

Women Find Pharmacy Interesting, Expanding Profession

By LEONARD BERLOW
 CHAPEL HILL — Women's lib is old hat to the pharmacy profession. Ladies represent about 9 per cent of all pharmacists and close to 20 per cent of all pharmacy students. And the figures are rising in their favor all the time.

There are lots of good reasons, too. Newly registered pharmacists receive one of the highest starting salaries—in the five figure bracket—available to college graduates today. But it's not only the money. They can usually count on a 40-hour or less week and endless opportunities exist for part-time work. But even more important, it's a respected profession offering recognition, challenge and a way to relieve human suffering as a member of the health team.

Traditionally, female high school graduates head for careers as nurses, secretaries and teachers. Today young ladies are giving serious consideration to a career in pharmacy because of the numerous advantages it offers.

First, they are finding that the "welcome mat" is out. Once skeptical, inflexible male pharmacy owners have not come to realize the potential of this "new breed" who have proven to be extremely capable and interested in the profession. They have a sincere desire to help people, and that's what customers are looking for. It's not bad for business either.

There's a place-and-everything-in-its-place atmosphere necessary in pharmacies and their prescription departments. This is a natural for the inbred feminine house-keeping talents.

Pharmacists have many opportunities to work on a part-

time basis. This is a help home who want to supplement family income at a substantial hourly rate. There is no question that fitting in available time is a great deal easier for the professional pharmacist than for the usual female occupations.

But it's not just the corner drug store where registered pharmacists may now be found. Hospitals are employing many more than in the past their pharmacies to compound and dispense.

Another innovation which is quickly catching on around the country is the clinical pharmacist. This places pharmacists directly on the patient health care team which once was restricted to the physician and nurse. This plan has many advantages. Nurses can devote more of their time to other purely bedside nursing functions. The physician can consult with the pharmacist, who is truly an expert in drugs, about the proper choice of medication and possible adverse reactions.

Pharmaceutical research and development are important facets of this profession which women are entering in increasing numbers. Their natural attributes of care and exactness fit well into laboratory routine.

What kind of girl chooses pharmacy as her college major? At the School of Pharmacy of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill she is pretty, smart and has an eye on making certain that she always can count of a secure future (just in case).

Gail Henry comes from Charlotte. She is in her last year of the five-year pharmacy course and is looking forward to a career in retail pharmacy.

"Becoming a pharmacist was not a sudden decision for

me," recalls Gail. "I had made up my mind about that before graduation from high school."

Would she advise other young ladies to go pharmacy? "Well, that depends," she says. "The individual must have a strong science background and interest in chemistry. And the big thing is that anyone—male or female—must be determined to study. There's no partying every night when you're a pharmacy student."

Gail has gotten some firsthand experience in community pharmacies around the Raleigh-Durham area. She enjoys meeting the public and feels that her contribution to health care can be important through pharmacy.

What about minority females in pharmacy? Mrs. Mona Reddick is living testimony that this is a profession open to all. She was a 1964 graduate of the School of Pharmacy of the University of North Carolina. Today Mrs. Reddick is on the staff of the School in the important work of drug abuse education for

secondary school students. She is also telling the story of opportunities in pharmacy and other health careers to high schoolers throughout the state.

"Pharmacy," says Mrs. Reddick, "is a profession that accepts you for what you can offer it. I believe that there is a general lack of knowledge about what a pharmacist is and does. It's my opinion that more black and minority group individuals would enter the professional field if the information were made available to them. This is what I hope to do."

Mrs. Reddick is a graduate of the E. E. Smith Senior High School in Fayetteville. She then attended Hampton Institute in Virginia where her major interests were chemistry and mathematics. The decision to change to pharmacy came when Mrs. Reddick "decided to enjoy chemistry in a more practical way than as a teacher."

Robert Reddick, Mona's husband, is keeping medicine in the family. He's in his first year at the School of Medi-

