

## Student of the Month

The Bennett Banner Staff considers it a privilege to present as Student of the Month, Miss Doris Reeves, of Torrington, Connecticut. She is a member of the Freshman class and has been chosen because she has made extensive travels among European countries.

Even though Miss Reeves was only nine years of age when her travels took place, she still remembers the anxiety that took place during the preparation for the trip. In order for these travels to be made possible, the family spent months reducing and economizing needs to the minimum, and purchasing only those things that were essentially necessary. Having prepared and obtained the necessary essentials Miss Reeves, along with her parents were able to begin their travels. The travels were made by ship in the month of July. It was the idea of her father, an architect-landscapist, that the two, she and her mother, would find sight-seeing very interesting, so he planned that they might go with him.

Among the places visited were: England, Scotland, France, Italy, Belgium, Greece, Ireland and Switzerland. Realizing that she was quite young at the time, Miss Reeves would like to travel among those places again. She feels that she can realize and appreciate the interesting sights that she saw then and can obtain a greater educational value from them. She has hopes for visiting some of the same places again. Miss Reeves gave the following information regarding her travels as far as she can remember. The first stop was London, England. Here she was conscious of the many places of historical importance such as: the many parks and museums, art galleries, theaters, Thames River, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, The Tower, Tower River and many other important places.

From London, the family visited Scotland, reaching the city of Edinburgh in the afternoon. They immediately began sight-seeing visiting castles, chapels and prisons. They also had the experience of listening to a band concert on their first day in Scotland in the Municipal Gardens. At this time in Scotland the weather was cool and delightful in comparison with the weather in the United States in July. There, one is able to read newspapers by daylight as late as nine o'clock in the evening.

In Ireland, Miss Reeves found a special interest in seeing the Chalk Cliffs, the mining sections and the manufacturing establishments. The Presbyterian establishment constitutes the greatest of the population in Ireland and Scotland in religious faith in comparison with the Catholic faith in Italy and France.

Enroute from Paris to Rome the picturesque scenery was most impressive. Sheep and cattle were extensively raised in those countries between Paris and Rome. Miss Reeves made this statement, "When we saw as many as twenty-four oxen pulling one plow, it was something new and interesting."

As a result of these travels, Miss Reeves has developed a particular liking for such as a hobby. Speaking of hobbies, she is deeply interested in playing the organ and piano and spends a great deal of time at such. Other hobbies are: horseback riding, bowling, fishing, tap and ballet dancing.

As a career she would like to become specialized in the field of sociology, with the hope of some day becoming a psychiatric social worker. Through her work in the insane asylum, and through a keen observation of the need for psychiatric help of these people she is convinced that this is the type of work in which she is interested.

On behalf of the staff I wish to thank Miss Reeves for sharing with us her varied and interesting experiences, and we offer our congratulations to her as our STUDENT OF THE MONTH.

## Kaleidoscope

"and a good time was had by all." How many times we have heard and read these particular words. Most of the time they mean about the same or about as much as "Hello" or "Good Morning," both of which are expressions of habit.

If a thousand people were asked to define a good time there would be many and varied answers. The expression "a good time" will mean one thing to one person, quite another to still another person.

In order for a person to have a good time, a certain mental attitude must exist. There are two prerequisites to be considered. First there must be desire; then there must be energy put forth. Desire is thwarted by ambitions, which little factors may have their value, but which are the principle obstacle to our having fun.

It is perhaps a pity that for many of us growing up has reduced the amount of real pleasure that we obtain from life. Most of us are fooling ourselves and trying to fool others that life is jolly great fun with a thrill a minute. The size of our hangover is the measure of our happiness the night before. The less we remember about that night, the better was our time.

In spite of the efforts of Emily Post and Dorothy Dix, too many of us are socially ineffectual. We do not know what to do with ourselves in an oversophisticated society, in which the cardinal virtues are a quick wit and a blase air. Glasses of liquor and cigarettes serve as social crutches, and supply us with a pseudo-poise. We sip our wine and smoke our cigarettes to make up for the holes in our not-too-brilliant conversation. After a while we decide that we drink the wine and smoke the cigarette because we like to, and because it shows how very sophisticated we are. Our inadequacy melts before a veil of smoke and the haziness produced by liquor.

The parties that have been the most fun have been those in which the women were not trying to outdo one another in dress and manner, and the men were not trying to impress one another with their business successes and economic prowess.

