

Spanish Students Exchange Language Lessons With Wife of Costa Rica State Student

"How arre you? Hab a seat."
"Muy bien! gracias. Como esta Vd.? Sus . . . ah . . . ninos . . . como?"

These are the sounds you might hear if you visited Mrs. Berta Dominguez, wife of a State College student from Costa Rica, with one of the six Meredith girls who go to see her weekly to teach her English and to learn Spanish from her. Mr. Dominguez and three of their children are learning English in school, but Mrs. Dominguez and four-year-old Bertita do not go to school, so Meredith Spanish students are trying to help them overcome the language difficulty of living in a new country. At the same time they are getting valuable, practical help in their Spanish.

Caroline Jackson, president of the Spanish Club, Jean Morton, assistant to the Department of Modern Languages, and Eva Townsend, all Spanish majors, visit Mrs. Dominguez for the exchange lessons. Jean Curry, who has a minor in Spanish, Trudy Fitzgerald, and Nancy Drake are joining in the experiment.

Eva and Jean Morton have been teaching her tenses and use of reflexive verbs. They have discussed the Spanish and English words for various flowers and foods. Nancy Drake has been explaining the English words for colors, which in many cases are similar to the Spanish.

The girls participating in the exchange lessons are enjoying it. Here is an excellent chance to get first-hand practice in using their Spanish.

"I'm glad to have the chance to know people from another country," Nancy says.

Trudy said she believes friendly relations with individuals and families from other countries are valuable and fun, too

Meredith Student Body Hears Dr. Alexander

Our Southern high schools and colleges should do a better job of teaching students to write.

This is the opinion of William Will Alexander, a recipient of the Harmon National Award for service in American Peace relations and a

retired authority on race relations. Dr. Alexander, as vice-president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund which awards yearly fellowships to deserving students, spoke in chapel April 24.

"We make investments for you," began Dr. Alexander. "In a three-year trial period inaugurating the fund, we distributed \$50,000 among seventy students. Of the mixed races, 95 per cent made good. This gave us such encouragement that we awarded \$125,000 per year afterwards, still maintaining the 95 per cent average. We were looking for the most intelligent students, not the worthiest or the poorest ones.

"One of the chief factors determining our selection of these superior students," Dr. Alexander continued, "was the personal essay written by each applicant. We were appalled by the lack of writing skill of many of our southern applicants."

Dr. Alexander, though he was present at Meredith in an academic capacity, said his initial impression of Meredith was of its physical appearance.

"I'm happy that my first visit to the Meredith campus came in the springtime," Dr. Alexander remarked after chapel. "I am most impressed by the marked beauty of the campus.

"You may be interested in another one of our accurate guesses of genius," Dr. Alexander continued. "Some years ago we took a

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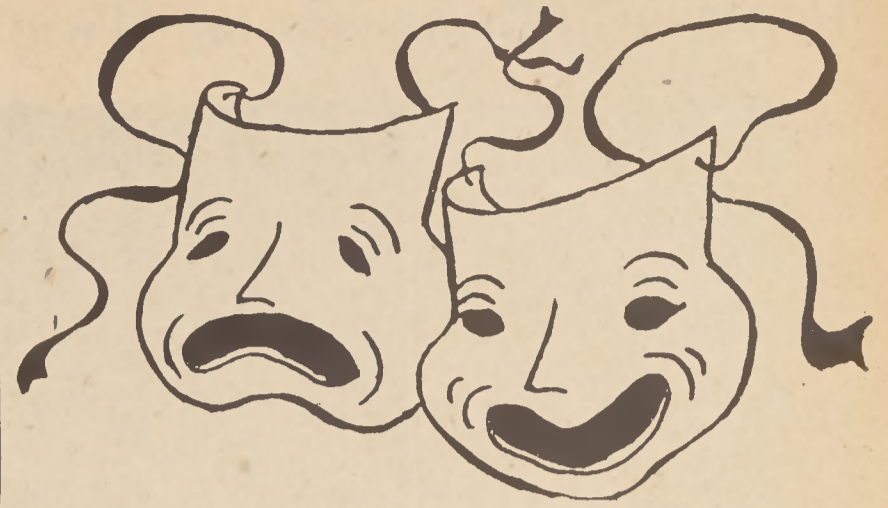
Sociology Students Learn By Doing

Bernice Limer and Sarah Thomas are participating in a program of individual directed study in connection with the Sociology Department. This is a regular college course, open only to senior Sociology majors. The girls must choose a social agency with which they would like to work, get their jobs themselves, and begin work as student trainees. Bernice chose to work with the Social Service department at Dix Hill. She says she was first taken on a tour of the hospital, shown the different types of treatment the patients receive, and the recreational facilities. She has also attended major staff conferences. The majority of her time, however, is spent doing office work, answering letters from other hospitals requesting information about the patients.

Sarah Thomas applied for a job at the Mental Hygiene Clinic, and began work immediately. Her work consists of interviewing and filing. The most important phase of this work is interviewing relatives of the patients to get their case history. She obtains information which might help solve the patient's problem. The difficulty of her work, she says, lies in getting people to talk about their problems.

Both girls agree that the experience they are receiving is well worth the two mornings they give up to work. They are learning to deal with all types of people.

BEHIND THE CURTAIN



Playhouse

All of us in the Playhouse are looking forward to a successful season in the coming year. I'm sure you will agree because the following girls have been elected as officers: Beth Morgan, president; Mary Cobb Dickens, vice-president; Ann Jane Barbrey, secretary; and Mary Jo Griffin, treasurer. The roll book shows that our membership is growing rapidly. You, too, can become a member by participating in one of the major productions. So, if you have a flair for the stage, a like for painting, or costuming, or a way with selling tickets, let us know. We'll be glad to have you enter our group.

Evidence of the talent and skill we have in the Playhouse surely hit the limelight last week end when

Ellen Westmoreland and Fay Walker played in Tennessee William's *Glass Menagerie*. Old hands at acting, they kept the audience spellbound with their portrayal of Mrs. Wingfield and her crippled daughter. Marcel Martin from State College did a handsome job of interpreting the son as Mr. Williams meant him to be, and Lenny Rubin, a newcomer in our midst who is also from State, did a convincing part as the gentleman caller. Hats off to all four and to Mrs. da Parma, too! Ann McGugan deserves honorable mention for the scenery as does all the production staff for their fine work.

Last week was a big week for the Raleigh Little Theatre, also. They had a full house every night for *Mr. Roberts*. Hope you got to see it.

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