

# Inglis Fletcher Speaks At Clan Donald Meet

First gathering of the Clan Donald in the Carolinas took place Saturday, April 23, 1955 at Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs, North Carolina and was the occasion of an address by Mrs. Inglis Fletcher, the well-known novelist.

The meeting began in the afternoon with the registration of all guests. The program began at 3:00 p. m. and featured Highland songs and dancing. The main speaker of the afternoon was Major Reginald Henry Macdonald from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After the address the business was taken care of and then a picnic supper was held. Mr. Paul Green, the famed author of "The Lost Colony," was present at the afternoon activities.

The night meeting began with group singing. Miss Claire Simmons of Rock Hill, South Carolina sang a group of Jacobite songs describing the coming of Bonny Prince Charlie to Scotland and the rising of the clans in '45 and his final flight. Miss Vivian Morrison performed the Sword Dance and sang a song in Gaelic. Mr. Donald Macdonald of Charlotte, North Carolina presided as Master of Ceremonies.

Mrs. McCain introduced the speaker, Mrs. Inglis Fletcher. Mrs. Fletcher started with this statement, "There was something about Flora Macdonald that made me write a book." She "saw her as a woman who was waiting, waiting, waiting." This became the basis for the story in *The Scotswoman*, her latest novel featuring Flora Macdonald. Mrs. Fletcher went over to Scotland and the Island of Skye in order to get her research material, greatly enjoying her visit there.

In an interview Mrs. Fletcher revealed that it took two years to write a novel — one year for research and one year for the writing. She has completed and published nine novels. Her first two were stories concerning Africa and the next seven constitute her Carolina series. She thinks that her next novel will be on Africa, based on material gotten several years ago on a trip to Africa.

Mrs. Fletcher was accompanied by her husband, Mr. John Fletcher. They live on Bandon Plantation, near Edenton, North Carolina.

## Who's Who Williams, CA President, Receives Honors

Ellen Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Williams of Rocky Mount, is another of the seniors from Flora Macdonald College who is listed among the WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.



ELLEN WILLIAMS

Ellen is a history and Bible major with a minor in Christian Education. At present she is doing her student teaching in Bible at the Red Springs High School.

She has been an outstanding student on our campus during the past four years. Her scholastic record is very good. Several times she has appeared on the dean's list and honor roll.

Her freshman year, Ellen was elected treasurer of her class. She served as president of her sophomore class. Last year she was treasurer of the Christian Association. During this year, Ellen has made an excellent president of the association.

Ellen has held membership in several clubs and organizations other than the student council and Christian Association Cabinet. Among those are the math club, choral club, International Relations Club, French Club and Zetesian Society.

Also she was a member of the Skirl staff last year, serving as a reporter.

Besides her scholastic and leadership ability, Ellen possesses beauty. She was an attendant on the May Court her freshman year, Zetesian Society chose her as a marshal.

Ellen's pastime is reading poetry, and she enjoys her collection of proverbs and sayings which she is making. Also, she likes history very much.

She has already accepted work for next year. She plans to be the Director of Christian Education in the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, North Carolina.

She thinks Flora Macdonald is a wonderful place. "The things I have done and learned here have done much to shape my life", says Ellen Williams, a very attractive, dependable, Christian girl who always wears a smile.

Congratulations to you, Ellen, on all your good work and especially your recent honor, being listed among the WHO'S WHO in American Colleges and Universities.

### West Acquires Office

Jean Stuart West, a rising sophomore, was one of two home economic majors to represent the home ec department at a state workshop at Mars Hill College. At this meeting, Jean was elected reporter for the state workshop for 1955-56.

Delores Stone was the other student who attended the workshop, and they were accompanied by Miss Charlotte Womble.

### Math Club Has Picnic

Annual Math Club picnic will be held at Lakewood this year. On Friday, May 13, the group will leave at 3:00 for a hamburger fry.

Shirley Willis is in charge of the refreshments. There will be softball and other games, also swimming, boating and fishing.

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### Cherry Attends Society Meeting

Among the members attending the annual Delta Kappa Gamma Society Convention during the weekend of April 30-May 1 were Miss Annie Moore Cherry, Assistant Professor of Education of FMC, and Miss Charlotte Hodges, member of the State Department of Public Welfare in North Carolina. The convention met in the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The highlight of the convention was the banquet on Saturday night when the National President of Delta Kappa Gamma Society was the guest speaker. Sunday morning was devoted to a worship and remembrance program at which time a tribute was paid to members of the society who have passed away during the previous year.

### Kiger Becomes President

Delta Kappa Gamma is a national teacher's organization. According to Miss Cherry, a member of the Lambda Chapter which is the chapter in this area, "It is a group of women teachers who are interested in the future of children and in helping them in the field of education. They endeavor to promote a finer educational program in the state and nation."

Shirley Kiger has been selected to preside over next year's Future Business Leaders of America. Serving with her are Janie Bryant, vice-president; Faye Graham, secretary; and Betty Jane Atchley, treasurer.

Flora Macdonald College F. B. L. A. held its regular monthly meeting on April 27 in the college parlors. Nell Lennon presided, and Mr. T. O. Gentry, Principal of the Laurel Hill School, was the guest speaker.

Plans for the May meeting include the club's annual picnic which will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 21, at the home of the sponsor, Miss Leta McIntyre.

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