

# Italian Students Get View Of N. C. Farming

By Martha Adams

The eleven Italian students visiting the University here this week under the auspices of the Experiment in International Living have been introduced to the basis of American economy—agriculture.

They visited a large dairy farm and a tobacco farm west of Hillsboro on highway 86. They were particularly impressed by the amount of mechanization on American farms. The machinery on the dairy farm alone is valued at over \$45,000, they were told.

"In Italy, it is all done by hand," remarked Giovanni Dellepiane, who comes from Genoa, "but our milk production per cow compares favorably with the American."

The tobacco farm was particularly interesting, for few if any of them had ever seen one. Antonia Lenner, 17, who comes from Milan, took two cured leaves away with him. In Italy, he said, all tobacco is a government monopoly, and every leaf which is grown is counted. Cigarettes are very expensive.

The students, who are living in dormitories and fraternities, have been greatly impressed by American university life.

"We have nothing like this in Italy," said Marco De Bianchi, who studies economics and commerce at the University of Bolog-

na. "Our universities are almost all in the city. We have no campus life to speak of. The universities are not such centers of social life as they are here."

Marco noted that he missed only one thing in American university life and that was singing in the streets.

"When a group of Italian students walk along the streets together, they often just naturally feel like singing. If we try it here, we feel like lone birds in the middle of a quiet field!"

Marco was also interested in our form of student government.

"Our universities in Italy also have an elected student organization which acts as liaison between the students and the ad-more tied to national politics ministrations and sponsors certain activities, but it is much more than the American form. We vote for political parties, not for individuals just as we do in national elections," he said. "These parties range through all shades of political coloration from right to left. Voting depends as much on national issues as on local university affairs."

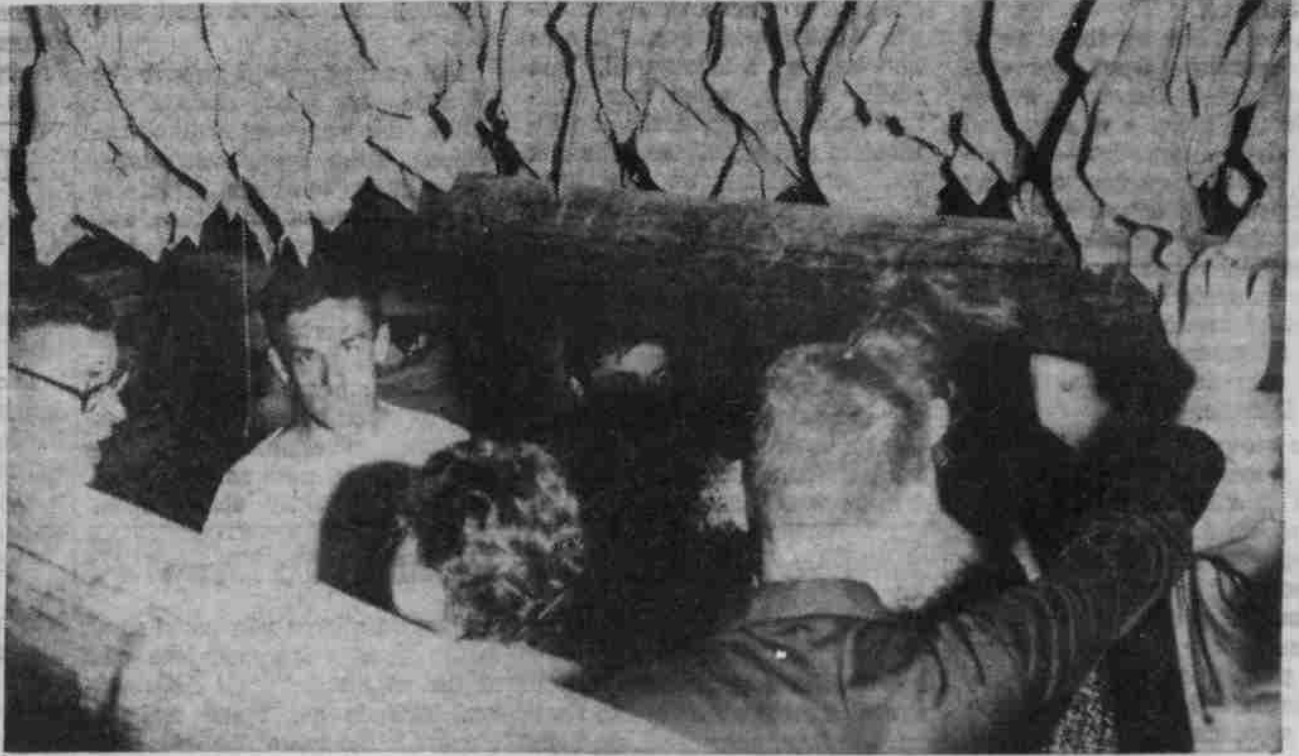
"The students are not very active, however," he noted. "Voting is light and the student organizations do not do very much."