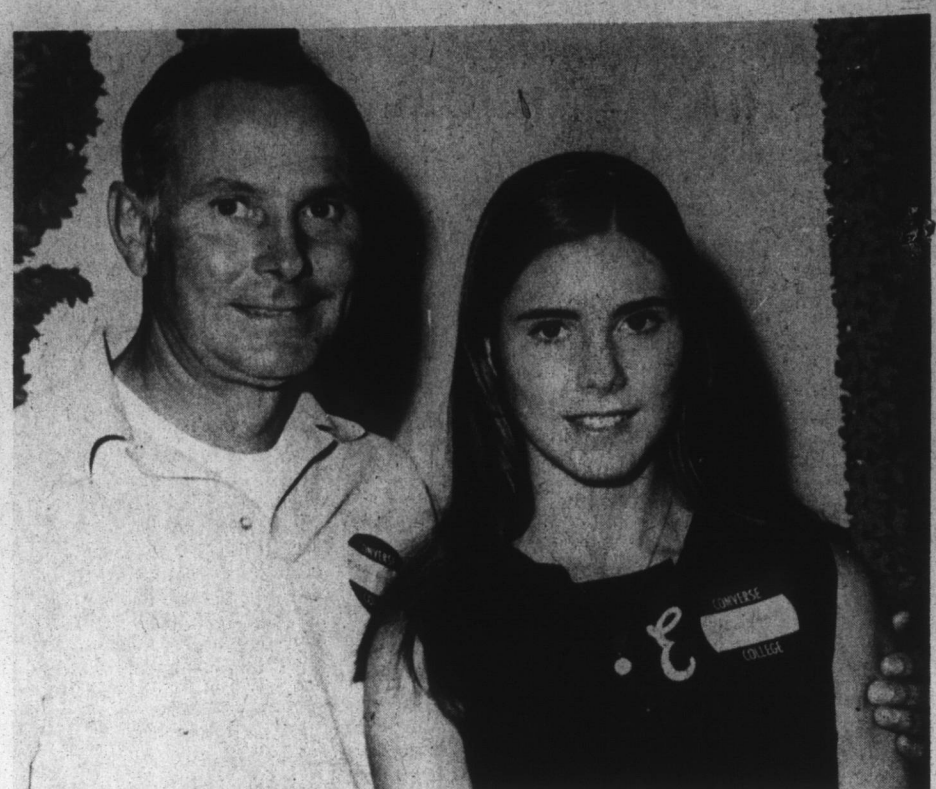
cine of the University of North Carolina. Reddick has a master's degree in pathology from UNC.

Robert and Mona Reddick are debating whether it will be medicine or pharmacy for their 4½-month-old daughter, Ramona Jeanell. Right now they're both worried because of her gurgling. Dentistry?

Success stories of female pharmacists are many. As each day passes, their responsibilities and possibilities increase. In expanding numbers they are being appointed to "in-charge" and supervisory positions in every phase of pharmacy operations whether it's a community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy or research post. And it isn't unusual to find lady pharmacists who are pharmacy owners.

The image of the balding, white-jacketed gentleman behind the drug store counter is in for a pleasant change as more and more pretty mini-skirted ladies join the ranks of professional pharmacists.

Maybe that's just what the doctor ordered.



WEEKEND WITH FATHER—Freshman Father's Weekend at Converse College proves to be an unforgettable experience to each new crop of fathers and daughters who make the scene in Spartanburg, S. C. Participating in this unique program recently were Bruce F. Jones, Blount Street, and his daughter, Ginna. The fathers actually moved into their daughters rooms, bunked in with the father of his daughter's roommate. There were varied activities scheduled for the weekend.

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By Mrs. Ethel Winborne
 Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bissette and daughter, Jane of Wil-

Senator Ervin Plans Address

Sam J. Ervin, Jr., will address the N. C. Society for the Preservation of Antiquities during the 1970 session of N. C. "Culture Week" to be held in Greensboro December 1-5.

Dr. H. G. Jones, director of the State Department of Archives and History, will speak to the morning meeting of the organization on December 3 concerning current preservation projects in North Carolina, and Sen. Ervin at the luncheon session will discuss the historical development of Guilford County.

"Culture Week" is N. C.'s unique annual gathering of 13 independent cultural and is traditionally held in Raleigh. It moves to Greensboro this year in conjunction with the beginning of the historical organizations and Guilford County Bicentennial celebration.

Participating organizations, while retaining their separate identities, have been meeting at one time and place since 1913. In addition to business meetings, addresses by several speakers of national prominence, and various side activities of mutual interest to the participants, awards will be presented to outstanding North Carolinians for literary, artistic, historical, and musical excellence.

son were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smithwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adams and Mrs. E. J. Pruden, Sr., and Mrs. Josephine Pierce visited S. B. Adams at Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk Friday. He has been a patient there for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Turner of Wilson were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William White.

Mrs. Ken Hopkins of Newport News spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. J. W. White.

Mrs. Virgie Baker and Mrs. Frances Taylor spent Saturday at Williamston.

Mrs. E. J. Pruden, Jr., visited Mrs. Ada Greene in Harrellsville Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smithwick spent from Friday until Monday night at Hampton with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bailey and daughter Stacey.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Layton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Smithwick and children of Yorktown and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White and family of Newport News.

First Lieut. and Mrs. Britt Smithwick of Hampton spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smithwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker, Mrs. Virgie Baker and B. L. Smithwick made a trip to Nags Head Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel Winborne spent from Thursday until Saturday afternoon with her brother, A. E. Bowen, Sr., of Windsor.

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