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Conventions Attended By Flora Macdonald Girls

Methodist Convention Held In Lawrence, Kansas

By Sue Littlewood

The day after Christmas was no day for sleeping, at least not in the homes of some forty-one Methodist college and university students who planned to take the North Carolina Methodist Student Movement special bus to the National Student Conference in Kansas.

The alarms sounded at various hours (mine at 5:00 A. M.!) according to the distances we had to travel to get to Greensboro. As in the case of most charter buses which carry such a variety of people, we didn't start on time. Leaving Greensboro at about two o'clock, we had plenty of time to get rather well acquainted before rolling into Lexington, Ky. at 4:30 (EST) the next morning. We educated all people from the plains on "The Danger of Curves in Three Ranges of Mountains" or "How to Get Sick and Keep on Singing".

Since no one had had any sleep we didn't leave Lexington until late the next morning, and it was rather smooth sailing from there on. The geography lessons were very good, many of us seeing the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers and several of the states for the first time. St. Louis, Missouri looked rather forboding that Sunday night with more beverage signs than Flossie Mac could ever put a "Do Not" on, but we finally found a drug store before going back to the hotel. The next day, we found that through our fun, study, motion-sickness, and singing together we felt quite close to one another. We even got a North Carolina song together that contained everything from "Dixie" to "Carolina Moon". We arrived at Kansas University, December 28 with snowball fights, our Tarheel sing, and minds and hearts eager to learn.

We discovered the reason for our boots and warm clothing as most of us lived about a mile from Hock auditorium. We couldn't complain, for when we got there, even on that first night, the speaker was one of world renown—Phillipe Maury from Geneva, Switzerland, the worker with our World Christian Student Federation. He had the tremendous task of introducing our theme, "Christ Transforming Culture." (We found here that "culture" did not mean concerts and book clubs, but the very essence of character of a society; the thing in which the people trust and have as their purpose for a living community.)

The worship center for our conference was of such a unique nature that it was a learning experience to me in the field of expression of worship in art, and worship aided by symbolism. I must admit that at first I was rather awe-struck more than anything else as it covered the whole stage, and activities took place in and around it. It consisted of a cross and chalice in black, an indication of a dome by an arched figure in white, with an altar inside in blue and white with three huge white candles on top symbolizing the trinity. The lighting was done most-

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Methodist Delegate



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Around The World And Back

With ELLEN WILLIAMS

Admiral William H. P. Blandy died on January 12, 1954 resulting from a stroke. He retired in 1950 after being commander in chief of the Atlantic Fleet for three years. Blandy led the first post-war atom bomb tests at Bikini in 1946. He was 63 years old.

The State Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner will be held at the Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel in Raleigh on February 13.

On January 12 Secretary of State Dulles said in a speech prepared on Foreign Relations that "this country is negotiating only 'to advance the cause of human welfare'". He rejected the idea of a deal for "a division of world power" with the Soviet Union. With the elapse of two weeks, the Berlin Conference will begin as the Big Four convene. Many feel that Russia's aim is to win the United State's approval of a Communist sphere in Eastern Europe.

Amintore Fanfari was the Christian Democrat's choice for a new Italian Premier in the January Election. Fanfari is 45 years old and is the youngest man ever called to Italy's Premiership. His experience in Italy's Parliament equips him with promising success in his mending Italy's party ranks.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has announced that elections to the Soviet Parliament will be held March 14. The present two houses of Parliament end their four-year terms on March 12. The Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities makes up Parliament.

Ralph C. Clontz of Charlotte has revealed his work as an undercover informant of the FBI on Communist activities for the past four years. His work has been so secret that this information came as a complete shock to his father, Rev. Clontz, a retired Presbyterian minister. Mr. Clontz, Jr. is 31 years old and practices law in

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AUBURN BOUND



Shirley Willis and Ellen Williams are shown packing for the trip to the Presbyterian Youth Convention held during the Christmas holidays.

