

# Sociology Class Conducts Survey; Interesting Results

The members of the family class, Sociology 92, were asked quite a few questions about their lives, and these were the results of those queries.

As for the composition of the class, it was found to be quite varied. There were ten majoring in home economics, four in sociology, nine in education, and one each in religion, English, and business.

In regard to religious preferences there are 18 Baptists, two Lutherans, three Methodists, and three Presbyterians.

Ten had grown up in the city, 8½ in a village, and 7½ had lived on a farm.

The status of the class ranged from one not dating to 13 dating, two going steady, three pinned, one engaged to be engaged, four engaged, and two married.

Teaching was the personal vocational choice of 13 class members, four of whom would like to teach home economics. Other choices included two in church work, dietitian, home demonstration, secretary, lab technician, and homemaking.

Occupations of mothers before marriage included two telephone operators, four students, seven teachers, three at home on the farm, two registered nurses, cotton mill worker, secretary, and six who never worked.

Fathers' occupations were very varied. There were two salesmen, six farmers, two farmer-merchants, a teacher, manager of A.B.C. stores, carpenter, superintendent of a rock and sand company, pharmacist, worker in State Highway Department, agronomist, postmaster, insurance executive, contractor, dentist, lawyer, city manager, worker in a telephone company, and a farmer-barber-bondsman.

The education of the mothers went something like this: Two finished elementary grades; two, the eighth grade; two, the tenth grade; five, high school; one, a year of college; one, high school plus business college; one, nurses' school; seven were college graduates; and one, college plus nursing school.

As for the education of the fathers, we have these results: One attended through seventh grade; one, boy's school; four, the eighth grade; one, the ninth grade; three, the tenth grade; five, finished high school; two had two years of college; one had three years of college; one, college graduate; one, with five years of college; one, six years of college (pre-dental and dental); one had two years of military school; one had a druggist license; one had a Master's degree; and one a Ph.D.

## PLAYMAKERS

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Club is sponsoring the production on our campus.

*Arsenic and Old Lace* is directed by Harry E. Davis of the Playmaker staff. Heading the cast in the roles of the demented old ladies in lace are Eva MacKenzie and Marion Fitzsimons, both of Chapel Hill. Their equally insane nephews are played by William Trotman, Winston-Salem, and Baxter Sasser, Carrboro. Len Bullock, whom most of us know as quarterback on the University of North Carolina's football team, is seen in the role of the young newspaper critic who foils the maniacs and gets the girl after many interrupted love scenes!

For a laugh filled evening with some of the zaniest characters ever written about — be sure to see the Carolina Playmakers touring production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* . . . coming to Meredith on February 23, 1955, at 8:00. Tickets are now on sale in Room 2 Vann and in Johnson Hall, February 20-23, for the production. Tickets are 75 cents for students, \$1.25 for adults. Don't Miss It!

## CHAPTERS ARE ACTIVE

The High Point Alumnae Association made \$300 for the Meredith Expansion Program by selling ads to local businesses for a desk calendar to be given to various offices.

Two pairs of brass andirons were bought for the Alumnae House with money donated by the Alumnae Chapter of Richmond, Va., and the Classes of 1920 and 1929.

The Wake County Alumni Association will meet at Meredith on March 1.

Miss Grimmer went to Atlanta, Ga., in January to the regional meeting of the American Alumni Council. There were 119 present. One of the main topics of discussion was the subject of alumni magazines.

## SHOULD RUSSIAN

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general belief existed that the congress should not oppose specific actions of the U. S. government and (2) that those who had applied were in reality not students, as most were about 35 years of age, and therefore, nothing could be gained from communication with them.

This policy, although strongly passed at the congress last summer, has come under fire from many quarters recently. Finally, however, everyone is becoming more aware of the fact that there is little to be lost and much to be gained in international understanding through such an exchange.

—Rockly Mountain Collegian, Fort Collins, Colorado.

## Toward Common Understanding

In letters to the Swarthmore, Oberlin, Haverford, and U. of Chicago student papers, the *Record* officially lent its support Sunday to the efforts initiated by them to urge Secretary of State Dulles to grant visas to student newspaper editors from the Soviet Union.

