

# Getting Acquainted

## AT OXFORD



SANDY GASQUE

Masons visiting Oxford Orphanage are always captivated by the sights and sounds at the Baby Cottage, and small wonder. A more captivating group of youngsters is not to be found anywhere. And not enough can be said for those older Oxford students who assist so capably in caring for the tots in the Baby Cottage. One of these, Miss Sandy Gasque, talked to us recently about her life at Oxford, her work in the Baby Cottage, and her plans for the future.

Sandy is an attractive and vivacious young lady of sixteen who until recently was one of those who saw to the bathing, clothing, cleaning up after, and general care of the Baby Cottage children. In August she traded jobs with Gail Lynch (see August issue) and is now working in the Baby Cottage kitchen. She says each job has its pros and cons—the first job was easiest but entailed long hours, whereas cooking is harder work but provides more free time.

An Oxford student for five years, Sandy is a sophomore, English is her favorite subject, and she plans to be a teacher. She hopes to attend Meredith or UNC at Chapel Hill or at Greensboro. Sandy has been a member of the Literary Club, The Future Teachers of America Club and The Art Class. She was runnerup in the speech contest last term, her subject being "The Cremation of Sam McGee." We had never heard of Sam McGee and his warm ending, but Sandy told us it was a six or seven page poem that was hilarious at the end. If we ever get to hear the tale of Sam McGee we hope we can hear it from Sandy.

Incidentally, Sandy's boy friend (of a year's standing) graduated from Oxford in June and is now a student at Chowan College.

Hobbies include drawing, singing, and piano. You do not talk to Sandy long without arriving at the conclusion that whatever she does, whether at work or at play, she does it well. An outgoing and thoroughly charming young lady, we introduce from Oxford this month Miss Sandy Gasque.

Plastic surgeons can do almost anything with the nose, except keep it out of other people's business.

## AT GREENSBORO



MR. AND MRS. JOHN STINSON

On our last trip to Masonic & Eastern Star Home we talked with one of the couples who are guests there, Mr. and Mrs. John Stinson of High Point. They have been at Greensboro over 8½ years and are high in their praises of the Home. The Stinsons declare that the Home is truly home to them and a visit to their room bears out that statement—it just has a real homey atmosphere.

Brother Stinson (Marietta Lodge 444) was born near Asheboro and his first employment was with a general merchandise store near Ramseur. After three years in the store he was employed by a company which furnished supplies to railroads. For ten years with that firm his principal duties entailed supplying food and other items to work crews along the railroad lines. Work crews in those days lived in shanty cars, and shanty cars are among those long-familiar sights which are rapidly disappearing from the railroad scene.

For 5½ years Brother Stinson operated his own restaurant in High Point but grew tired of the long hours there and sold out. Then for sixteen years he was shipping clerk for a High Point textile firm until an asthmatic condition incapacitated him and he and Mrs. Stinson came to live in the Home.

Mrs. Stinson was born in Worthville and grew up there. She worked for a while as receptionist for an osteopath and later worked in the same High Point restaurant which her husband eventually purchased. She agrees with Brother Stinson that restaurant hours are hard and long.

Brother Stinson is an avid sports fan, baseball being his favorite sport and the two Robinsons, Frank and Brooks, being among his favorite players. He also likes basketball, football, and wrestling. In watching the latter sport he is joined by Mrs. Stinson (it's amazing the number of women that are hooked on wrestling), and both of them enjoy watching the afternoon soap operas. Mrs. Stinson also does a lot of magazine reading.

An obviously devoted couple, a couple busily sharing their interests and activities, we introduce from Greensboro this month Mr. and Mrs. John Stinson.

## Board of Custodians Sets Special November Session

During its regular fall meeting in Raleigh on September 18 the Board of Custodians discussed at length possible ways of improving the Lecture Service and Schools of Instruction. There was general agreement that changes can be made which will heighten the effectiveness of these programs. It was pointed out that many lodges maintain a high degree of proficiency and do not need the same amount and frequency of instruction that is needed by lodges maintaining lower levels of proficiency.

Chairman William K. Price called a special all-day meeting of the Board for November 5 to consider the promulgation of new and more equitable rules. During the interim Board members will exchange thoughts and suggestions in order that all proposals may be already known to the Board when it meets in November.

The Board made final plans for the proficiency examinations to be held September 20-24 and voted one-year extensions for those Certified Lecturers due for re-examination who could not, for good and sufficient reasons, present themselves for examination during the 1971 sessions.

A resolution of sorrow and respect was adopted because of the recent death of Board Member Charles C. Ricker, Past Grand Master.

## DeMolay News

During the annual State DeMolay Association and State Officers meeting held in Burlington on September 12, the North Carolina organization managed to accomplish a great deal in a relatively short time.

State officers were instructed concerning their duties and State Master Councilor Don Etheridge, Jr. outlined his policies for the current DeMolay year.

Several committees met and formulated their plans for the year.

Etheridge reported on a potential fund raising project to possibly get underway during the winter. This would involve statewide candy sales with individual chapters retaining a percentage of the profits and the remainder going to the State Association. Final determination concerning the project will be made during the regional workshops.

Don provided a packet of general information for each chapter and each state officer. Included were rules governing athletic events, the "Gallop and Gave," organizing or reinstating chapters, and various other activities.

Membership expansion was stressed throughout the meeting.

Over a hundred DeMolays, sweethearts, and advisors attended the meeting, hosted by Friendship Chapter of Burlington.

## INTEGRITY

Masonry expects, but does not demand progression toward perfection, as a limit. In such endeavors one will rise above mediocrity. We are admonished to increase in wisdom and to grow in knowledge, and to reap the benefits in the form of unquestioned honesty and integrity.