

Report from Abroad

Dr. Ridley reports that the tour has been as fast-paced as it has been interesting. In between such events as receptions, dinners and other items which give cordial welcome and much hospitality to the American traveller abroad, President Ridley has found energy to see many things despite the need for rising at 4:30 a.m. to maintain the tour's tight schedule.

Take Istanbul for instance. There he saw townspeople who are cordial and have great pride in their rich heritage. They also like to study, so carry 100 lbs on their backs. Transportation is very often absent.

Of course the city has much to compensate for a detail such as this. Old Constantinople has the oldest Christian church in the world and this Dr. Ridley visited as well as the famous Blue Mosque. He saw also the castle where Napoleon and Josephine resided while in exile.

But if the Turkish citizenry was cordial, the faculties of all institutions he visited were even more so, the President reports.

Istanbul also has its docks where fish by the tons was piled and where one picks out what he wants and pays for it. There, too, the clock had leaped forward 7 hours for the President after a 14-hour flight with landings at London, Munich and Frankfurt.

Mechanical difficulties forced a layover in Beirut, Lebanon. Here, wrote the President, are also to be found "fine-looking, polite, happy people." At Karachi, Pakistan (population 2,000,000), Dr. Ridley had gained 10 hours because of the time differential. He visited 24 to 30 colleges in an average of seeing two to three institutions daily since leaving Elizabeth City.

Future teacher in Pakistani cities train through a system of five years primary, five years intermediate or secondary, two years or normal or college work leading to the B.A. and one year's additional study leading to the "bachelor of teaching" degree.

Dr. Ridley reports that many are "ready" for teaching by age 18. The need for instructors is great.

That education is vigorously pursued by these pleasant, energetic people is very evident. Classes are held even in buildings under construction.

The doctorate is often earned primarily through examinations and the dissertation, with course work having not so great prominence as in other educational systems.

At Alitchon College (a preparatory school in Lahore) the students' attire is as striking as it is colorful. Blue coats, grey trousers, an insignia on the coat, these are the more sedate features. Most notable to the Westerner is the blue and gold headgear topped by a twelve- or fourteen-inch piece which sprouts skyward.

These items represent male attire among some collegians. Women sit and out of college are so clothed as to make visible their hands and almost nothing else. In keeping with the ancient code of honor to womanhood, women in their homes generally are

not seen at all by the outsiders. In public they observe the greatest decorum.

However the variations in dress, customs and food though, Dr. Ridley found one thing to be constant: the courteousness and ready hospitality of the Pakistani.

Pakistan is halfway around the world from U.S.A. of course, but not so far that our President cannot come into contact with reminders of home. Dr. Ridley reports that it was a delight to have had American cuisine available sometimes but that it was an education to have dishes not usual to the Western visitor.

In addition to home-reminders such as these, he met a North Carolina couple in one Pakistani city and a North Carolina Fulbright scholar in another. So even more vivid reminders of home were present.

The President reports that he has had "safe trips, good landings, good group rapport and health." Most recently he had visited the University of Dacca where he met with the Vice-Chancellor, "a brilliant, fine man."

He also reports that he misses ECSC and that the present nostalgia for friends here will, upon his return, be matched by similar feelings for the friends he has met on the tour.

He is scheduled to spend a day in Calcutta, two days in Bangkok, three in Hong Kong, two in Tokyo, two in Honolulu and one or two in San Francisco. The itinerary of course, is subject to some change.

It remains to thank Mrs. Walter Ridley who graciously provided these details from her husband's correspondence and her permission for the *Compass* to use them. We hope fellow students, the alumni and faculty find them interesting. We did!

Recipe

A cup of patience
A heart filled with love
Two spoonful of grace
And a sincere smile on your face
One heafull of understanding—
Sprinkle generously with kindness
Add plenty of faith and mix well
Spread over a period of a lifetime
And serve graciously to every one
you meet. —Helen Johnson

Excerpts

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But being an old friend of Mrs. E. H. Mitchell of long standing as well as a fellow student in the Old State Normal, I would feel left out if I hadn't been included in such a worthy cause and for such a worthy and deserving person.

It is wonderful she is being honored and the interest being used to help a student.

I pray and wish you all success.

Flora Brown

This is such a worthwhile cause and to such a person—I am sorry that I cannot send more. Hope it will be a little help towards success.

Nannae Daniel

Child's Prayer

Dear God, Mommy tells me that Thou art an Almighty God, able to intervene upon and settle all disputes.

Then why, dear God, is there so much discord in this lovely world that Thou has fashioned with Thine own hands? Why has it been remodelled into a shelter for those who are greedy, ruthless, inconsiderate, and cruel?

O God, I know that Thou art busy all the day keeping the world a-spinning, making the raindrops fall; but I have just a few questions that I would be so grateful if Thou would take time to answer. Mommy also said that You knew the answer to all of my questions. I asked her then I even asked Daddy but they couldn't answer. Would You please listen, dear God, and answer?

Just the other day, Mommy told me that Thou would clothe the naked and feed the poor; but then Daddy was reading in the newspaper that there are millions of starving people all over the world. Why, dear God, does this have to be? Or is it that they did something wrong and are being punished as Mommy often does to me? She says that punishment will make me a better person. If their punishment ever ends, will they be better people?

Daddy also read something about racial demonstrations for equality. Well, my Sunday School teacher told me that we are all one race of Christians and Thou art the Father. Why then, dear Father, are they fighting? Can't You make them stop? Mommy says that maybe they have become delinquents.

