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## Around The World And Back

with FAYE JENKINS

### Eisenhower Personally Ordered Suspension of Atomic Scientist

The most sensational security case since the dawn of the atomic energy age broke today around Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the man who directed the building of the first A-bomb and one of the first to conceive of the hydrogen bomb.

By personal order of President Eisenhower, Oppenheimer has been barred from all access to secret data and suspended as one of the nation's foremost atomic defense advisers—pending a check of sixteen F.B.I. charges gathered against him.

One of the major charges is that he fought and delayed development of the H-bomb. Other allegations linked the famous scientist with known Communist and Communist activities even after he took charge of the A-bomb development at Los Alamos New Mexico, in 1952.

Gordon Gray, president of U. N. C. and former Secretary of the Army, is one of the three serving on the A. E. C. panel which is investigating and weighing the charges.

Oppenheimer has admitted working for Communist causes in the past, his wife being an ex-Communist, and his opposition in 1949-50 to building the H-bomb.

But he openly denies ever being a Communist Party member and he declares that once ex-president Truman ordered the H-bomb work started, he dropped all opposition and helped develop it. Truman has verified this statement.

### Toscanini's Orchestra Due To Be Broken Up

Toscanini, 87, announced his decision to retire after his last concert of the season on April 4. With Arturo Toscanini in retirement, the NBC Symphony Orchestra will be broken up and will be replaced on the NBC network next fall by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

### Reuther Urges Tax Cut To Spur U. S. Buying

The CIO President, Walter Reuther, said the nation needs more purchasing power rather than a larger production capacity, and called for income tax cuts to provide it.

He urged the Senate Finance Committee to approve increased personal exemptions which would cut taxes sharply for low income groups and increase their ability to buy.

### McCarthy Controversy

Public hearings on Army-McCarthy controversy are scheduled to start April 22. Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's top aides have agreed to give the Senate investigators a written statement outlining their part in McCarthy's row with the Army. The key figure in the Senate Investigation Committee are Francis P. Carr and Ray M. Cohn.

### Interest Rate Reduction Approved

The Federal Reserve Bank approved on April 13 a new interest rate reduction in a move to stimulate the money and credit market. The Board agreed to let District Reserve Banks cut their discount rate from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 percent. The discount rate is the in-

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## Gardens Are Now In Full Bloom

This past week until the rains came the school gardens were in full bloom and were very beautiful. Every year about this time many people come to Flora Macdonald to see the gardens, so it isn't unusual to see a crowd here every Sunday.

By May Day they should be very pretty again and will portray the beauty of nature.

## District Debates Held At FMC

The North Carolina Debating Union of the University Extension Service, University of North Carolina, sponsored its annual district debates on April 8, at Flora Macdonald College to select the best affirmative and negative teams that would represent the Southeastern District in the State Debates at Chapel Hill.

The query for the 1953-54 contest was "Resolved, That the President of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people."

The schools represented by the affirmative teams were Barker Ten Mile of Lumberton, Biscoe, Clinton, Hamlet, Lilesville, Maxton, Rockingham and Seagrove.

The negative teams were from Biscoe, Clinton, Maxton, and Rockingham.

After a morning and afternoon of very heated debates packed with keen competition, the winners were selected. They were:

Affirmative team: Clinton High School, Debaters, Margaret McQueen and Donald Herring.

Negative team: Maxton High School, Debaters, Pat Henderson and Bobby Burns.

The debates were held by Miss Annie M. Cherry of the Education Department.

## Weiner Roast Given For Senior Class

Last Monday those lucky seniors were given a weiner roast at Lake Wood by Miss Robertson. Even though it was cold, Mary Lyle Tucker, Jean Miller and Jean Stepp took a dip in the lake and the rest of the not so daring girls rode on the ferris wheel, swings and the merry-go-round at the small amusement park there. One of the day students, Mildred Dedas, took some moving pictures of the party and they should be quite good.

Mrs. McCain, Mrs. Campin, and Miss Robertson went with the girls and had an enjoyable time also.

## SVM Installed New Officers

At a called meeting, April 12, the new officers of the Student Volunteers were installed. The new officers elected to lead the SVM during the coming year are: President, Cristine Maloney; Vice President, Sara Sanders; Secretary, Jane Wood; Treasurer, Nancy Bell; Representative from the group at large, Mildred Drumheller. Hilda Phillips, Outreach Chairman, will serve as a representative from the Christian Cabinet. Miss Margaret Bowen is the Adviser of this group.

## Bicentennial Celebration Now In Cumberland

Nearby Fayetteville and all of Cumberland County are excited over the Bicentennial Celebration now going on. Just to take a trip to Fayetteville would give you a chance to see the participation of the people in this excitement. Bears and Kentucky Colonel ties adorn the men, while the women have taken to long dresses, large bonnets, and no make-up. Being caught by the kangaroo court means punishment or fines for not going by the special rules for this occasion. Everyone here at school, especially the girls from Cumberland County, are greatly interested in keeping up with all that is going on.

The week of April 19-24 has been set aside as the special week for the biggest part of the celebration. Each day finds something going on at all times. Each evening this week the production, "The River of Courage" will be presented in the high school football stadium. Tuesday afternoon there is to be a lively parade in which Flora Macdonald is participating with some of our girls on a float. Marlene Jones has been selected as Miss Flora Macdonald for this special occasion. Other girls riding this float will be Nancy Stikeleather, Sylvia Greene, Retta Parker, Jean Johnson, DeLanie Boney, Sara Margaret McLeod, Jessie Blalock, Peggy Carter, Carolyn Musselwhite, and Saradee Davis. Friday afternoon there will be a Gathering of the Clans from this section. Again our school will take part in the parade for that day. With so much going on, everyone will be watching for more development of this celebration taking place so near own town of Red Springs.

