

# Three Whole, Five Half Sets of Twins at Meredith

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"Hi Dot - or - Doris." (Which is it?) That's a typical question when meeting one of the Knotts going on her way. Dot and Doris compose one of the three very identical pairs of twins at Meredith and one of the three reasons for constant confusion on campus. But here's the clue to who is who in the Knott pair—check the fourth finger, left hand and if there is an evident sparkle, the hand belongs to Dot. Ed Preston placed the ring there on February 7, and since Dot is left-handed, (Doris being right-handed) she has had plenty of opportunities to show the ring at its best advantage.

This pair are alike only in their looks, and here is the proof. Dot chose the field of mathematics for concentration while Doris' major is history. They both did their student teaching at Broughton last semester and admitted that the students became "a little confused." Doris is interested in archives as a possible future. Teaching is the profession chosen by Dot. These two haven't dressed alike since high school days and they answered "No," when asked "Do you ever think alike?"

Dot wonders why people always ask first off, "Who is older?" That one stumped the interviewer, but it must be simply a matter of human curiosity. Dot admits a seniority of fifteen minutes, however.

Doris is more the leader of the two while Dot is less conservative in dress. They do wear their hair alike and choose the same shades of make-up. You'd never know they were twins, overlooking exterior proof of it.

Their second year and half their third at Meredith were spent suiting with the McRackan twins who are the next pair of interest.

Becky and Ducky are really two peas in a pod. "I" means both of them in any conversation you carry on, which could become quite muddling to the third party. They definitely are alike in "thought, word, and deed." Becky can think of a number, whisper it in your ear, and Ducky can tell you the exact number—no cheating, either. Friends often find it confusing to hear Ducky start a statement and Becky finish it, but it is a normal occurrence with the twins. Both girls are most interested in sports—any kind. The past

four summers have been filled with seaside sports at the Baptist Assembly, Fort Caswell, while winters at Meredith offer all variety of sports. In the mornings Ducky can dress and go to breakfast before Becky awakes; then later, down will come Becky dressed identically, all unplanned, just a matter of thinking alike.

Their plans for the future are also the same, teaching. Becky wants the second grade and Ducky the third in the same school.

Yet, they are not totally alike for Ducky says, "I eat the most!" But Becky adds "I weigh the most!" You can figure that one out.

Fall semester brought two more new faces (or should I say one?)—to Meredith. The Kimreys, Janie and Nancy, can be distinguished only by the mole above Nancy's lip. They say the only person who can tell them apart on campus is Pansy Lee from their home town who can even tell their voices apart on the telephone. (No small accomplishment.) At home their younger brother solves the problem efficiently by simply calling them both "Sis."

When the twins were very small they couldn't understand why they both were not named either Janie or Nancy. Why should two such look-alikes have different names? Now that is a good question.

Janie and Nancy are very much alike, too—even down to dreaming the same dreams. Since music is their special interest, they are majoring in public school music. Both girls love dancing and singing. As a side interest, swimming is a favorite activity. They specialize in collecting pictures of other twins, having gathered a large number. Last year, the two went to the Twin Convention in High Point and for the first time dated twins. That could prove complicating and did, they said, for during the summer, they'd switch about with no one being the wiser until finally somebody would break down and confess.

They always get sick at the same time, both having had a bout with the flu this past week-end. Their parents visited them, bringing two of each prescription from their doctor. Janie and Nancy have also just started wearing glasses. They love the same foods, especially "chicken and pecan pie!"



Above are some of the Meredith twins. Not all of them are enrolled here. They are: Becky and Ducky McRackan, Lorene and Lorette Oglesby, Cathy and A. J. Spell, Bill and Helen Colby, Dot and Doris Knott and Janie and Nancy Kimrey. You guess which is which in each pair. Not pictured are Phoebe and Luther Barnhardt, Doris and Jarvis MacMillan, and Effie and Steve Sneed.

Growing flowers furnishes them with still another hobby, and their love for animals keeps them busy. All these interests make for two very interesting people.

Are your eyes playing tricks on you yet? Well, hold on; there's more to come. Now we're ready for the "separates." I wonder if you'll be as surprised as I was to find these Meredith "Angels" have counterparts in other places.

For instance, our own editor Lorette Oglesby, has her facsimile at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn. Lorene and Lorette are perfect replicas of each other. Lorette says they often seem to think alike, even when apart. Lorette changed her hair-do from a center to a side part with softly curled bangs replacing straight ones only to discover that Lorene had done the same thing, each being unaware of the action of the other! Also they have bought similar clothes without realizing it. Both girls are interested in horseback riding and tennis, and they make about the same grades. But as for a career, they take separate paths. While Lorette spends most of her time with Shakespeare to complete that English major, Lorene

is busily adding a B.S. to her name, having finished work to become a graduate nurse at Baptist Hospital.

Helen Colby couldn't bring her twin to Meredith with her. Bill didn't quite meet the requirements, but, listen gals, he may fit some of yours. Right now the Marines claim his attention; he's in Electronic School at Great Lakes. Before this he spent two years in Georgia Military Academy. Helen is noticeably blond, while Bill's 6'2" frame is topped off with brown hair. Helen says she was the biggest until recent years, so she took care of Bill while they were young, putting on his snow-suit and other such difficult manipulations. They're not at all alike, having different interests and plans. Bill has been away from home, so they're not as close as they might have been.

Another split pair are Phoebe and Luther Barnhardt. Phoebe's twin, although the younger by five minutes, started early in giving directions to girls. He learned to talk first and used to give her directions, because she had first conquered the art of walking. Phoebe says she's been taking orders from men ever

since. Luther's finishing premed this year and enters Duke Medical School next fall. They have always been very close, but even when they were together in high school were independent, never even collaborated on homework. When asked if they looked alike, Phoebe said "Well, he is brunette, is almost six feet tall, has green eyes and . . . he has a dimple in his chin and I don't."

Kathy Spell is the identical other half of A. J. She's at Wake Forest studying biology with future plans of an M.D. from Bowman Gray or physical therapy work at Duke. These doubles may look alike, but according to the Meredith half, they disagree on almost all small things. A. J. is lefthanded and Kathy, right; A. J.'s favorite color is pink, Kathy's blue; when Kathy's hair is short, A. J.'s is long. Say, it looks like these two missed a lot of friendly sisterly bickering! Even with all these differences they have many similar interests, sewing and traveling topping the list. In high school they fooled others by dressing alike all the time, and they do it occasionally now for the fun of it.

Doris McMillan's twin, Jarvis, is better known to the Meredith "angels" than some of these others because he manages to find his way here from State quite frequently. His major is furniture organization and management, and one of his main interests is hot rods. Jarvis was born slightly before 11:00 one Sunday morning, and the family went to church proud of the new baby boy. But when they left the church at 12:00, they were surprised to hear that Doris, too, had made an appearance in the big, wide world. They think very much alike and often one will finish a job begun by the other with no one being able to tell the difference.

The other half of the Sneed pair is male, too—Steve. As six other children had previously made up the Sneed family, there weren't many names left for the parents to choose from for the new additions. So they decided on Steve and Effie, their own names, until they could think of other ones, but these held through the years. Effie says she and Steve are very close and that they do look alike. They're both interested in church work. Horseback riding is the favorite pastime of these two. Steve is working in Wilmington, now, so they don't have as much time to get together in these activities. Their one point of disagreement lies in who's going to drive. That's a common habit between most any brother and sister.

It's been fun and also revealing to find out all the backstage facts about our twins. The only trouble is, it makes us feel we've missed something special in not being one of two. Oh, well, maybe fate will place a double bundle on our doorstep sometime in the distant future.

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