There's just one more thing that I would like to know, dear God. Why is Mary Ann so unhappy? She says that You have taken her father to a land of peace and beauty. Now, Mommy says that I shouldn't question Your knowledge about such matters, but if taking her father to this land of peace and beauty makes Mary Ann unhappy, why didn't she go too? She won't play with us kids anymore and she's so unhappy.

Dear God, You always make the transition from the bitter winter to summer so lovely, why can't we omit the summer one year and let You use this time to change the hearts of Your children who by virtue of their greed, ruthlessness, and cruelty have made the world an ugly place to live? Then, dear God, I have a sneaky suspicion that the world would be in harmony and once again a place to try to be great.

Yes, please, dear God, try to find time to answer my questions and consider my suggestion to change the hearts of men in lieu of the winter to summer.

Amen.

—Carol V. Ashe

Don't Forget

Students who plan to do student teaching the second nine weeks of the first semester must have their applications, in triplicate, in the Office of the Director of Student Teaching (Mr. Ulysses S. Lane) on or before April 25.

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Who...? Where...? What...?

Each issue the *Compass* will publish information about graduates in this column. Members of the alumni are invited to submit information about what they are doing and where, to the Office of Information, Box 92, Elizabeth City State College 27909.

William Melton, Jr., '62, is a seventh grade teacher at Robert L. Vann High School, Ahoskie, North Carolina. He is married to the former Lorraine Hogard. They are the parents of two children.

Mariette A. Elliot, '63, is a fourth grade teacher at T. S. Cooper Elementary School. Miss Elliot was a member of the *Compass* staff, Thalia Sorosis Club, and Women's Government Association while at the College. She is affiliated with the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Jeanette Cornelia Hawkins, '63, an English major is a teacher of English at Central High School, Gatesville, North Carolina. While at the college she was a member of the English and Dramatic Clubs.

Bessie Bullock, '63, (Mrs. Lawrence Alfonso Overton) is teaching at the Washington Coleman Elementary School, South Boston, Virginia.

Irma Slade Spruill, '63, an Elementary Education major, is teaching the second grade at the T. S. Cooper School, Sunbury, North Carolina.

Lighthouse Fine Arts Committee

The Fine Arts Committee of the Lighthouse presented ten college student and seven pupils on the Junior Piano Division in Recital on February 26, in the Lighthouse College Center.

Most compositions were from the pens of Baroque, Classic and Romantic composers. Joycelyn Berry, '67 delighted the audience with Gounod's Funeral "March of a Marionette," a Hitchcock's Theme Song.

Parents, students, faculty, well wishers, and performers themselves, all enjoyed the musical program.

Bettie Ashe is acting chairman of the Lighthouse Fine Arts Committee.

English Club

The English Club sponsored an assembly program, February 27, in honor of Shakespeare's Quadracentennial. The program featured "The Songs and Sonnets of Shakespeare," with Jeltro Williams as moderator.

Gwendolyn Sutton, Louise Pearce, Dorothy Lashley, Janice Harrison, Ruth Dugger and Bessie Carr read and discussed some of the Bard's immortal works.

Other programs honoring Shakespeare will be presented by the English Club including Slides of Stratford-upon-Avon "The Merchant of Venice," and listening hour, "Romeo and Juliet."

Hamlet for High Schools

Another phase of the Quadracentennial was the presentation of "Hamlet" in the form of a two-hour play movie, attended by numerous high school students from surrounding areas.

While in college she was a member of the Student NEA, Pyramid Club, and Modern Dance Group. She plans to enter graduate school this summer.

Oliver P. Lasley of Ahoskie, North Carolina, is working towards a master's degree at the University of Maryland, College Park. He plans a career in Guidance and Counseling. Mr. Lasley, a retired Chief Warrant Officer 4th Class is married to Wilhelmina Bond Lasley. They have two children. The family lives in Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Leslie Cooper Poole, an English major, is teaching English at the Mary Potter School, Oxford, North Carolina. Mrs. Poole is a resident of Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

"Hamlet" Viewed

The Modern Languages Department sponsored two showings of *Hamlet* on March 12, in honor of the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare. The presentation of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* brought much interest and enthusiasm to the various surrounding high school students and teachers.

Attending the noon showing of the movie were approximately 400 students and 17 teachers from Marian Anderson High School, Beaufort, N.C., P. W. Moore High School, Elizabeth City, N.C., and Currituck Union School, Currituck, N.C.

The movie was shown a second time at 8:00 p.m. to the students, faculty and staff of the College.

—Glória Forbes

VanJackson Speaks

Wallace VanJackson, director of the library at Virginia State College, was the speaker for National Library Week on Thursday, April 9, at three o'clock, in the Lighthouse.

Mr. VanJackson, recently returned from Nigeria where he served as consultant for a new university library, will speak from the national theme, "Reading Is the Key." He related some of his recent experiences with African leaders and students.

As guests of the Library Committee of the College, Mr. and Mrs. VanJackson were honored at a luncheon in the Captain's Cabin, Lane Hall, at noon. In the fore noon they conferred with Mr. Thompson, College Librarian, about the plans for our new library, the design of which is on the architect's drawing board.

WGA Presents Film

The Women's Government Association presented a film, "As for Me and My House," on February 20 with Jackie Long giving the introductory remarks.

The film pointed out the right and wrong steps in choosing a mate for marriage by showing different approaches and considerations used in such choices, and by showing the inevitable results of these marriages.

The film was enjoyed very much by the students.

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Bon Voyage



President Ridley receives gift prior to leaving for Pakistan. Mr. K. R. Jeffries, Business Manager, makes the presentation in behalf of the faculty and staff.

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