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The Skirl — and the New Year

September 14 not only marked the beginning of a new college year her, but also the beginning of the first full year of **The Skirl** publication. We feel that this year is a very challenging one; and, having learned much from those few months of publication last year, we hope to bring to you a newspaper of interest and one which will constantly grow.

You freshmen and transfers have already received many "welcomes" to our campus, but we **The Skirl** staff, would like to extend a special welcome to you as you become a part of our campus newspaper. **The Skirl** is for the student body, and that includes you, so we hope that it will serve you well this year and that you will enjoy it. If any of you are interested in working on the staff, please contact one of the present staff members.

To both old and new students, we wish to express our appreciation for the co-operation and interest you have shown through your willingness to pay a separate fee for the newspaper. We regret that this was necessary and hope that next year this amount may be incorporated, along with the other publications, in the student activity fee.

Realizing that this is your newspaper, we hope that you will continue to show interest in it by reading it, turning in news items to staff members, and writing letters of criticism, etc. to the editor.

This is truly your paper, and we the staff are depending on you to help make it a fine one!

— Thanks —

The student body at large is grateful to Doris Calloway, 1953 graduate of Flora Macdonald for the fifty chorus booklets, **Youth Sings**, which she sent to the Christian Association recently. Even though the booklets have been used only several times as yet, the students already feel that they are a great addition to our Sunday nights of hymn singing.

Are You A Freshman?

By Pat Powell

There is a species of humanity which is often referred to as Freshmen. Now of course there is no particular reason for this name, except for the fact that you are a Freshman only once (and sometimes once is enough.) For some strange reason you can spot a Freshman a mile away on the first day that school opens. There is a vacant stare in her eyes and she wonders what on earth she wanted to come to college for and why she came so far from home and why this school has so many Seniors (actually they are not all Seniors, but to Freshmen, Sophomores look like Seniors). Freshmen somehow have that shiny, new look for the first day or so, and then they begin to get that old college appearance of sleepless nights and this is their first big step in becoming a college student. Each girl can sympathize

with her fellow classmates, because she too, sat up half of the night and talked about everything from A to Izzard.

For the first day everyone is running up and down steps, putting their belongings in the wrong room, looking for lost trunks and in general, complete confusion reigns. Then after everyone has had one night of sleep??, dawn arrives on a newly started college career. After the first few days, that decidedly Freshman look begins to wear off and everyone really wonders who is a Freshman and who is not, unless you take it upon yourself to find out like I did and walk up to (you guessed it, a Senior) and innocently say "Are you a Freshman." When you hear her answer that she is a Senior, don't drop dead, just politely say "Excuse me ma'am, I'm a Freshman". That will explain all your troubles. For an unknown reason, Freshmen are not expected to detect the wisdom in the eyes of a Senior.

Don't send for the men in the white coats when you read this next sentence, for I mean it sin-

cerely. I have only been a Freshman exactly eleven days, six hours, twenty-three minutes, and fifteen seconds, but I think already that I would like to be a Freshman again. Their is a spirit of friendship for Freshmen that you feel the moment you walk in the front door of Flora Macdonald College, and it is not just a momentary thing either, but something that makes you a part of the school. The upper classmen here do not make you feel like you are a worm that just crawled out of a crack somewhere, they make you want to say "I'm a Flora Macdonald girl". They give you a feeling of belonging and wanting to do your part toward being another member of their happy family.

I remember thinking when I was in high school that I had taken all of the tests that it was possible to give one poor human being. But I found out last week that I missed quite a few. It seems to me that we took tests for twenty-six hours a day, and when we weren't taking tests someone was politely showing us a handbook with a few minor details, which would benefit our visit here. We went to meetings, parties, classes, receptions, informal get-togethers and last but not least we ate and we slept. I saw at least two million new faces last week, I heard two million names, and at least one million home towns. I made out pretty well the first day, because if I couldn't remember their name, I remembered their faces and what color their skirt was, but then the inevitable happened—they changed clothes. Maybe by June I will be able to remember half of the names in the Freshman class but by next October I'll be back in the same rut again with the new Freshman class.

The second day I was here someone started talking Greek to me. The only words I can remember were Zetesian and Epsilon Chi. I had always thought that I would join the group whose name I could spell, but in this case it is six of one and a half dozen of the other. I have finally decided which one to join, but I'm afraid it wouldn't do to express my decision at this point. These two groups presented entertainment that was greatly appreciated by the Freshman class, and which also has swayed some new members for each of them.

It has really been a lot of fun, this first week of college. It has been wonderful to meet so many new people and already we have formed friendships that will last throughout the coming years. All of us are anxious to get started in the various activities of the organizations here. There is one day though that I am looking forward to with both curiosity and dread. All of you upper classmen can guess what day that is. I've always wondered what I would look like with a long black tail and a mouse trap hanging on the end of it, but I guess I'll know pretty soon.

