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Around The World And Back

With ELLEN WILLIAMS

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and Jean Kerr were married September 29 in Washington, D. C. The ceremony uniting the 49 year old senator and the 29 year old bride was performed in the St. Matthews Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Charles E. Johns has taken over as governor of Florida, succeeding Dan McCarty who died September 28 of a heart attack. Johns became acting governor due to his office of State Senate President, because the state has no lieutenant governor.

President Eisenhower has appointed Governor Earl Warren of California as Chief Justice of the United States.

The White House has denied former Labor Secretary Martin Durkin's charge that President Eisenhower broke his personal word on proposed changes in the Taft-Hartley Law.

Durkin said that Eisenhower promised to support the changes but now refuses to go ahead with the 19 amendments to the six-year old Taft-Hartley Law.

Many employer groups have accused Durkin's 19 changes as being too favorable to labor unions.

The International Longshoreman's Association has been ousted from the AFL. The ILA has been accused of harboring "gangsters, racketeers, and thugs" on the New York and New Jersey waterfronts. The resolution ousting the ILA stated that the Association had permitted criminal elements to the body of its organization, thereby destroying its real purpose.

A new AFL Union will be established to take over all ILA members wanting to remain in the AFL. Joseph P. Ryan was President of the ILA.

The third purge within eighteen months hit the Soviet Republic of Georgia on September 22. Premier Calerian Bakradze was dismissed in disgrace. He had headed the government since last April. A second top man was Secretary Mirtshkulava of the Central Committee of the Georgian Communist Party who was also dismissed. These dismissals could be a continuation of getting rid of Beria's henchmen who were still in power.

President Eisenhower has made an appeal to Americans to send warm winter clothing to Communist-occupied (East Germany). These clothing donations are to be made through private relief agencies. Many agencies are already carrying on extensive relief work in Germany.

A Communist North Korean air pilot escaped from North Korea and made a 24-minute flight to freedom. He landed his MIG 15 at Kimpo Airport near Seoul and turned the plane over to U. N. forces. Refusing to reveal his name for security reasons, the senior lieutenant said that the Reds were expecting and preparing for the Korean War to start again. He told of the jet fighters

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Dame Flora McLeod Visits Campus

Concert - Lecture Series Announced

Flora Macdonald's Concert-Lecture series for 1953-54 has been announced as follows:

October 26 - **David Lloyd** - a leading tenor of New York City Opera.

November 19 - **Leonard Penario**, pianist, who is said to be a phenomenow of the piano.

January 27 - **Carol Smith**, contralto, combines a glorious voice with creative ability.

March 13 - **Camilla Wicks**, a young Norwegian violinist.

April 6 - **Bennette Cerf**, delightful lecturer, popular author and columnist.

"Music washes away from the soul, the dust of every day life."

Cabinet Makes Plans For The Year

The Cabinet has several big projects that they would like to see completed during this school year, but help from the student body is needed before these projects can even be considered. Dee Davis, President of the C. A., has suggested that the Cabinet, with the help of the Student Body, redecorate Watkins Hall. Funds could be obtained by selling little Highland Fling dolls made at the workshop in Watkins Hall each Saturday afternoon. Flora Macdonald coffee cups could also be sold, and the money made from these cups would go to the Watkins fund. This fund should be enough to purchase a new rug, easy chairs, and several lamps.

As the student body of Flora Macdonald College and as members of the C. A., all should help the Cabinet in this new project in every way possible.

Further Prayer Chapel Plans Announced

By Betty Lou Lamb

Construction of the proposed Prayer Chapel which is to be erected on the campus of Flora Macdonald is to get underway soon. Plans for the Chapel were begun a year ago when several members of the Christian Association saw the need and determined to meet the need. Investigations were made and with donations promised by various churches and individuals, the cost of the chapel was estimated at \$2500. Work was begun immediately to secure the money for the chapel, and, to date, the Christian Association has over \$2000 in the prayer chapel account.

Those of the C. A. who have felt it impossible to give money have given their enthusiasm and their earnest prayers.

As soon as construction on college property is completed, the prayer chapel will begin to become a reality. It will be located in Vardell Court.

This is your project—for you, by you—the effect which it will have on this campus depends upon the attitude with which all approach its construction.

