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Choral Club Spends Week-Ends on Tour

The month of April brings one thing to the mind of all Flora Macdonald Choral Club members—tours. Nearly all of the weekends in April will find the Choral Club "on the road."

On April 8th at 7:30 o'clock the Choral Club presented a sacred program at the First Presbyterian Church in Sumter, South Carolina.

The following Sunday, April 15th, will find the Choral Club giving two concerts; the afternoon concert will be presented at 5:00 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church at Lake Waccamaw and the evening concert will be presented at 7:30 in the Pearsall Presbyterian Church of Wilmington.

Entertainment was provided by the Club on April 10th in Laurinburg. At two separate morning performances, "Ye Sons of Israel" by Mendelssohn and "My Sprit Be Joyful" by Bach

Organ Guild to Meet

The Guild Student Group of Flora Macdonald College will be host and hostesses to the Cape Fear Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for the regular meeting, on Friday evening, April 20, at eight o'clock. The program, which will be held in the auditorium, will be a recital by GSG members. Those performing will be Martha Steppe, Gaddis McDonald, Sarah Brawley, Ann Eller, Judy Brown, Mary Frances Ross, Sylvia Williams, and Betty Jo Trent. Students and faculty members who would like

to attend the program are cordially invited to do so. That evening, a secular program consisting of "Ye Banks and Braes" a Scotch air, arranged by Fletcher; "Comin' Thru The Rye," by Simeone and "Let All My Life Be Music," Spross, was given at 6:30 at Camp Monroe.

The final Tour program will be given for the North Carolina Medical Association which is holding its annual meeting at the Carolina Hotel in Southern Pines on April 29th.

Skirl Staff Selected

For the next year Dot Hall, rising sophomore from Linden, North Carolina, heads The Skirl staff as editor-in-chief. The very able members who back her up are Jeanne Flournoy, Associate Editor; Marie Potter, Business Manager; Shirley Guyer, Assistant Business Manager; Joyce Owens, Circulation Manager; Frances Morton, News Editor; Lee Jordan, Feature Editor; Becky Browning, Sports Editor; Betty Jo Trent, Art Editor; Ann Eller and Stella Hurst, Conservatory Editors.

The editor reported that the typists for the coming year have been selected. Potter has a good group making up the business staff. The reporters, also, have been selected. From the looks of this, it all shapes up to a good year for The Skirl during 1956-1957.

Hodges, Students Participate In Synod-Wide Convocation

On April 10, 1956, a Synod-wide Convocation for Christian Higher Education was held at Laurinburg, North Carolina, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting throughout the day. The keynote speaker was Governor Luther A. Hodges. He appeared on the program at 2:00 p.m. following a barbeque luncheon.

The rally attracted an estimat-

ed crowd of two to four thousands of people from all over the state.

According to action by the 1955 Synod, \$3,500,000 was established as a goal for a campaign in 1956 to support the cause of Christian higher education. This convocation officially launched the campaign.

Distinguished educators in-

cluding Dr. Francis C. Rosecrance, Associate Dean of the School of Education, New York University; Dr. Carey P. Bostain, Chancellor of North Carolina State College; and Dr. J. Ross McCain, President Emeritus of Agnes-Scott College, Atlanta, Ga., highlighted the all-day program.

During the day the Peace College and Flora Macdonald College choirs presented musical selections. In addition the Flora Macdonald Scottish dance group performed the Highland fling and other Scottish dances.

Students of Flora Macdonald College, Presbyterian Junior College, Peace College, Davidson College, Queens College, East Carolina College, University of North Carolina, Duke University, State College and Woman's College also appeared on the program. Ruth Evelyn Topping was the Flora Macdonald College representative on the program.

Evangelistic Team of Four Visits Red Springs Church and Flora Macdonald College

On April 6-7, F.M.C. was privileged to have on its campus four young men from the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. The four seminary boys were Don Wardlow, Jim Campbell, Charles Williams, and Wool Howell.

The occasion for the boys to visit our campus was the result of an invitation by the Presbyterian Church here in Red Springs to visit the Presbyterian Church. The boys explained that their purpose in visiting different places in Virginia and North Carolina was not to obtain commitments by young people to give themselves to full-time Christian work, but to let young people realize the full joy that is obtained by going into such work. They said that the joy that is obtained by doing the work that God has in store for them was marvelous and

that it enriched their lives very much to do just what God wanted them to do in order to expand His Kingdom.

On Saturday night the boys gave some wonderful entertainment to the students who were present at the Saturday night recreation and Christian fellowship program. They led the group in group singing in the gymnasium. Afterwards there were refreshments served, which were enjoyed by all attending. The fellowship was closed for the night with a closing worship service given by Charles Williams.

