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Around The World And Back

With ELLEN WILLIAMS

French leaders, Premier Rene Mayer and French Ambassador Henri Bonnet arrived in Washington March 26 for a series of conferences with President Eisenhower. The major discussion was to be centered on Communist aggression in Europe and the Far East.

Even though Senator McCarthy fought against the Senate's confirming Eisenhower's nomination of Bohlen as ambassador to Moscow, President Eisenhower continued to defend his nominee. McCarthy as chairman of the Senate Investigating Committee differed with Eisenhower's opinion that 48 year-old Bohlen is the best man for the job.

As the paper goes to press, the Senate is expected to vote on this issue Friday, March 27, and the nomination will probably be confirmed in spite of opposition.

Prime minister Atlee entered a London hospital Sunday for an appendectomy. The 70 year-old Labor leader has not been well throughout the entire winter.

The sharp drop in the cost of living for the month of March was attributed to lower food prices. It was announced by the government that this was the sharpest drop in the cost of living for any single month in the past year.

President Eisenhower has said that at present the ammunition situation in Korea is perfectly sound. Also, he said that the yielding of Old Baldy by U. S. troops did not affect the ammunition supply.

Queen Mary of England died Tuesday, March 24 at 10:20 p. m., EST after a prolonged battle with gastric ailment. The 85-year old queen was the widow of one King, the mother of two other monarchs and the "Grandmother of England." She was born May 26, 1867 and lived to see two world wars and a part of the present situation in Korea. The blue-eyed queen was loved and revered by all her people. The question now is will her death interfere with the scheduled June 2 coronation. Queen Elizabeth will decide this, but it is expected that plans will not be changed since one of Queen Mary's last wishes was that the coronation go on as scheduled.

Alexis Smith, a lovely RKO blonde, reigned as Queen Azalea VI in Wilmington last week-end. She accepted the invitation when Ursula Theiss was unable to reign due to the flu.

Film academy "oscar" have been awarded to Gary Cooper and Anthony Quinn. "High Noon" won for Cooper his best actor award while Quinn's award was for his supporting role in "Viva Zapata." Best actress award went to Shirley Booth for her performance in "Come Back, Little Sheba." Cecile B. DeMille walked away with honors as the award winning producer.

Fire-eater (out of work) "Lady, could you spare a couple of matches?"

Publications' Elections Held

Societies, Classes Elect Presidents

In the recent elections of the society presidents, Retta Parker was elected president of Epsilon Chi and Patsy Teer, of Zetesian. In the class presidents' elections Delanie Boney was elected president of the rising senior class; Mickie Jernigan, of the junior class; and Carolyn Robinson, of the sophomore class.

Retta Parker was a fine choice for the Epsilon Chi presidency. She has been very active in the work of the society for the past three years, serving as second vice-president in her sophomore year and as chief marshal in her junior year.

Patsy Teer is also a fine choice for her position. She is very well qualified, having served as corresponding secretary for Zetesian during her sophomore year and as president during this past year. Patsy has proved herself capable of being president for a second term.

Prior to her being elected president of the senior class, Delanie Boney was class treasurer her sophomore year, vice-president of the math club her junior year, and secretary of the Christian Association. This will be her first year on the student council.

Mickie Jernigan, the rising junior's choice, is always willing to work with any class project and will certainly make a fine leader for her class.

Carolyn Robinson, chosen by the rising sophomores as their leader, was secretary of her freshman class and did a grand job.

Plans Being Made For Junior-Senior

Plans are already underway for the Junior-Senior banquet to be held on the night of April 25. The theme of F. M. C.'s last dance of the year will be "April in Paris," and Julia Marie Smith and Norma Jean Thompson have been chosen as chairmen of the dance. Committee chairmen are Lib McGoogan, and Marjorie Stevenson, decorations; Marie Essey and Florence Thompson, invitations; and Frances Heyer and Mary H. Little, food.

Funds Given For Prayer Chapel

Since the return from spring holidays, the campaign has been underway to raise funds for the Prayer Chapel to be erected on the campus next fall. Members of the Christian Association were appointed to contact the girls on each hall and letters were sent to the faculty. It is hoped that everyone on the campus will have an opportunity to share in this project which will further personal spiritual development of those who use the Prayer Chapel. So far the plan has been met with enthusiasm and interest. It is hoped that this week will result in substantial progress toward the funds necessarily in hand before construction begins next fall.



YVONNE BRICE



GERALDINE WORRELL

60 Guests Enjoy Hospitality Weekend

Hospitality week end, held March 28-29, brought to the campus approximately sixty girls representing North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. Most of them arrived Saturday. After lunch they attended a mass meeting in the auditorium with Jean Sandifer presiding. Greetings were extended by Phyllis Leggett, Dee Davis, and Mary Lisle Tucker. Phyllis spoke to them about the spirit found at F. M. C., Dee, about the activities of the Christian Association, and Mary Lisle, about the recreation planned for the week end. The Highland Fling was performed by a group of girls and then Dr. Woodson, Mrs. McCain, Mrs. McLaughlin, and Dr. Gwinn gave welcomes to the prospective students. Later on in the afternoon there were balls flying on the athletic field and astonished guests gazing at the beautiful gardens. Supper at the fireplace climaxed the active recreation for the afternoon.