A really good party gives Bill Jones a chance to tell his prize tall tale, and Mary Smith to show her skill in beating the men at bridge. No one feels obligated to be either horribly witty, or particularly well-informed about the latest best-seller. None feel that what they are doing is a little too naughty or immoral. The life-of-the-party person is not the one who is the heaviest drinker or the most romantic shiek.

Having fun should be a spontaneous sport. Usually it is forced and laborious. It is surprising how few people take the time to do enjoyable things like going on picnics, playing tennis, swimming, fishing, hiking, painting, playing chess, cards, parlor games, and a million other things. Few even have interesting hobbies or pastimes. Fewer still really enjoy good reading. Parties have in the main become dances and dull conversations, rather like sandwiches without filling. Everybody goes hoping that this one is going to be different from the last, which it seldom is.

Some of the inhibitions of which I spoke are good in that they hold us to certain necessary moral standards, but many of our inhibitions are bad because they force us within ourselves so that our personalities become as ingrown nails.

What each person should ask himself is: Am I sincerely enjoying myself when I say that I am? Does that enjoyment I experience spring from the well of my own personality or do I draw upon inanimate things to give me power? Is my faith in myself centered around my capabilities even while realizing my faults? And are my reactions to situations sensible, though spontaneous? Until we answer these questions intelligently we will never have any real fun out of life.

## BACKSTAGE

Hear ye!! Hear ye!! The Bennett Players of the Little Theater Guild will present:

Hedda Gabler, by Henrik Ibsen, on December 11, 12, and 13th.

Dear Ruth, by Norman Krasner, on February 5, 6, and 7th.

Twelfth Night, a Shakespearean tragedy, on April 1, 2, and 3rd.

Electra, a Greek tragedy by Sophocles, on May 24th.

As is positively evident, the plays selected for the year 1947-48 rank high among the pages of literature. Ibsen's plays have become famous throughout Broadway and Hollywood. Dear Ruth, by Krasner, has also made history on Broadway and recently was produced on the screen. It goes without saying that Shakespeare's works can never be praised too much. Electra, closing the guild's productions as a specialty for commencement, written by Sophocles, reveals to us, the eloquent literature resulting from the height of Greek culture many years ago.

Recent productions of the freshmen plays, Anti-Clockwise, by Muriel and Syney Box; A Maid Goes Forth to War, by Stokes McCune; and Rehearsal, by Christopher Morley, have affirmed the saying that the guild is doing splendid work. Congratulations to Misses Lillian Breedon, Winifred Hopkins, Oceola Walden and Doris Gill, actresses in Anti-Clockwise; to Misses Jeanette Garner, Carol Royal, Harriett Goodson and Mary Ann Broussard for their creation of the spirit of "A Maid Goes Forth to War"; and to Misses Sharon Webber, Velma Spaulding, Gwendolyn Friende, Barbara Simpson, Doris Reeves, and Katie Henderson for their conclusion of the evening with the comedy, "Rehearsal." To these Freshmen, we express our appreciation and enjoyment of your splendid work and more luck in the future.

## I. C. C. NEWS

Something unique in our section of the country — yet comparatively old in our fair city of Greensboro is the Inter-Collegiate Commission (formerly known as the Inter-Racial Inter-Collegiate Commission).

This commission is made up of members of each of the college communities in and around Greensboro; A. and T. College, Greensboro College, Guilford, Lutheran, and Woman's College.

For an organization operating without constitution, official roll, or dues, the I. C. C. has made a nice showing for itself during its ten year existence. Though the turnover of each new college generation is pretty extensive, there always remains a small nucleus which keeps the organization.

The only requirement for membership in the I. C. C. is to register interest in it. How?—by just letting the contact person on our campus (Miss Sylvia Rock) know that you'd like to attend a meeting and presto! you're in.

Our first meeting was held October 14, 1947 at A. and T. College. A panel, "Year Three-Atomic Age," held the group spellbound for a long period. Messrs. Jeffries, Delaney, and Pendergrass of the A. and T. faculty participated.

Our second meeting was held on Tuesday, November 11, 1947 at the Y-Hut on Guilford College campus. Professor Feague, of the Guilford faculty, gave an exposition on "Religion and Science in Our Age." A heated debate followed between Mr. Feague and Mr. Delaney.

The next meeting will be held on our campus on December 11, 1947. Won't you join us, please?

Dorothy E. Pearson, President, Bennett College; Nancy Osteen, Vice-President, W. C. of U. N. C.; Gwen Cann, Secretary, Bennett College; R. A. Smith, Sponsor, Greensboro College.