Presbyterian Convention Held In Auburn, Alabama

By Saradee Davis

December 29th over 1800 young people from all over the South met to gether at Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn, Ala. to attend the Fifth Quadrennial Youth Convention of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. Included in that number were some twenty-four from Flora Macdonald College: Elizabeth McIntosh, Ellen Williams, Elise Hudson, Emojeane Womeldorf, Kittye Oliver, Nancy Bell, Shirley Thornton, Shirley Willis, DeLanie Boney, Mary Lisle Tucker, Lucile Wilds, Young Sun Cha, Dot Hamilton, Pat Farmer, Charlotte Calhoun, Nancy Stikeleather, Peggy Carter, Lucy Fleming, Betsy Graham, June Ferguson, Pat Lovett, Sue Owen, Jo-Anne Drummond, Dee Davis.

The purpose of the convention was to make our young people more aware of the implications of faith in our world today, and to help us become more committed to a growing witness in our lives. The theme was "The Christian's Mission." Each young person came to see better that his own mission in life—whatever his calling may be—is a part of Christianity's answer to the world situation.

Before the Convention convened we were already a united group. We were united in purpose and interest. Study books had been sent to us a short time after registration so that we could study them and be prepared to discuss common problems and important issues with better understanding. The three books given to each delegate were: "That They May Have Life", by D. T. Niles; "A Call to Evangelism", a study guide for the book by Niles, prepared by Felix Gear, Harry Goodykoontz, Rachel Henderlite, and Watson Strept; and "You Shall Be My Witnesses, by E. T. Thompson, a study guide on Acts 1-7.

Upon our arrival we registered and were assigned rooms, given meal tickets and a schedule of events, assigned to Bible study groups and to discussion groups. (I was ganged up on—here I was assigned two former roommates—my sister and Mary Lisle). After eating a big supper we went over to the Student Activity Building for group singing. After the singing Mr. Oliver Carmichael, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Kentucky, led us in worship. The worship services were all unique, and truly of great inspiration.

Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Seminary and moderator of the Presbyterian Church USA, was our first speaker. He spoke on "The Darkness That Defies the Light." The challenge of various ideologies current in the world today were presented. The Church's own failure in living up to the creed she confesses and in meeting the challenges and problems she faces were seriously considered. The next morning we met in our discussion groups (composed of about 20 young people and an adult leader) and discussed these challenges. Dr.

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Vacation Bible School Institute To Be Held

Dr. Leslie Bullock announces that a Vacation Bible School Institute will be held on the four Monday nights in February and the first Monday night in March, from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M. This is being held at the same time as the Fayetteville Presbyterian Leadership School and in co-operation with that school. This Institute is strictly for the students of the college to prepare them for greater service as leaders and helpers in local churches this summer. By attending this Institute instead of the regular classes of the Leadership School, the students will not only gain specific preparation in the Bible School courses to be used this summer; but they will also help relieve the congestion in the classes of the Leadership School. Nights spent attending this Institute will not count against your nights out.

Both the General Assembly and the Synod have strongly urged that no one be employed to work in Bible Schools this summer unless they have attended an institute of this sort. Therefore, if you are planning to seek work of this kind this summer, or if you simply want to be of greater help in your local church, you will benefit by attending the Institute.

The leaders will be:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Ben Campen; Primary, Miss Ann Jordan; Junior, Mrs. Leslie Bullock; Pioneer, Miss Betty McLean.

These will be assisted by the seniors in the Department of Bible and Christian Education.

More information in regard to the school will be given as the time draws nearer.

OBHEY THE TRAFFIC LAWS

Students Respond To Fund Campaign

According to a pre-Christmas report given by Betty Lou Lamb, student chairman of the college fund-raising campaign, the drive in the school had wonderful results.

Each student had a chance to pledge any amount which she wished as long as the money was coming from some money which she could say was her own to pledge. The pledging was entirely voluntary and met with great response.

From one hundred and fifty students pledging a total of two thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

The co-operation of the students showed their interest in the campaign and also that they are backing Dr. Woodson in his work for the campaign.

COLLECT OLD CARDS

The Student Volunteers recently sponsored the project of collecting old Christmas cards and preparing them for use by Missionaries. Girls brought cards back from home; and a workshop was held in Watkins to cut out the pictures, which are very helpful in teaching both on the home and foreign fields.

CHRISTMAS CONTESTS

Two contests were held on campus during the week preceding the Christmas holidays.

The halls were judged for the best Christmas decorations, and Morgan II was proclaimed the winner.

A table contest was sponsored by the St. Cecelia Music Club on the night of the Christmas banquet, and Jessie Blalock's table was chosen as the best-decorated. Each member of the table was awarded a prize.