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These Hallowed Halls Kept By Odessa And Ethel

There are two ladies who work three forty-five in the afternoon each day. In the morning as we start out to that first period class, either half asleep or wide awake with dread, their cheerful faces and greetings encourage us to do our best. The mere fact that they take time to wish us a good day gives us a little better outlook. and we begin to forget our uncertainties because of this caim execution of the day's task their seeming unanxiousness makes us wonder at our own perplexities.

At noon we see them in the vicinity of the tub rooms on second floor. Yes, these ladies are Odessa Brown and Ethel Johnson. attitude toward their everyday We see them many times every job. day, but do we really know them?

Both of them are married and Both of them are married and live in Red Springs. Odessa used Main Majors to live near Antioch. But, Ethel has always lived in Robeson County; she lived at Buie's Station. At one time, when Odessa was a child, she lived on the place belonging to Mrs. McPhaul's math majors, along with Mrs. live this tradition at F. M. C.! father. She came from a family Wade Mobley, will be seen leavof six, but Ethel was the baby ing the F. M. C. campus to atof a family of sixteen. Ethel has three children of her own now. Conference which is held at the ence in the planning and managing They're all girls ranging in age University of North Carolina at of a home. Miss Charlotte Womfrom eighteen to twenty-two. Chapel Hill each year. Attending ble, Professor of Home Economics Odessa has two children, aged the conference will be Kathy King, twelve and sixteen.

Their duties include not only cher. the second and third floors of This conference is sponsored buying food, planning and preparmain building, but also the jointly by the Mathematics De- ing meals, and attending to the they work together, but at other times one is responsible for one thing, and the other is responsi ble for something else. Odesse works more on the second floor floor They have every Saturday afternoon and every other Sundaoff. Both of them heard about v cancies here in 1947. They applifor ichs and started working the same year Strangely enough neither of them knew the othe before coming here to work, but since they've worked together feloven voors they've become clos friends. They work together at winter, but they rarely see each other in the summertime. They both sav they enjoy the work, and like the people whom the job brings them in contact with - the girls, Miss Query, and

wonderful person to work for, and around and sees the same thing a fine woman."

appreciate the girls having help- is Birthday Night, a gala occasion has used some of the same ideas dy in town to bake it for the as yet undisciplined, voice, and in her own church and communi- occasion. ty work. Odessa added that the certainly appreciate the Christ also to provide a special dinner, mas Party and toys from the it was decided that one night Toy Workshop.

be found with a more Christian

Attend Conference

On October 31, three senior tend the Mathematics Teacher's ment House for six weeks experi-Jeanne Flournoy, and Sarah Hat-

THE SKIRL

Birthday Tradition Still Strong At FMC

Jane, who has probably been busily preparing her homework or maybe has just awakened from an afternoon nap, enters the dining room and makes her way

to her table as usual. Just before reaching it she observes something surprisingly different; her table is gaily decorated and centorod with a swirly chocolate Dear Editor: cake. Once there she finds to place card at the regular hostess's cont At the same time she hears of the girls by name. Mrs. Pate Pirthday" to her. She is filled received their highest, "She's a with excitement; she then looks

happening at other tables. They say that they have gain- This is a typical scene to be

each week be set aside for birth-

I don't believe two people could days. The idea developed into a tradition that has continued to the present. This weekly event still creates great anticipation among the girls because of the special dinner, including ice cream and cake, plus the gay, time, fun, and fellowship afforded while celebrating some unsuspecting girl's birthday. Each girl looks forward to the night when she will be the honoree, even if her birthday comes during the summer. Long

> will move into the Home Managewill stay with the girls.

During the six weeks the girls are responsible for planning and

Mystery Observer **Returns To Post**

(Editor's note: After a summer along the halls of West when the rest, our columnist, THE BIRD class bell rings.

WATCHER, has returned. You will One small group of the Fledgbe interested to learn that THE lings may occasionally appear to

her amazement her name on the fifth floor of the Rotunda, where Watcher has not observed any I have resumed my post as of- honest-to-goodness Red-eyed Flosficial FMC BIRD WATCHER! Af- sies save among those Fledglings charge of voices singing "Happy ter a four-month lapse, I am ea- who came with preconceived tendger to make my first report of encies in that direction. Shame on the new birdwatching season. them! The clear-eyed variety is Ready?

