

Miss Swann Finds Holy Land Trip Exciting, Strengthening To Faith

By Bessie Cline

Miss Edith Swann, college Bur-ade magazine, spent approximately four weeks this past summer on an American Express Tour of the Holy Land. Leaving Mars Hill on June 13, Miss Swann flew to New York and on to Rome where she visited St. Peter's cathedral and the catacombs where Christian martyrs once awaited their death. Because of funeral services for Pope John the group was unable to see the world-renown Sistine Chapel. Egypt was the next country visited. Here Miss Swann's group learned something of the age-old practice of bartering with local merchants. One night the group camped on the desert which proved to be an interesting experience. Riding a camel and seeing the great pyramids was quite a thrill for Miss Swann.

Christ's; but only a short distance away in Gordon's Garden was a tomb in the hillside's cave which seemed more realistic. The group was told they could accept the place they thought to be the true tomb of Christ. Skull-shaped and repulsive, Golgotha overlooked this as a constant reminder of the burden it bore so long ago. While in Jerusalem, Miss Swann also visited the Baptist church and bookstore.

Leaving Jordan behind, they crossed the "no man's land" into Israel where they visited David's tomb and observed a communion supper with all the different denominations of the group participating except the guide, who was Catholic. In Nazareth they learned of the people's new way of life on the Kibbutz or collective Jewish farms. They also visited the ruins at Appo and came down the coast to Caesarea.

From the Holy Land the tour left for Athens, Greece, where they saw the Olympic Stadium and ancient ruins. The next stop was Switzerland, which Miss Swann believes, "was the most beautiful place and we only stayed such a short time." A trip through the famous Alps and into a glacier were the highlights of this country. Miss Swann describes the green, rolling meadows, purple snow-capped mountains, and blue sky as "a picture too great for words."

In Paris, the Eiffel Tower proved just a little more of a challenge than had been expected, but the group visited the historical tomb of Napoleon and the Notre Dame Cathedral. It seems that language was no barrier until the group came to France, but here everyone insisted upon speaking only French instead of the broken English heard everywhere else.

During the last days of June, the places of direct relation to

Christ were seen: the manger, which was only a hollowed-out stone in a grotto or cave, the grotto of the Holy family, the place of ascension where there still remains a footprint which is supposed to have been left by Jesus, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the road Christ walked to Calvary.

After a brief plane trip to London, the group visited the British Museum, saw the crown jewels and the play *Oliver*, which is taken from the novel *Oliver Twist*. They also visited Wesley's Chapel since most of the group consisted of Methodists who wanted to view their founder's memorial, and Westminster Abby where the famous men of England found a final resting place.

Because it was Sunday, the tourists could not see the students in their traditional gowns when they visited Oxford University. The home of Anne Hathaway, Shakespeare's wife, and Stratford-on-Avon fulfilled the English visit. Even though London was dim and dirty, England seemed to have beautiful scenery that is undescrivable.

Closing an adventuresome expedition, rewarding experience, and life-long memory, the group flew back to New York. For 31 days Miss Swann was a tourist, enjoyed the sights of foreign countries, and actually walked the lands where Christ once walked. There were precious moments of inspiration and a closer feeling of the realness of God.

Most impressive about the journey were the devotionals the group held each time they visited a Biblical place. At these times one would read the scriptural reference and occasionally some song of like description would be sung. The way of life also remains in Miss Swann's thoughts because the people in Jordan want to live in the past with tents, shepherds and ancient customs, but the people in Israel are proud of the advancements they have made into the modern world.

An abundance of different events, places, and things made up the wonderful "trip of a lifetime." The scenery, people, missionaries, hot weather, dry lands, camel rides, early morning hours, and nice flying all served as a small part of a vast experience.

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Creator of this long-sought character is Ann Lorraine Wilson of Charlotte, a sophomore art student right here at Mars Hill.

But let's tell the story from the very beginning:

Alarmed by the advances made in recent years in the production of fur-like materials being used in the manufacture of women's coats, the purveyors of real furs lobbied the state legislature into passing a law prohibiting the makers of "like-fur" materials from using that specific term in describing and advertising their products.

This set the "like-fur" producers looking for a symbol which would embody all the features desirable and yet not trespass the law. Finally they decided on a name, SKWINK; but still no one knew what a SKWINK looked like.

As a result, CHARLOTTE OBSERVER columnist and Mars Hill alumnus Kays Gary launched a contest. It sought entries from talented artists and imaginative persons who could create a SKWINK. Nearly 200 entries were submitted. Many of them were clever and cute, but Ann's entry was judged the winner. It is shown here with permission of Mr. Gary, who had both the drawing and the name copyrighted.

Ann's prize will be a SKWINK coat given by the Blumenthal Division of Burlington Mills.

"It took about four hours before my SKWINK thinker really worked," Ann explained. "It was that long before I was satisfied with it."

The result is obvious — it's a perfect creation! Who can think SKWINK and hate? Who can think SKWINK and be a hypocrite? Who can think SKWINK and fail?

New Commission Takes Action

Six recommendations regarding campus regulations were approved recently by the Commission of the new Student Government and sent to the Senate. A seventh recommendation, entitled "Smoking for Young Women," was temporarily tabled.

The approved recommendations concerned line-breaking in the cafeteria, unnecessary destruction of property, bottle rolling, water fights, ringing of fire bells and unnecessary disturbances.

In other action the Commission elected Joyce Dunlap recording secretary and Terry Sinclair judicial secretary. A judicial review committee was selected, consisting of Alan Clark, D. J. Hughes, Charles Young, Gene Hawkins, Jack Hughes and Miss Sinclair.

Student Government Treasurer Gary Brookshire reported \$2,284 on hand to be divided among the four classes and any phase of student government which requires some expenditure.

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