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### EDITORS' EFFORT

Have you ever spent an ideal Easter or wished that this Easter would be a perfect one in every respect? What circumstances do you think necessary for having the most enjoyable Easter season ever? The things that would bring to some of us supreme happiness would not affect some others in the least. Yet on second thought we share certain common aspirations, dreams, wishes, and needs for a happy Easter. It might be a good idea to consider further some of these "intangibles" which if fulfilled would bring to us as FMC students much delight at this time.

Peering into this compact community of students from all angles, we notice its solidarity dissolved into various little groups. One group doesn't appear to be a group at all as they scurry one by one into the dining room. That fact tells us they are the table girls. Their ceaseless chatter mixed with the hum of busy work reveals their greatest desire for this Easter. Just to get a substitute or better still not to have to get one in the first place would be such a great relief. The substitute's plea is "Oh, how many more times will I be asked?" Not to be able to go home for Easter especially when you live just a few miles distant is not such a pleasant thought. This is a time when exceptions to the rules are the convenient and most desirable aspect of them, when we wish that rules were really made to be broken. And, speaking of going home for Easter, that is the chief desire of every student. Just to be home in the atmosphere of all the "familiar folk," even the thought of it changes our inmost being. And besides, wouldn't it be nice to have an extra day off since the spring holidays were sooooo short and since that friend from Carolina, or State, or Davidson is just now getting home for spring vacation.

Members of another group on campus are seen strolling toward the town school or chugging along in the college transportation to one of the neighboring schools. These are the student teachers whose dreams for a happy Easter seem to be contradictory. To be through teaching would be the greatest thing on earth, even to be near completion. Nevertheless, they long for a break from the school marm's daily duties. Easter holidays for the school children bring this release and a chance to "freshen up."

Some students belong to the group that still has limited weekends. Their Easter happiness is marred by the fact that this is their last weekend for the semester.

Practically every student falls into one particular category. If not, then girls have ceased to be girls. Easter to these would be just perfect with that new outfit. And won't that orchid look splendid with it! Even red roses will do.

Finally, there is a classification into which we could all fall, the one that does things. Doing something for someone is giving of ourselves. It is bringing joy to that someone with the result being inward satisfaction, peace, and happiness for us. This is a mark of the achievement of the real Easter spirit.

We feel sure that you must have fallen into one of these categories. Furthermore, we hope that you had the happiest Easter ever!

## New Adventure In Books

At Flora Macdonald College a new adventure has been embarked upon—an adventure into the world of books. In the conservatory adjacent to the music bookstore is a huge book stall containing some of the latest paperback editions of best-sellers as well as numerous dictionaries and collections.

The idea for this type of book stall is a new idea which has been growing for some time and has been realized this year. In order to start the book stall several attempts were made to contact paperback book publishing

houses. Being limited in finances the committee found it difficult to settle on an arrangement with a publishing house. However, a publishing house in Fayetteville was contacted and consented to give the books on consignment. Each month a check for the books sold is sent to them.

Paperback books are attractive, flexible, and economical. The paperback books in the book stall are not cheap books that can be bought anywhere. They are among the best quality books in many varied fields. The following excerpts are some of the titles

## The Army Brat - Drena Edwards

Tossing a friend an old pair of bermudas to do some painting in I mentioned, "They're tremendous. They'd fit an elephant," and went into another room. Realizing too late the consequences of what I'd said, I waited for the inevitable. She broke the silence saying rather quietly, "Say, Dren, next time that safari comes through how about talking to a larger elephant?" I could do no more than any Big Game Hunter would do in a like situation; I offered her a pith helmet and a paint brush and promised, "We'll get that water buffalo yet or my name's not Clyde Beatty!" She, being another Army Brat with a warped sense of humor, counters by asking in large crowds just how long this elephant friend of mine and I are planning on wearing one another's cars and don't I think it's gone on long enough? She even sends me poison pen letters supposedly from the S. P. C. A.