To be quite truthful, the FMC area has been so thoroughly ined some things by working here found in the dining room of F. undated with new and unusual for which they are grateful. They M. C. each Wednesday night. This species that your Bird Watcher has had a busy time of it. And, ed their children by giving them and muchloved tradition, dating despite my vast ornothological clothes. They have received church back to some time within the knowledge, I have been forced to literature, which has been help- past fifteen years. Until the time resort to scholarly research in orsix-thirty in the morning until ful to them. Since Ethel is a that this was started, parties were der to identify some of the birds Presbyterian, she has been able given almost every night for that have winged in from all parts to use it with her circle and someone was always having a of the southeastern United States. and cackle and giggle (bird ta share it with some of the other birthday: the individual tables May I begin the season on a ladies at her church. Odessa is celebrated these on any night they cheerful note? Allow me to point a Free Will Baptist, but has read found suitable. The result was out for your edification and adthe literature for her own bene- a very noisy dining room almost miration the Flora Mac Fledgling fit. They both think the girls are every night Also, no special meal (Freshmanus typicus), an abunddoing a fine job in helping needy was prepared, and the hostess ant and enthusiastic species new people at Thanksgiving and often bought something extra: she to the area. The species is dis-Christmas. Ethel said that she bought the cake or had some 1a- tinguishable by its strong, and by its apparently inexhaustible

In order to lessen the noise and supply of sand-piperish energy. also to provide a special dinner Too. the Flossie Fledgling occasionally appears to be slightly addled by all that is expected of it, and can be seen (and heard) flapping and cawing hysterically

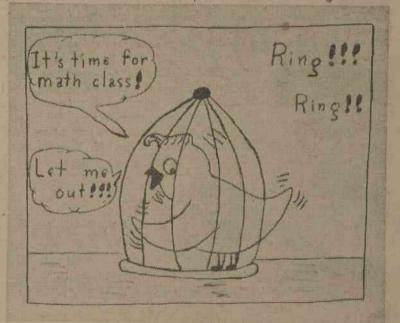
by Marion Davis

BIRD WATCHER spent his vaca- belong to the sub-group known coltion studying the schizophrenic loquially as the Red-eyed Flossie tendencies of the Mocking Bird.) Fledglings (homesickus plenteous) but this group is very much in Once again, greetings from the the minority. In fact, the bird far more attractive!

The Fledgling is at this stage tremendously domestic and works during every spare moment to make her new nest more habitable. ("Gracious Living," know.) Nest-mates become acquainted, and birds who were total strangers a few days ago now lie awake after light bell and cackle and giggle (bird fash-

This species has, in the early fall, a most charming mixture of naivete, self-confidence, insecurity, and enthusiasm. The older FMC birds (particularly the second-year birds) will see fit to eradicate much of the naivete the first English, music theory, the self-confidence; the Big Sisand chemistry classes may jar ters may dispel the insecurity; but let us hope that the enthusiosm will remain intact!

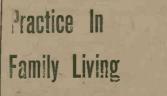
> Yours from the Dome, THE BIRD WATCHER



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faculty house. Part of the time partment of U. N. C. and the other duties involved in manag-N. C. E. A. and is especially ing a home. To make things a for teachers of high school math- little more interesting the girls ematics.

The main speaker this year will be Dr. J. W. Carr of the Univerand Ethel works more on third sity of Michigan. Dr. Carr has just returned from Russia and will speak on "What Russia is Doing With Electronic Computors". Other discussions will be concerned with teaching plane and solid geometry simultaneously in high schools, and new methods in teaching algebra.



On November 3, the Senior Jome Economics majors, Elizaeth Ann Clark, Susan Currie, Mrs. Pate. They know quite a few Della Evans, and Sarah Jordan,

Memories Will Long give themselves names which signify their individual duties. **Remain With** The four girls make up a family consisting of Mother or Hostess,

Father or Host, Daughter or Cook **Student Teachers** and Son or Housekeeper

The duties of the mother are to plan the menus and to see to the general well being of the house-The tardy bell has rung, the hold. The Father is the host and class has already been seated, asks the blessing at meals. He the roll has been checked with too sees to the running of the one student missing. It's the home. The daughter is in charge usual excuse given by her of the cooking of the meals and goommate. Ann White comes the son is in charge of the general running in - her pretext is excuses is seldom good for any-Student Teaching; the car housekeeping and cleaning. All these activities serve to wouldn't crank, or else she had train the girls how to live and to walk back from school, so

olan as a family.

If the power to do hard work these days, and the subject of his way clearly; undue precipiis not a talent, it is the best Student Teaching will come up. tation, that he does not see it possible substitute for it. One may be already in the pro- at all, -James A. Garfield cess of doing her practice teach-

she's late again.

ing, another may still be observing, and still others may be anxiously awaiting the day when they will start this phase of their college work. I dare say that there must be mingled feelings of excitement, anxiety, and perhaps fear for some as they face this new adventure, a very challenging one. Those who have not started yet seem to be a little worried about actually putting into practice what they (Contnued on Page 4)

He that is good at making thing else.

-Benjamin Franklin

Undue procrastination indi-Talk to almost any Senior cates that a man does not see

-Shakespeare