. Further, this complete giving of self is manifest in continued growth.

Wednesday morning "Mr. Mac" asked the assembly of students and faculty, "Are You Growing Christians?" Taking a verse made meaningful to him in Moffatt's translation, he spoke of Omri, the king of Israel about whom it was said, "He was worse than all the rest" because he was no better than his father before him, simply repeating their weakness and apostasy. With the privilege of belonging to God's family comes responsibility for seeking stronger development of one's self. Christianity is not a passive state reached when we publicly express our faith but a continuing, evolutionary process carried on within the individual as he grows.

The evening topic was one with vivid connotations as many girls recalled the white-dressed angel-and-killer standing by with a loaded penicillin gun during these days of flu epidemic. As he spoke on Vaccinated Christian, "Mr. Mac" warned that vaccinations of a little religious experience in the spiritual realm can serve to permanently immunize one against the real thing. One must not assume that he has had a thorough case simply because at some time or other he has been inoculated with one small dose.

Thursday morning Mr. McMullen spoke of the various things that rise to torment individuals. From the story of the man possessed by an evil spirit who cried out, "I beseech thee, (Continued on Page 3)



BILLIEGENE ADDOR (Photo by Bill McGougan)

## Campus Helps In Holland Drive

International news came to the F. M. C. doorstep on February ninth when the sponsor for the Flora Macdonald International Relations Club received the following telegram from Dorothy Arden Lyne, Executive Secretary of the association of clubs with headquarters on Long Island, New York: Miss Carol Robertson: Urge Undertake Immediate Campus Appeal For Funds For European Flood Relief Thousands Homeless Starving and Freezing Need Is Urgent. Send Contributions to Holland Flood Relief 72 Wall St New York British Consulate General 350 Fifth Ave New York Belgian Consulate General 630 Fifth Ave New York or Aric.

Members of the I. R. C. on the campus are contacting students and faculty for contributions to this striking need. This is an opportunity to express understanding of the nice, big term "Brotherhood" in concrete fashion as some coke money is sent to help those who in this sudden crisis are seeing much of what they have worked a lifetime for swept away. To F. M. C. comes the challenge, "Meet the Need".

### CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS?

Mary and Lawrence are brother and sister. Mary's mother and father are Lawrence's aunt and uncle. Lawrence's mother and father are Mary's cousins.

Lawrence's grandmother and grandfather are Mary's great aunt and uncle. Lawrence's grandfather is Mary's father's uncle. Mary's mother and father have been married seventeen years, but she is twenty-one. Lawrence's parents have been married 25 years. Lawrence is three years younger than Mary. They are full brother and sister.

### PRAYER

As Thou dost fill the earth each spring with new life and fullness, Dear Lord, revive in our hearts Thy life-giving peace and renew within us a greater love for others and faith in Thee.

We pray that Thou wilt always guide us and use us in Thy Kingdom, In Thy Son's most holy name we pray.

## Gore Plays In Dining Hall

Highlighting the Freshman-Sophomore Dance Saturday night was the crowing of Billiegene Addor as dance queen. Announcement of the winner of the title was made during the dance figure just before the intermission and Mr. David Meese, sponsor of the Freshman class, did the crowing.

Billiegene is a sophomore from Addor, North Carolina and was chosen queen not only for her beauty, but also for her lovable personality. The selection was made by secret ballot during a joint meeting of the Freshman and Sophomore classes prior to the dance.

The dining hall, the scene of the dance, was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the theme, "Tropical Paradise." About fifty-five couples attended and danced to the music of Hal Gore.

Committee heads for the dance were Sara Cashwell and Betty Jane Ashburn, chairmen; Linda McNett and Billiegene Addor, Decorations; Doris Mazingo and Shirley Thornton, Invitations; and Shirley Fitzgerald and Peggy Hammet, Refreshments. Everyone is agreed that the dance was a great success and that the chairmen did a fine job in planning it.

## Dr. Vardell Honored On 93rd Birthday

Friends and alumnae from far and near, faculty and students of Flora Macdonald College, gathered in the college parlors Thursday afternoon, February 12, to do honor to Dr. C. G. Vardell, at a reception given by the college honoring the venerable President Emeritus on his 93rd birthday.

Two Red Springs alumnae, Mrs. E. H. Alexander and Mrs. G. T. Brooks, greeted the guests at the door, and Misses Mary McEachern (alumnae-trustee) and Jean Sandifer, student body president, presented them to the receiving line. The personnel of the receiving line included Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Scott Woodson, Dr. Vardell, and the members of his family present, who were Dr. and Mrs. Charles G. Vardell, Jr., Mrs. Mary Linda Vardell Smyth of Blacksburg, Virginia, and Linda McNett of Philadelphia, a granddaughter.

Mrs. Leslie Perry and Anne Buie poured tea in the south parlor, where the candlelight table was centered with the two-tiered birthday cake. The cake was made by members of the home economics department and decorated by Mrs. Woodson, the president's wife, with a dainty bird bath and trellis, surrounded by pastel shaded flowers, in reference to Dr. Vardell's well-known love for birds and flowers. Members of the student council assisted in serving.

Faculty and staff members received throughout the four parlors, reception hall and rotunda. Mrs. P. P. McCain, Dean of Students, was chairman of arrangements.

During the afternoon, Dr. Vardell received a number of gifts, including one from the faculty (Continued on Page 4)