Nothing makes a straight-standing, sharp-looking paratrooper stand more erect or spend more time shining his boots and polishing his brass

than to be in the midst of non-jumping troops. Consequently he expects everyone to notice the obvious difference between him and a (pardon the expression) "leg"; and he tends to be highly insulted if someone doesn't. My favorite airborne type was recently in just such a situation. When asked to prove that he was the airborne Lt. on the post, he was understandably stunned and aghast; astonished, I suppose, that his authenticity could be questioned. Thoughts raced through his head. Had the shine on his boots become cloudy? Was there a finger print on his belt buckle? Were his jump wings on crooked?? Had one of his trouser legs come loose?? By Gen. Gavin, he knew none of those things could be. The truth was (ye gads, it's almost frightening) this woman really didn't know he was (sigh) airborne.

"Lady," said he patiently, "There's only one airborne Lt. on post." And then quite indignantly he added in a mounting voice, "Look at me! Can't you tell I'm airborne?" Then for emphasis, "GTTTTT!!!"

## Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen to-day,  
Sons of men and angels say:  
Raise your joys and triumphs high,  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

Love's redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell!  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ hath opened Paradise

Live again our glorious King:  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save:  
Where thy victory, O Grave?

Charles Wesley

## Literary Club Challenged By "On The Beach"

To answer a challenge presented to the student body of Flora Macdonald College during Spiritual Enrichment Week was the purpose of a meeting that took place on March 30. That challenge was to become informed; and the group was the newly organized Literary Club. In the light of the present day world events it is not only the privilege, but the responsibility of the student to develop a working knowledge of the happenings of the twentieth century. The Literary Club

and subjects to be found in the books stall.

### Classics:

David Copperfield

Tale of Two Cities

Gulliver's Travels

Some of Mark Twain's works

Illiad

Odyssey

Some of Shakespeare's works

### Dictionaries:

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hopes to accomplish this purpose by delving with open minds into the works of modern writers.

At the meeting Becky Brooks was elected to lead the group as president. The other officers working with her will be Carol Harris, vice-president, and Roberta Parker, secretary-treasurer.

Before dividing into groups to discuss the first book, *On The Beach*, Judy McCall gave a brief summary of the author's life. Elaine Ward, Barbara Somers, Alice Carol Huggins, Nyal Womble, and Joan Carter, who were the discussion group leaders with their groups discussed in detail the relationship of the book to our world today, and they came up with some far-reaching thoughts. Brought up were such questions as: How can man destroy himself? Would God allow total destruction? If so, would he recreate the world? What will come of the attitude that Americans can never be harmed?

## Sun-Bathing Rules

1. Places sun-bathing permitted:
  - a. Swimming pool
  - b. Tennis courts, (morning only)
  - c. Area provided on back campus
2. Wraps must be worn to and from sun-bathing (gym suits may be worn)
3. Be considerate of others!
4. Sun-bathing will be permitted on Sunday after dinner in the area provided on back campus.
5. Smoking while sun-bathing will be permitted in the area on back campus with the stipulation that the area be kept clean.

## Off To Grad School!

by Phyllis Washburn

This is the time of the year when seniors begin making plans for the coming year. Will they get married and keep house? Or teach twenty-five noisy third graders? Or continue their schooling? Two of our seniors are planning to do this.

Carol Ruff plans to move up a state. She wants to go to the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. Originally known as The Assembly's Training School, this school offers a master's degree in Christian Education. When asked why she was going there Carol laughed and said, "That's a good question." She went on to say that her real interest was youth work. There is a great need for trained leaders in that field and Carol feels that it is a great challenge. When she finishes at P.S.C.E. Carol wants to become a director of youth work in the church or a full-time Director of Christian Education. In the meantime Carol will be doing something that ties in with her interest. She is going to be a counselor at the Girl Scout camp where she has worked before.

Debbie McLeod is thinking seriously about going to Syracuse in the fall to continue her work in the field of music. Debbie wants to further her education and continue the development of her music ability. When she finishes Debbie wants either to return to Canada or to remain in Northern United States and teach music.

Will our unconcern eventually lead to disaster? Would reactions be calm or extreme? Would people change in the face of death? Is there a goal that could unite the world? How far can tolerance (open-mindedness) be taken? Can a college student do anything? How can the world be educated?

No concrete answers were attained, but minds were challenged. Several follow-ups are planned in hopes that the club will be one of action. The next book to be discussed is *The Ugly American*. The faculty as well as students are welcomed so that any interested person may help accept and fulfill the challenge to be informed.