With the present world tension, any effort we can devote to the lessening of misunderstanding and suspicion of each group for the other is worthwhile.

It is most likely that Russian students will alter their views of the U. S. after a visit here. Even if this is not accomplished, American students will have an opportunity to see how these misunderstandings have arisen and to obtain a greater insight into Russian youth.

As we understand it, the U.S.S.R. is now granting visitor visas to American students. Would it not be a demonstration of good faith on our part to reciprocate this privilege? —Antioch College Record, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

# DID I GET ANY MAIL?



Yvonne Bullock, postmistress, stands behind the post office window ready to serve the Meredith girls.

Ring, Ring, Ring, goes the alarm clock! Oh, I hate to get up this morning. It's too early.

Yes, the post office girls often get to see the sun rise; for every morning at 6:15 a.m. one girl begins getting the mail stamped and ready to leave Meredith College at 6:30. After receiving the morning mail, she then sorts it into three stacks, with one stack for each section of boxes in the post office. At 7:00 a.m., a second girl comes. With both girls working together, they put up the mail in time for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. After eating, one of the girls opens the post office window from 7:55 to 8:25 a.m. The girls alternate on the jobs.

Yvonne Bullock, an education major from Delco, N. C., is clerk-in-charge of the post office. She has had some previous experience since her mother is post mistress in her home town.

Girls who also work in the post office this semester are: Donnie Simmons, a sophomore from Harterle, S. C.; Rovilla Meyers, a junior from Thomasville; Katherine Hudgins, a freshman day-student; and "Mutt" Layne, a junior from Ca-Vel, N. C.

During vacations, Katherine Hudgins, who lives here in Raleigh, assumes the duties of clerk-in-charge while the other workers go home.

The girls who work in the post office agree that the first requirement for working there is to be a mind reader; for numerous letters come into the post office which practically have to be analyzed. That's unmistakably true.

Work behind the post office boxes seems to be enjoyable despite the early hours, the exasperating times when the mail comes in late, or the times that mail happens to get misplaced.

The work in the post office is rewarding; for it provides good training for summer jobs, or maybe even a full-time job later.

The girls at Meredith really appreciate the work done in the post office (for more reasons than one). Keep it up girls! We appreciate it.

Dr. Gordon Blackwell, director of the Institute for Research in Social Science, discussed the plans for expanding the work of the Institute.

Wm. T. Joyner, vice-chairman; Maude D. Bunn, secretary; Foy J. Farmer, Wm. C. Lassiter, LeRoy Martin, L. M. Massey, Carlton S. Prickett, W. H. Weatherspoon, and Eph Whisenhunt.

## Seniors are Members Honorary Fraternity

Three senior sociology majors, Frances Pickard, Nina Ruppelt, and June Vann, are members of the State College Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, national honorary sociological fraternity. Invitations to become members are issued only to those who have a high scholastic average on all college work as well as a concentration of courses in the field of sociology.

The fraternity originated at the University of Southern California in 1920. There are now nearly seventy chapters in a majority of states. The University of North Carolina had the first chapter in this state; State College, the second; and North Carolina College in Durham, the third. The State College Chapter includes faculty and students from Meredith, St. Augustine's, Shaw, and State. Dr. Smith, Dr. Syron, and Dr. Vaughan are the Meredith faculty members.

In December the Meredith members were hostesses for a chapter meeting in the Hut. Dr. Guy B. Johnson of the University of North Carolina reported on his survey of racial integration as it has been taking place in southern colleges and universities.

In January Frances Pickard and Nina Ruppelt participated in a panel discussing legislative proposals to come before the General Assembly.

At the February meeting, held at Dr. Vaughan's house on the campus.

## S.G.

Beginning Thursday, February 17, Becky Calloway will hold office hours in the S.G. room, 3 Vann, from 4 until 5 p.m. This service will continue until the end of the year. Becky invites the freshmen to come soon and transfer their extra week ends from last semester to this one. And she would especially welcome some sounding-off on suggestions for next year's handbook and this year's headaches. So, come see her sometime!

## BUILDING PLANS

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present at the meeting, and the plans will be discussed. It is hoped that construction on the new classrooms will begin in the next few months.

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