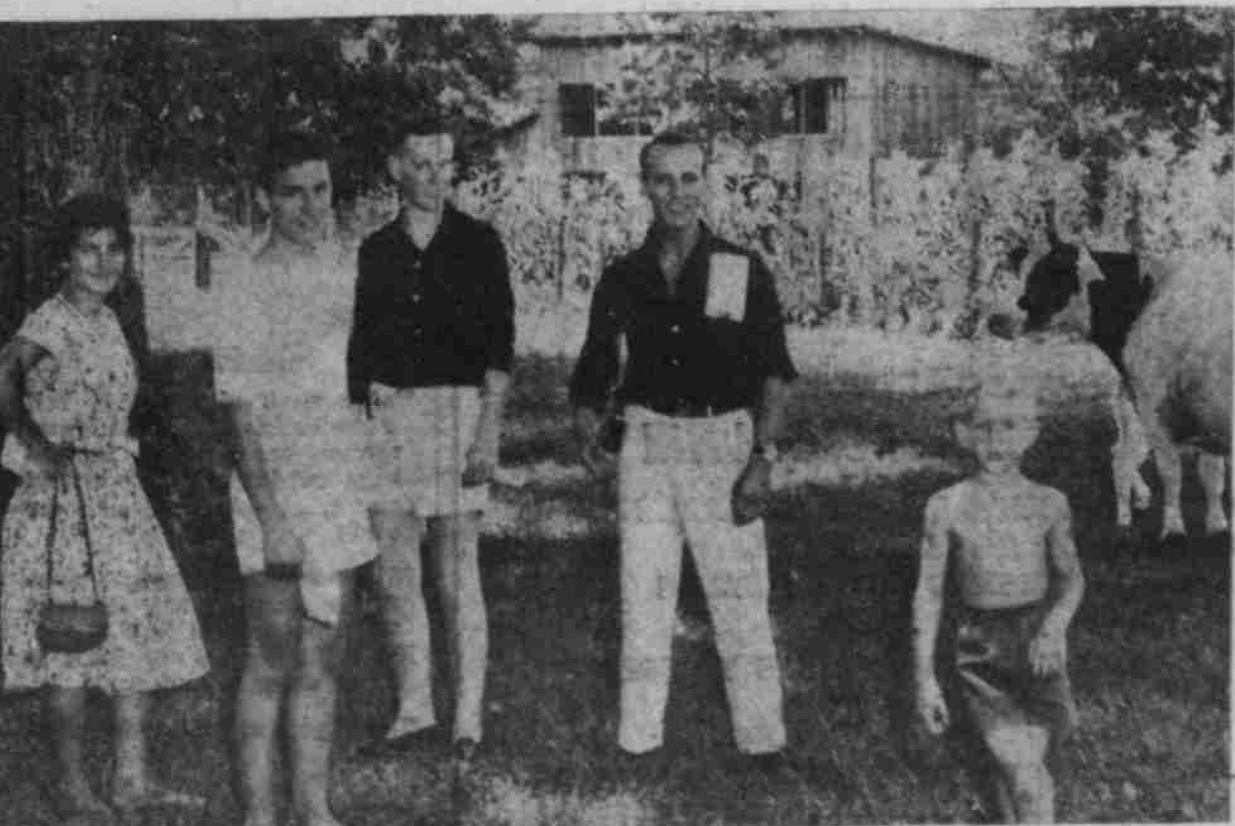
N. C. TOBACCO—A real first-hand view of cigarettes on the stalk was seen by the group when they visited an Orange County tobacco farm just north of Hillsboro. Tobacco in various stages of growth and curing was available for their inspection. (Photo by Pete Ness)



A CROSS-CAMPUS WALK—Upon their arrival at Carolina, the group of eleven Italian students were taken on an orientation tour of the campus. Ray Jeffries, assistant to the Dean of Students Affairs, led the group on their walk. (Photo by Pete Ness)



THE CURING PROCESS—Inside a curing barn the group was shown how the tobacco leaves are bundled, tied to sticks, then placed in racks to be gas-cured. Two different barns were seen; one contained freshly-racked tobacco, the other in the final stage of drying. (Photo by Pete Ness)



A FARM SCENE—At a dairy farm, the Italians saw the equipment used by American farmers to milk cows. The necessary sanitation processes including large milk coolers were brought to their attention. Also, naturally, they met some American cows. (Photo by Pete Ness)



THE COMPUTER CENTER—The mechanics of UNIVAC were explained (through interpreters) to the students when they visited this new campus attraction. (Photo by Pete Ness)