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Student Council members, Sandra Abbott, Lynda Hill, and Susan Currie greet freshmen Judy McCah, Magie Fishburne, Leetta Richardson, and Prissy Thomas.

## Former Student Of Dr. Vardell Among New Faculty Members

Seven new teachers and a new nurse are beginning the '58-'59 school year at Flora Macdonald College.

Offering something new in the F. M. C. curriculum is Dr. Cordelia Margaret Birch, who not only teaches Latin and a course in classical civilization, but has organized a Greek class, also.

Dr. Birch, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, studied for B. A., M. A., and Ph.D degrees at Washington University in St. Louis. She says her interests revolve around the Greek and Latin languages.

Finding the college and the town of Red Springs "a most pleasant place," Dr. Birch credits her enjoyment of her stay here to the many smiles and cordial greetings she receives everywhere she goes.

A beige Volkswagon is likely to be the trademark of Miss Catherine Neylands, F. M. C.'s new assistant professor of French.

Miss Neylands, of Macon, Georgia, received her A. B. at Wesleyan College there, and her M. A. at the University of North Carolina. She has spent a year in New York at a secretarial job.

One of her most interesting experiences, she says, was a summer spent in Europe, five years ago, when she lived a month with a French family. She describes herself as a "dabbler" in photography.

Miss Neylands occupies the faculty apartment in the home management house.

Although English is her forte, Miss Virginia Anne Walker is interested in music, for she named it as her double major when she received her B. A. at High Point College.

A native of High Point, North Carolina, Miss Walker received her M. A. at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, where she has been a teaching fellow for the past two years.

The new assistant professor of English lives in Red Springs.

A former student of Dr. Charles Vardell, Jr., Mrs. Doris Keith Cornwell, of Raeford is the new instructor in piano. Mrs. Cornwell who studied under Dr. Vardell at Salem College, where she received her B. M., has studied at Juilliard in New York City. She had experience teaching and coaching while in New York, although this is her first time teaching in college.

While working at a secretarial job in Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Cornwell was introduced to her husband, a native of Murphy, North Carolina, at church. They are parents of a son and a daughter, Mike and Sylvia, ages thirty months and fifteen months respectively.

The Cornwells plan to settle in Raeford. Mr. Cornwell is an automotive supply salesman.

Miss Rebecca Royal says she decided to come to be nurse at F. M. C. because she thought she would enjoy working with college girls, and because everything she has ever heard about F. M. C. has been nice.

Miss Royal, originally of Clinton, North Carolina, is a 1958 graduate of Highsmith School of Nursing in Fayetteville, where she worked for six months after her graduation. Since then, she has worked at Sampson County Memorial Hospital at Clinton, where she was surgical floor and emergency nurse.

Another of the new faculty members with an interest in photography is Mr. Ernest St. Jacques, associate director of guidance, who especially likes slides, and develops and makes prints of some of his own pictures.

Mr. St. Jacques, who for the past seven years was a high school history teacher and guidance director in Stone Mountain, Georgia, is a native of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, and received his B. S. in education at State Teacher's College in Worcester, Massachusetts, and his M. A. at George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee.

He and his wife are parents of two boys, six and five years old and a one-year-old daughter. Mr. and Mrs. St. Jacques are counselors to the Baptist Training Union.

One F. M. C. girl says she will have to change her favorite ejaculation, "Dear Gussie", now that she is in one of Mr. Robert K. Gustafson's Bible classes.

Mr. Gustafson, the new professor of Bible, is pulling up roots in Wagram, North Carolina, where he has been pastor of Montpelier Presbyterian Church for the nearly two years since completing his graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson and their long dachshund, Baron, are moving to a Scottish Heights apartment in Red Springs.

In introducing himself to his classes, Mr. Gustafson explained that he has always had an interest in college teaching, particularly since he became a Christian. He says he is here because of his interest, and hopes his students are, too.