## HOME ECONOMIC CLUB BEGINS PLANS

Completely organized, the Home Economics Club is now marching on with elaborate plans for the one-coming year. Officers of the club are: President, Lillian Murphy; Vice-president, Ovelia Vaughn; Secretary, Ruebenna Greenfield; Treasurer, Frances Davis; Parliamentarian, Rose Ann Johnson; Reporter, Ruth White.

Along with the upper-classmen who are majoring in the Home Economics field, all Freshmen planning to enter the field, or who are interested are invited to become members of the club this year. Upper-classmen who may not be majoring in Home Economics are also invited to join. It is hoped that those interested will begin to feel that they can contribute their interests, thus laying ground for better department and club efficiency.

Starting off with surprising success, the club has already sponsored a Scavenger Hunt-Weiner Roast. The affair occurred on the night after Halloween with the afternoon of fun beginning in Thirkield Gymnasium.

Scavenger Hunting, the first activity scheduled for the evening, created immense enthusiasm and excitement. The members were divided into four groups and given a list of forty "things" to find in an allotted amount of time. The list included things almost impossible to get from The Night Watchman and "Ma Mac's" signature (who was in Reidsville at the time) to a strand of President Jones' hair. The group finding the largest number of "things" won the prize—a large box of Butterfingers and Baby Ruths.

Highlighting the program of a well spent evening was the Weiner Roast. The weiners, topped with plenty of onions and pickles, were accompanied by a delicious drink, both being enjoyed around a big fire (which was definitely needed as November was introducing herself with chilling winds). Strangely enough, it didn't rain, making it a night that will long be remembered by all.

Activities for the month of November are on their way and with your cooperation, they will be a success.

On the behalf of the former members of the Home Economics Club, we would like to extend "Greetings" to all new members; we are looking forward to working with you to achieve our goal in this and in the coming years.

## Y. W. C. A. PLANS NEW PROJECTS

Projects for the month of November were recently planned in the Science by the Young Women's Christian Association.

Among the projects was a Nationwide Bible Study. Participants in this project will receive a Bible verse for each day, beginning Thanksgiving day and ending on Christmas day.

Gift boxes will be placed in every dormitory and in each of the teacher's cottages for the purpose of filling them with gifts to be delivered to the County Home on Thanksgiving morning. Members will be responsible for the boxes in each designated place.

Miss Altamese Lester has been appointed chairman of the program committee. She, with the assistance of her co-workers, will be in charge of the program for the annual "White Breakfast" on Thanksgiving morning.

In conclusion, we would like to announce the success of our membership drive. The goal was surpassed and we are proud to announce an enrollment of one hundred sixty-five members. This is one of the largest enrollments to exist in the history of the Y.W.C.A.

## WOOD ENGRAVINGS ON DISPLAY

Since Founder's Day, there has been on display in the Exhibition Room in Holgate Library, a fine array of Wood Engravings by Dr. Warren Mack of Pennsylvania State College. This exhibit includes many prints that are now part of collections of many outstanding Art Galleries and museums of the country.

Dr. Mack's work exhibits his interest in the botanical aspect of his surroundings, as well as his interest in the technique. Although the bulk of his work is of plant life subjects, there are interwoven, some architectural renderings that bring in a pleasing variety to the group of prints.

If we were to view the exhibition with the eyes of the layman, we would probably see it as an interesting collection of pictures in white and black. If, however, we were to analyze the prints and the technique that is required in making a single wood engraving, we would be more appreciative of the entire collection.

According to Dr. Mack, "The prints all are known technically as wood engravings, because the block from which each is printed, made of small pieces of hardwood (hard maple or boxwood) glued together so that the end of the grain forms the printing surface, and the design is cut into the surface by hand by means of an engraver's tool or burin. The lines or dots cut by means of the tool are white in the finished print. A glance at any cross-hatched area will reveal this fact. The wood-engraving is thus differentiated from the woodcut, which, technically termed, is cut by means of a knife or gauge on softwood board.

All prints were made by hand methods, most of them simply by applying printer's ink to the block by means of a rubber roller and burnishing or rubbing the back of the printing paper, applied to the inked surface and protected with a thin cardboard, with any suitable burnisher. A teaspoon was used for many of the prints. Others, particularly the larger recent blocks, were printed by means of a second-hand proof press."

With this knowledge of the process of wood engraving, we should develop a deeper appreciation for this art.

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