I guess there is only one way to explain the question "Are you a Freshman?", and that is to say "I sure am, and I love it."

Around the World

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and bombers which Communists moved into North Korea about 2 weeks after the truce was signed. The pilot was awarded \$100,000 for flying his MIG to the Allied side.

The officials of the University of Oklahoma felt that a prank was in the making when they found a freshman named Never Fail. But much to their amazement he turned out to be a real live freshman, son of Never Fail, Sr. of Memphis, Tenn.

Your Opinion

by Frances Bobbitt

Various freshmen were asked the question, "Now that you have spent your first weeks at FMC, what impresses you most about college life here?" Here are their answers:

Judson Faggart, Concord, N. C. "the friendliness and Christian attitude expressed by all the girls."

Juanita Buffin; Nichols, S. C. "I guess mail call first impressed me most. It was so exciting! Then I met my roommate—Katherine McNeill!"

Edna Shannon; Gastonia, N. C. "the friendly atmosphere—It reminds you of one big happy family."

Patterson Yeargin; Thomasville, Ga.—"I like the food. It's very good."

Carol Kitrell; Sanford, N. C.—"FMC is all that I could ask for as a college and as a home, and it almost keeps me from being homesick for my big family."

Barbara Ann Stephens; Dillon, S. C.—"I am impressed with the many different personalities."

Betty Jean Turner; Morganton, N. C.—"What impresses me most is the friendliness among the girls here and it feels at home away from home."

Elizabeth Jones; Fayetteville, N. C.—"The Christian-like ways of the girls."

Frances Ann Williams; Emporia, Va.—"The friendly and Christian attitude of the students and faculty, and their willingness to help you."

Becky Williams; Miami, Fla., "The way you are accepted into the student body regardless whether you are a senior or freshman. Everything is just wonderful, except for this Yankee weather!"

Peggy Graham; Lake Waccamaw, N. C.—"The Christian atmosphere, the hymn sings, and especially meditations in the auditorium."

Prayer Band Leaders Have Training

Prayer Band Leaders' Training began September 28th and continued throughout the week. Miss Nell Proctor, DRE from Laurinburg, and Rev. Sheldon Koesy, chaplain at PJC spoke to the Prayer Band Leaders.

STAR PRINT FOR STAR



It's playtime for pretty Virginia Mayo, Warner Bros. movie star. At a California desert resort, the blonde beauty chooses a comfortable cotton playsuit by Rose Marie Reid for her leisure hours. The one-piece suit with an off-the-shoulder neckline is designed in a star-print cotton.

The Prayer Band Leaders were introduced to the student body on October 1st at Vespers, after which each girl was given a chance to join the Prayer Band of her choice.

Shirley Fitzgerald is chairman of the Prayer Band group, and the following girls will lead Prayer Bands this year:

Mary McLean, Doris Tucker, Christine Maloney, Kittye Oliver, Marie Sellars, Gladys McCain, Harriet McAuley, Mickey Ozlin, Shirley Willis, Shirley Thornton, Anita Williamson, Sally Ann Munroe, Fay Buck, Lillian McInnis, Dot Hamilton, Majorie Davis, Nickey Ellis, Ann McGirt, Doris Dunn, Ailine Powers, Mary McCracken, Mary Archie Brown.

The Monday morning chapel programs are conducted by these Prayer Band leaders and the members of their groups.

A pedestrian is a fellow whose wife beat him to the garage.

GOOD HEALTH

1. CAN MOTION SICKNESS BE RELIEVED?



3. WHAT IS SILICOSIS?

2. HOW DOES GOOD POSTURE AID BETTER HEALTH?

Answer to Question No. 1:

Those who suffer from the discomforts of motion sickness when traveling by boat, airplane, train can now often be greatly relieved. Sudden dizziness, headache and nausea (the characteristics of motion sickness) can be greatly reduced by drugs to allow for a smooth journey. These drugs should be used only on the advice of your physician.

Answer to Question No. 2:

If good posture is encouraged in children, they may be spared many aches and pains in later years. Not only is a person's general appearance greatly improved,

with shoulders back, head up, and abdomen in, but there is no unnatural strain on muscles and joints throughout the body. Good posture at all times—in both standing and sitting positions—lessens fatigue and discomfort.

Answer to Question No. 3:

Silicosis is a disease of the lungs due to excessive inhaling of stone dust. It occurs most often in miners or stonecutters. The symptoms are like those of chronic bronchitis. Silicosis can also cause growths in the lungs and can become dangerous. Industrial medicine is lessening the incidence.

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