

Mr. Harry K. Dorsett, Education Professor Is Psychologist, Actor, and Avid Golfer

By MILLIE PEARCE

As a person vitally interested in the emotional well-being of children, Harry K. Dorsett, a member of the department of education, spends one afternoon a week and extra time during holidays and vacations at the Wake County Mental Health Center in Raleigh. He began his work as a clinical psychologist at the mental health clinic twenty years ago.

At that time the clinic was in the process of being organized and had

as an aid in some court decisions. The second phase of Mr. Dorsett's work with children's cases consists of recommendation for special education, placement in a training school, or sterilization.

Wants More Emphasis On Problem

Mr. Dorsett feels that expanded emphasis should be placed on children because one out of ten children in North Carolina is handicapped. "As it is, we can't get around to all of them now," he

and while studying at Columbia University in New York I had the wonderful opportunity of learning from William Kilpatrick in education courses, John Dewey, who taught philosophy, and Edward Thorndike, one of the nation's outstanding psychologists." Others who influenced his ideas were Joseph Peterson, who taught psychology at George Peabody College in Nashville, one of the outstanding teachers' schools in the South. Also Mr. Dorsett added that he had taken a course under Bunyan Yates Tyner, who was head of the Meredith department of education for approximately twenty-five years. He also studied with Harry Emerson Fosdick at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Dramatic Interests

In addition to working at the mental health clinic and teaching students at Meredith to understand children, Mr. Dorsett also professes a life long interest in the theater. He recalls that his grandfather took him to see his first play when he was a youngster. Tent shows, which were presented across the street from his home in Siler City, gave him the chance to see numerous traveling theatrical groups. While a student at Wake Forest College, he came to Raleigh for many plays. The professor also saw plays while a graduate student at Columbia University in New York City.

Dorsett Is Actor

He has had roles in numerous plays presented by the Raleigh Little Theater. He has acted in and directed nearly fifteen plays at Meredith. "The play I enjoyed most, at Meredith was 'Our Town' in which I played the stage manager," he stated.

Although having a wide variety of outside activities, Mr. Dorsett added that he spends as much time as he can with his family. Mr. Dorsett with his wife and four chil-

dren hold a family council to discuss plans and problems.

The professor explained that his family loves to attend Little League games and that they always fit their summer vacations to the Little League schedule in order not to miss any of the games. Mr. Dorsett also explained that his family always sings on trips.



Mr. Dorsett gives senior, Judy Avery, the Rorschach Test in Education 56 class. only one psychiatrist and one social worker.

Clinic Has Eight Psychologists

The clinic, which is financed by local, state, and federal funds, receives this aid partially through the efforts of Dr. Ellen Winston, head of the North Carolina State Welfare Department, explained Mr. Dorsett. Because of her interest in the welfare of children, Dr. Winston was instrumental in obtaining appropriations from the federal government which would enable the clinic to expand. The clinic now has eight clinical psychologists to which cases may be referred. Eighty percent of the cases which are tested involve children. These children are tested for the possibilities of institutional placement, adoption, and

said. He added, however, that several counties in North Carolina are planning programs through health, welfare, and educational organizations to find out the cases involving mentally unhealthy children.

Gains Great Satisfaction

The satisfaction gained by helping parents, teachers, and welfare workers understand children in order to plan for them is the joy received from working with children in the opinion of Mr. Dorsett.

Regarding his views and opinions in the fields of education and psychology, Mr. Dorsett feels that he has been influenced by a great number of people. "At Wake Forest," he related, "I took four biology courses under William Louis Poteat



Mr. Harry K. Dorsett.

Mr. Dorsett Enjoys Golf

On trips to the golf course, Mr. Dorsett frequently takes the children, although he admits that they are more interested in the drinks and hot dogs they will receive than in the game of golf. A lover of golf, Mr. Dorsett said he does not have time to play as much golf now as he did formerly. Though the children do not seem to share his interest in golf at present, Mr. Dorsett stated, "Don't try to force interests on children. You should fit into the interests of the child and what he wants to do."

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