## A Sister Weekend

Unofficially the week end of April 10th was sister week end for four students at FMC were visited by their sisters.

Every senior and others were glad to see Virginia Owen come back for a visit. Ginnie is this year studying in Raleigh at Rex Hospital. Previous to this she was a FMC'er. She is the sister of Sue Owen of Cluster Springs, Va.

Betty Monroe of Clarkton visited her sister, Sallie Ann. Betty is a sophomore at Clarkton High School.

Blond, Maxine Mays was the guest of her older sister, Jo, although one would never guess their relationship by looks.

Miss Mary Rosa Fleming of Mebane visited her sister, Lucy, this past week end. Mary Rosa is a graduate of Flora Macdonald College and is now teaching at the Alexander Elementary School.

## W. F. PROGRAMS

The W. F. Programs planned for the next two weeks are:

April 25: "Go Ye Therefore Into All The World."

May 2: "An Outdoor Worship."

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

## Graduate Exams Given Seniors

The Ford Foundation is sponsoring a survey of the Presbyterian schools and colleges in North Carolina. To determine the value of the various schools to their students, each student is to be given an examination and the results from the various schools and colleges will be compared. The examination is composed of two parts; the first contains a variety of material and the second consisted of material relevant to the major of the Student taking the test.

After the results have been compiled, the Foundation will make recommendations for improvements to each of the schools and colleges.

## BSU Officers Elected, Installed

The BSU has elected their new officers for the coming year. They are as follows: Annie Byrd, President; Bonnie Bunn, Vice-President; Clara Lyles, Secretary; Betty Jo Gore, Treasurer. Other officers are: Naomi Lee, Music; Ricardo Lambert, Reporter; Mrs. Cort Norwood, Mrs. Paul Early, Sponsors; Shirley Bullard, Sunday School Representative; Joan Hester, BTU Representative; and Mickie Jernigan, Magazine Representative.

For the Installation these new officers and the retiring officers entered the church with lighted candles. Geraldine Brown, the retiring President, presided over that portion of the program. Barbara Arrington, accompanied by Barbara Stephens, sang "O Jesus, I Have Promised", a very appropriate hymn for the occasion.

The new officers gave very impressive talks on the following topics; "What Youth Needs to Find in the Church" by Bonnie Bunn; Betty Jo Gore spoke on "What the Church Needs in Its Youth," "Functions of the BSU" was discussed by Clara Lyle; Mrs. Early, our adviser, challenged each officer in his talk. Annie Byrd, president, gave the response.

The college girls organized a separate Training Union with Joan Hester as President. Each Sunday night at the Baptist Church the BSU plans to have a Singspiration Hour at 6:30 P. M. followed by Training Hour at 7:00 P. M.

## DR. AND MRS. WOODSON GO ON VACATION

Dr. and Mrs. Woodson have recently left on a vacation trip to Florida. The Board and Dr. Johnson recommended such a trip after their splendid but hard work on the campaign. They are at present, visiting in Ft. Lauderdale and enjoying the sunshine.

Both of them are missed much by all. They are expected to be back in Red Springs Friday the 16th.

The entire student body was very pleased and proud to learn that we had received an "A." Only through the efforts of Mrs. Gamble, our dietian and dining hall supervisor, were the necessary improvements made.

## Prayer Band Leaders Chosen For Next Year

After, prayerful consideration the New Cabinet chose twenty-two capable and fine girls to lead the Student Body as Prayer Band Leaders. Those who will have this wonderful opportunity for the coming year are:

Martha White, Julia Lee Ribet, Lou Ann Nethercutt, Mildred Drumheller, Young Sun Cha, Joan Hester, Ricardo Lambert, Lucy Richardson, Annie Byrd, Norma Pittard, Jean Morris, Betsy Graham, Pat Ritter, Martha Ann Morrison, Mickie Jernigan, Pat Powell, Sybil Hinds, Nancy Bell, Gladys McCean, Emojeane Womeldorf, Joyce Thigpen, Caroline Goodman.

After a period of training the new leaders will be installed and every student will have the opportunity to sign up for the prayer band of her choice.

## Spring Holidays Enjoyed By All

The campus is filled once more with students, wearing the slight smile of remembered good times of the holiday season. Thursday everyone, eager with anticipation, called joyfully to one another as they gathered their bags to be on their way. After four short, full days, they found themselves once more in class.

Everyone can think back to the joy of seeing her old friends once more and finding out what had been happening to them, to the good feeling of being at home with her family for a few days, to the Easter bunny's coming in one way or another, and for the New Yorkers—to the thrill of seeing many exciting places, which were new to most of them. Whether the holidays were spent quietly at home or on a trip, everyone had an enjoyable time and now can return to the few short weeks before summer.

## New Yorkers Return

Some very tired, but happy Flora Macdonald girls have returned — not from home — but from New York.

They toured New York and were exposed to some of the mysterious and exciting marvels of the city. Friday night they visited Radio City and watched a splendid performance given by the Rockettes.

They saw their first major league baseball game Saturday afternoon in Yankee Stadium. That night they visited and off-Broadway theatre to see the production "Sabrina Affair."

Sunday School and church at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church proved to be a very thrilling religious experience for each of them.

That afternoon they mingled with the socialites of New York as they joined the Easter Parade down Fifth Avenue.

Some went to the Opera, the art museums, and visited friends there in the city. The conclusion of each girl about New York—"I want to go back!"