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## New Students At FMC From Various Places

When the doors of Flora Macdonald College were opened for the beginning of its 1958-59 session students from many Southern states and several from the Northern states entered to begin their college work. The majority of the new students were beginning college work for the first time, however, there were quite a number of students transferring from other colleges around the country. Not to be forgotten were those students who joined our ranks as day students. These also came from near and far. They number seventy two.

The Southern States as usual furnish Flora Macdonald with most of her student body, but even these were scattered and long distances were involved. North and South Carolina still held the majority, but quite a few other Southern states were well represented. The Northern states, Canada, and Korea sent representatives again this year.

Among the more distant Southern states Florida led by sending five new students with Virginia

following a close second with four. Some of the other states from which the new students came were Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, and New York.

The number of new day students this Fall is approximately thirty-six coming both from near and far. Red Springs sent quite a few day students but in the other extreme two from New York are attending. Day students also came from Wilmington, Pembroke, Fayetteville, Hamlet, Nakina, Sanford, Laurinburg, and many other places.

The transfers came from many different colleges and various sections of the country. Some of the schools from which they came are: East Carolina, Greensboro, Peace, Woman's College, Mars Hill, Pineland, High Point, Miami University, St. Mary's, Meredith, Catawba, and P. J. C.

The new dormitory students including freshmen added this year is about 141.

Representing so many different states and schools, we are sure the new students will have much to offer FMC.

## Big Sister, Little Sister Meaningful Tradition

Flora Macdonald College is noted for its tradition. In fact there are so many traditions that a student may be in school a year or more before she is aware of them all. One tradition, however, with which a Flora Macdonald girl is familiar almost from the day she decided to make it her college home, is that of "Big Sister", "Little Sister".

As a new student enters the doors of Flora Macdonald, and even before, she is aware of the fact that there is someone there who knows that she is coming and who will take care of her in her first crucial weeks and through the year. That person is her "Big Sister." For "Big Sister" there is the knowledge that she is responsible for one or more of the new students during her coming year at school. She is privileged to introduce to the new students all those people and adventures which have become so cherished by her in her two years at FMC.

During the summer the President of the Junior class is given a list of the new students and the members of the junior class. It is her job to appoint one or

more of the new students to the care of one of the junior girls. The junior girl then usually contacts her prospective "Little Sisters" to let them know who she is and that she will be their aid in the new year. This is one of the privileges that the juniors await with pleasant anticipation.

Finally the big day arrives. The "Little Sister" is introduced to her "Big Sister" and so begins the relationship so long awaited. The "Big Sister" tries to help the "Little Sister" understand all those things about college life which are not explained in any handbook or orientation booklet. The "Big Sisters" watch with pride the development of their green "Little Sisters" into good citizens of the college campus. The "Little Sisters" have someone to whom they can run in need and who is interested in their welfare. Who can say which brings the greater joy? Each has its place in life at college and each brings its own rewards. But whatever may be said, nothing quite replaces the tradition of "Big Sister", "Little Sister."

## Dean In West Virginia

Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., Dean of the College, is in Huntington, West Virginia this week teaching in a Leadership Training School. The school began Sunday night and ends Thursday night.

## Welcome From Zetesian!

Zeta Theta Psi welcomes each new student to Flora Macdonald College. We are happy to have you as a part of our institution. In "Zetesian", we emphasize fellowship, our colors are green and white, and of course, our society hall is on the right. Any Zetesian will tell you that "Friendship is our motto", and we, at all times, try to live up to this. When Decision Night rolls around, "Go right, go Zetesian". Won't you join us?

## EXtra

Greetings Friends...

Are you feeling down in the dumps from being rundown and homesick? Would you like a place to go to rest and feel at home? You would! Well then, I have just the place for you. Come on and

join Epsilon Chi Society and enjoy our comfortable and spacious society hall. There you will find fun, friendship, and enjoyment you can't find anywhere else. Friends, be wise, join hand in hand with EK!