A few hours later the girls who had been dressed in blue jeans appeared in their best formal at Barbara Hill's voice recital and the reception. The long and busy day was completed with Rotunda Vespers at 11:15 led by Ellen Williams and Hilda Phillips.

Sunday morning the guests attended the church of their choice. After dinner they gradually departed. Many happy times were had and new friends were made during the week end. It will be nice to see some of them come back in September.

PRAYER

Our Father, we thank Thee for the events of that first Easter, and we are grateful that Easter comes in the spring after the long sleep of winter and is a symbol of the passing from death unto life. Help us to realize that we are created in the image of our heavenly Father, we are heirs of a glorious hope—the hope of eternal life. Help us to live as children of Thine should live and may we show our appreciation for the gift of eternal life by dedicating our lives to Thy service. Amen.

Atomic Skit By William Bartram

Are you, as an American citizen, voiced in the dangers of an atomic attack? If you saw the skit presented by the William Bartram Scientific Society on Tuesday night, March 24, at 7 p. m. in the auditorium, you should be. This very interesting and educational program gave a very graphic description of the horrors to be suffered from an atomic attack. Don't shrug your shoulders and pass this message off, and don't forget it for "it could happen to you."

The plot of the skit centered around a typical home, whose occupants were fully unaware of what to do during an atomic attack. Elaine, played by Phyllis Leggett, was busy with her studies; Judy, played by Sue Littlewood, was trying to find a remedy for the ills of her dolls; Dick, played by Doris Dunn, was lost completely in a couple of funny books; Father, played by Mary Sue Coleman, was trying desperately to read his newspaper; and mother, played by Letty Hill, was busy with her knitting. The peace and security of home life was broken by the announcement of danger—unidentified planes were spotted off the coast of the United States. Sure enough this family was about to witness an atomic attack. Specific instructions for safety—lie down flat on the floor and put your head down on your arms—were given over the radio, and the folks were quick to carry out these.

The second scene portrayed the after effects of such an attack. In spite of all precautions taken, there were untold casualties among them Dick. All who were able rushed to the Red Cross Center to take care of the wounded. This part of the program was ably carried out by Peggy Elliott, Grace Dew and many others.

The William Bartram Scientific Society deserves a big hand for their good work on this skit.

Lover's Quarrel:

The bottle of perfume that Willie sent,
Was very displeasing to Millicent,
Her thanks were so cold,
That they quarreled, I'm told,
Through the silly scent Willie sent Millicent.

Completing the major elections for the coming year was the choosing of those to head the campus publications. Geraldine Worrell was named editor of the 1954 *White Heather*, and Yvonne Brice, editor of *The Pine and Thistle*.

Geraldine, who succeeds Elsie May, is very well qualified for her job which calls for originality, personality, interest, and a lot of hard work. With her added bright quirks of humor a grand annual is sure to result.

Yvonne has been assistant editor this year of *The Pine and Thistle* and really knows what all goes into the making of this magazine. She succeeds Peggy Elliott as editor.

Other staff members of *The Pine and Thistle* are Harriett Allen, associate editor; Geraldine Worrell, Shirley Hudgins, Delanie Boney, and Shirley Thornton, literary staff members; Sue Littlewood, business manager; Nell Lennon, assistant business manager; and Billigene Addor and Joan Mays, art staff members.

The youngest publication, *The Skirl*, has also elected new leaders for the coming year. Ann McGirt is the new editor; Mary McCracken, business manager; Mary Ella Mize, associate editor; and Lucille Graham, assistant business manager.

Barbara Hill Presents Recital

Highlighting the college calendar on Saturday evening, March 28, was the graduation recital of Barbara Hill, soprano. Accompanist was Nancy Stikeleather. The program included the following numbers:

- Art thou troubled? Handel
- Sento nel core Scarlatti
- Sen corre l'agnelletta Sarri
- Lasciatemi Morire Monteverdi
- Gia il sole dal Gange Scarlatti
- Zeugnung Strauss
- Widmung Schumann
- Du bist die Ruh Schubert
- Wohin? Schubert
- Aria: Je veux vivre (Romeo et Juliette) Gounod
- Beau Soir Debussy
- Mandoline Debussy
- Lied Maritime d'Indy
- Que je t'oublie Chretien

Come all ye fair and tender ladies (American Folk-Song)

arr. John Jacob Niles

The Sleep that flits on baby's eyes

John Alden Carpenter

Fiocca la neve (Snow)

Pietro Cimara

Ellen's Aria (Peter Grimes)

Benjamin Britten

Come, Love, with me

Vito Carnevali

Go 'way from my window

(American Folk-Song)

arr. John Jacob Niles

Immediately following the event, which was immensely enjoyed by all present, an informal reception was held in the college parlors.

Freshman: "Say, Mrs. McPhaul, our lesson told about the evil spirits entering the swine."

Mrs. McPhaul: "Yes, what do you want to know?"

Freshman: "Was that the way they got the deviled ham?"