STUDENT DANCE

The first student body dance for the year is to be held October 31 with Nancy Stikeleather as general chairman. The theme for the event is "Indian Summer," and all students are urged to plan to attend. Other dance chairmen are Jo Mays, decorations; Lulu Jones, invitations; and Pat Clark, refreshments.

New College Year Gets Underway



Students gather back on campus to bring a new college year.

Monday, September 14, 1953, began Flora Macdonald's 57th School Year as the freshmen, transfers, and old students began to arrive on campus.

The freshmen got an early concept of college activities in the Orientation program. There were numerous tests given by Mr.

Decker, the Vocational Guidance Director, and parties were given by the Student Council, Christian Association, Big Sisters, and Zetesian and Epsilon Chi societies.

After registration on Wednesday and Thursday, classes began on Friday.



LADY MacLEOD
(Cut courtesy Sandhill Citizen)

Flora Macdonald College was the scene of much Scottish activity on Tuesday, September 29. Lady Flora MacLeod of Dunvegan Castle, Scotland, 29th chieftan of her clan and Dame of the British Empire, an honor bestowed on her by Queen Elizabeth during coronation ceremonies last summer, was guest of the college. She was accompanied by her two grandsons, John MacLeod and Patrick Gordon.

All the MacLeods met Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a MacLeod Clan. They decided to give the organization the title of MacLeod Clan of the Carolinas. Frank MacLeod of Sumter, S. C. was elected president and Dr. Johnson of Fayetteville was elected as vice president.

Dame Flora spoke to the MacLeods, urging them to return to Scotland, extended a cordial invitation. She said, "I like to think I'm the mother of my clan." Col. John A. Oates introduced her with these words, "A Dame of the British Empire, she ranks as Churchill. Next to the Queen she is honored and respected by the British people. We aren't honoring her. She is honoring us."

Tuesday night Dame Flora spoke to the students and faculty of FMC and the general public. Afterwards Patrick Gordon rendered a bagpipe solo and John MacLeod sang a Scottish Ballad.

The delightful day was ended with a formal reception in the parlors.

Spiritual Enrichment Week Plans Made

Mr. Murphy Williams will be the speaker during our annual Spiritual Enrichment Week which will be observed October 13-15. Mr. Williams will carry out the theme of the Christian Association, "That I May Know Him," in his many messages to us. He will have chapel Tuesday through Thursday and vespers will be enjoyed in the evenings after dinner. The final service will end with the singing of the Christian Association theme hymn around the rotunda.

Hall devotionals and meditations in the auditorium will complete the days during Spiritual Enrichment Week. Everything possible is being done to make this period of enrichment more productive than ever before.

Each class will have a time set aside during the afternoons in which they may talk with Mr. Williams on any subject that they wish. It has been suggested that the Christian Association bring several topics before the student body and give each class a choice of a topic that they would like to discuss with Mr. Williams. The Student Body will be free to give topics or any other suggestions they may have that would help these Seminar Groups to be more worthwhile.

The cabinet will have a coffee at 6:40 for Mr. Williams the first night that he is here.

PRAYER

Our Father, Thou who art the giver of life itself, we ask Thy guidance in all that we do—that we may constantly glorify Thy name. Amen.

Rat Day Held Saturday, October 3

Saturday, October 3, is a day which will long rest in the memories of the freshmen here at FMC. They have decided that being "rats" and having the sophomores as "cats" is quite an experience—and one not easily forgotten.

Their day began with a "tour of the gardens" at 6:30 o'clock in the morning and was climaxed in the afternoon with Rat Court in which some were tried and punished for offenses. Between times, they were kept busy "serving their masters".

The Freshmen found one bright spot about the day however, and it was summed up this way: "just wait til next year!"

Fire Cpts. Named

Eva Gray Davis, fire chief of the college, has announced the following as fire captains:

- Jeanette McNeill - Margan II
- June Jarrett - Morgan III
- Shirley Bolin - Vardell II
- Carolyn Long - Vardell III
- Nancy Gallop - Fleming
- Barbara Cockrell - Page
- Lucille Graham - West II
- Caroline Goodman - West III
- Cleo Codas - Conserve

The first fire drill was held Wednesday, September 23, and others are planned for later on in the year.

She: My father takes things apart to see why they don't go.
He: So what?
She: So You'd better go.