

if the banditti had just romped through it! I doubt if either my sister or I have ever before had so much exercise as we did climbing pyramids. Exhausting but interesting.

MEET THE KIRKS; Esther and Harris Kirk of Pine Knoll Townes both have such richly historical backgrounds that we could do a whole series on them. Esther is a descendant of James Monroe and has some beautiful pieces of furniture which actually belonged to him. On the other side of Esther's family was her grandfather, George Davis, who was attorney general in the cabinet of Jefferson Davis. The Kirk's daughter, Fair Wright and her husband, Bob, moved down to Morehead City last Spring and bought the Craft Cupboard on Arendell Street. They are both recent graduates of Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.

The Kirks came to us from Fairfax County, Virginia, upon Harris's retirement from his government position. Much earlier he was with CBS, and during World War II, both Harris and Esther were in the Red Cross in the Mediterranean Theatre. Harris points out that he was in France in both World War I and II, the first time as a very young warrant officer and the second time as field director for the Red Cross in the Military Naval Welfare Service. Their job was to communicate with local chapters back home in case of an emergency and to maintain morale at the front. Esther volunteered for a Red Cross program to visit American wounded in foreign hospitals but soon found herself assigned to an American hospital where she had to develop the job for herself, doing everything she could as a volunteer to make the situation of the wounded a bit easier. Esther and Harris who had known each other only slightly before this were eventually married in the Red Cross Officers Club in Corsica in 1944.

The Kirks are knowledgeable about many subjects, since they both have curious and retentive minds. Their special interests are history and antiques, and they have lovely old pieces of furniture, portraits, and books; they are willing to tell fascinating tales about them all. They are a charming pair whom you will want to know better and better.

NEW RESIDENTS IN PKS

The Muilenburgs have bought the Canaday house on Mimosa Drive. (Tom and Edna Canaday are now happily settled in their new home on the canal on Acorn Court). Now back to the newcomers -- Paul and Martha are from Charlotte where Paul was a tax lawyer who says - and we quote - his brain has been in idling gear for two years and that his hobby now is staring into space - end quote! But don't believe that for one minute! Martha is a charming gal, interested in music, the theatre and antiques and is an avid fisherman. They are the parents of three daughters. Two are married, living in Asheville and Alexandria and one is living in California. They have two grandchildren. Welcome to PKS, Paul and Martha -- we're very happy you've joined us.

Renting the house at the corner of Oakleaf and Willow is the McKnight family, Dorothy and Bill and four of their seven children -- three girls and a boy. There are two other daughters in California and a son in Colorado. Bill is a retired Army Warrant Officer and will be at the Landmark Inn when it opens. Originally from North Carolina, they have been living in California with two years in Germany and a tour of the Orient for Bill. But when it comes time for retirement living this was the place. Naturally Dorothy is busy being a housewife and mother. Bill says he's craft-oriented and showed the beautiful things he has done in positive transfer decoupage. The McKnights are lot shopping now with house building to follow.