The boys were in charge of the Sunday School classes at the Presbyterian Church for the college girls' class and the Senior High class. Jim Campbell spoke at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Tea Fetes Seniors

Monday, April 9, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., members of the Senior class, the faculty, and friends from Red Springs were entertained by Mrs. P. P. McCain at her home in Southern Pines, North Carolina. The tea was informal and is an annual occasion to which all Seniors look forward.

Mrs. Rosco D. McMillan, Sr. introduced the guests to the receiving line which consisted of Mrs. Elizabeth Currie, Senior class advisor; Bonnie Bunn, Senior class president; Julia Naugle, vice president; June Jarrett, secretary; Martha White, treasurer; and Catherine Carter, and Elmira Stanford, managers of the tea room. Mrs. J. D. Odum, Jr. and her daughter Ruthie, Senior mascot, also greeted the guests.

After having gone through the receiving line, the guests were shown to the dining room by Mrs. Annie Brooks and Mrs. Eugene Neighbors. There delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, assorted nuts, and punch which was served by Misses Harriet and Hazel Morrison, were enjoyed by all. Good-byes were said at the door by Mrs. R. D. McMillan, Jr.

McLean to Moderate Foreign Panel

On the Flora Macdonald campus there is a group of students who form the United Nations Club. These students are a most interesting group of girls with whom to talk. Their leader this past year was Betty Jo Hatcher, a Senior from Garner, North Carolina. Betty Jo has worked most intensively with these students, ever making them feel more at home on our campus. Since Betty Jo is a Senior and will not be here at Flora Macdonald any longer, the problem arose of obtaining a new leader for next year. The girl chosen for this particular job is a very capable Junior, Hazel McLean, from Raeford, North Carolina.

Hazel has been in very close contact with these students since her arrival on the Flora Macdonald College campus.

These students travel throughout North Carolina visiting various churches in the state. They represent Flora Macdonald College wherever they go. They take the spirit of Christ with them always as they make their trips to tell others about missions, our college, and Christ.

Betty Jo, better known to everyone as "Hatcher", is responsible for this group being formed into one strong club on our campus. She has worked very closely with Mr. Glenn Overton, Business Manager for the college, in planning trips for this group to take. "Hatcher" is recognized as the "originator" of this club.

The next trip that the United Nations Club is to make is to Fairmont, North Carolina.

Students Voice Views on Rules

"If they'd quit treating us like two year olds," exclaimed one indignant student, "everyone would probably co-operate a lot better." From this vigorous opinion to a lazy "I don't know," the students voiced their views about the Handbook and the changes they would like to see made in the present rules.

Changes in privileges were the most numerous and the following came from both upperclassmen and lowerclassmen: a certain number of breakfast cuts per quarter or semester, to be used only when the meal book had been signed the night before so that the breakfast count might be correct; unlimited week-ends for all students except first semester Freshmen; the discontinuance of signing on the proctor's door when studying on the hall or leaving the hall; students with open study should have permission to play their radios and record players during closed study providing they do not disturb anyone. A student commented, "They do it anyhow, so they might as well do it legally."

Other privileges such as later

dating hours, more light cuts, more freedom as far as dating is concerned were mentioned, but less frequently.

Stronger feeling was expressed toward required attendance at Church and Chapel. "I don't think anyone should be required to attend Church," stated several students. "We should be able to attend because we want to, and not because we must." As far as Chapel is concerned, many seemed to feel that it is very worthwhile but that more Chapel cuts should be given. "The break from classes in mid morning is good, and the Chapel programs have been excellent on the whole," was the frank opinion of a student. "But," she continued, "I feel that on some mornings the program has not been planned and we have to go just as a matter of habit."

Two interesting items as far as dress is concerned were generally mentioned. One that we be allowed to wear blue jeans or pedal pushers to Saturday night dinner when no guests were eating. The other is that burmudas or pedal pushers can

be worn to the bookroom and the Bursar's office.

The two major changes however seem to concern riding and smoking. It is almost unanimously agreed that smoking in the rooms is out of the question, due to fire risk. The query now is, "Why can't a place be provided for those girls who wish to smoke?" This question was posed by those who do not smoke as well as those who do.

Riding privileges for Sophomores and Freshman were the first change usually suggested by all from Freshman to Senior. This seems to be the biggest headache. One Freshman expressed it this way, "We rode on dates at home all during high school. We are supposed to be mature young women that can be trusted when we reach college age. I don't believe anyone would mistreat the privilege if they had it." The suggestion has been to allow Freshmen to ride at least one night a week, even if special permission from home would be required each time; and more freedom for Sophomores.