

Career Minded Girls Off For College

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The girls on this page are about to embark on one of life's great adventures. They are all going to college. They have, in fact, already left. Most of them took off at the sound of the flash bulb.

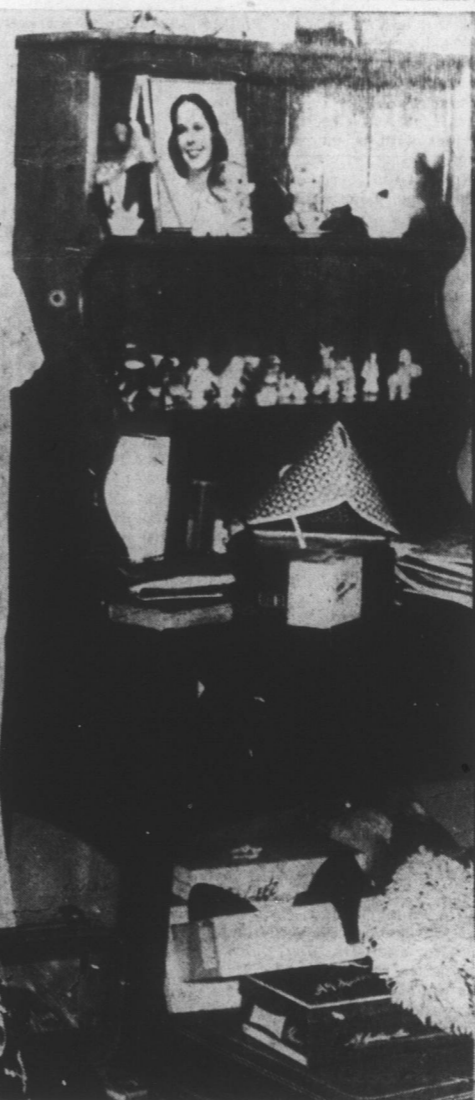
Almost to a woman, they have not been to college before. This is their first year. But they're ready for it. They have enough lipstick, clothes, suitcases, words of encouragement, patient boyfriends, Chanel 5, and strong teeth (for biting fingernails) to carry them through all vicissitudes.



WILL STICK TOGETHER — Kathryn Thomas (left) and Margaret Lee Naylor won't have to worry about who they'll draw for roommates when they get to Campbell College. They'll room together. At the Bule's Creek school Kathryn plans to study religious education while Margaret Lee is interested in primary education. Miss Naylor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luby Naylor of South General Lee Avenue. Kathryn's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, 510 South Fayetteville Avenue.



MAMA HELPS OUT — Packing would have taken a lot longer — and there could have been things left behind — if Mrs. Billy Hodges hadn't given daughter Laney an assist in the vital few hours before she left for Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs. Not oddly, Laney — whose real name is Elaine — will study music at college. In Dunn, she not only played the organ for the First Baptist Church as assistant, but last year she was School Musician, tink-



ling out school songs, hymns, even a little jazz at Friday assemblies. As a Dunn High cheerleader, she was also good at producing the kind of music cheerleaders make. "Hey, Su-u-z-ie! Yeah, uh-huh—" If there were boys at Flora Macdonald they might think uh-huh, too, when Laney gets there. There aren't. Laney's parents live at 609 West Pope Street.



BONES UP IN ADVANCE — Before she even left Dunn, Alice Lou Jackson had dug out a "Progressive Second Algebra" and was hard at work on college-type equations. Because she's so dumb? Alice was salutatorian of the Dunn '53 graduating class. She's now enrolled at Duke University. Secretary of the student council in her junior year, pretty Alice was also a star basketball player. Classmates voted her the "most athletic" in the Senior Superlatives contest. Alice's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Prince, 309 West Divine Street.



QUEEN TO A NEW REALM — Beth Adcock, who was Lillington's "Girl Scout May Queen" only a few months ago is about to change jurisdictions. She left this week for Peace Junior College, Presbyterian girls' school in Raleigh, where she will be a freshman. Beth had a lot of fun talking about college before she left, asking questions of those who have already been there. In a girls' school, for instance, where do your dates come from?



FAN OF THE REAL COOL — Ann Jackson, of Lillington, who is beginning her second year at Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, known you can't take everything with you to college, but you can try. She's going back this time fortified with some of her favorite records, a couple of cherished teddy bears, and of course her best clothes. Things should be quieter for Ann, once she's safely off to school. This summer she's had to answer a lot of telephone calls for her mother, who is chairman of the historical museum which will be open during Centennial Week.

Whatever occurs, and a great deal will occur in their first year, you can be sure they will not be the same when they touch here again.

They may not be like Ethel Barrymore, either, but at least they will be changed. Many of them, in fact, are likely to come back brides or brides-to-be — at least pretty soon — for there is increasing evidence that colleges are adding matrimonial bureaus to their other services.

That is one of the reasons why girls go there. Some, of course, go to become bacteriologists. Most of them change their minds because they find something they like better than bacteria, but a surprising number are faithful to their ambitions. These are good ones, and they get their rewards by and by. They marry smart and have children who work on electronic brains.

College is a treacherous place for the beginner, and wonderful and solicitous housemothers can't take all the sting out of it. More than one of these girls will be ringing her mother before long to say she will have to come home, she misses the dog too much — but mother will be firm and daughter will stay.

Since she is from Harnett County, she will carry on in the grand tradition of American women — like Dorothy Parker, perhaps, who flunked English, but went on to greater glory. Most of Dunn's college-bound younger set will come out the better for having gone to college, regardless of what happens to them there. Even if they don't learn the date of the Battle of Hastings.

The best jobs these days go to college graduates. This is particularly true for women, who can rarely get away from stenography — waitressing — dressmaking without a sheepskin. And the girls who go to college to get married are not exactly foolish for college really is a kind of game preserve where lonesome bucks feel safer than they would on open ground.

AND BOYS, TOO

A lot of Dunn girls, and Lillington girls, even in addition to those seen here, are headed for college to take advantage of the charm-building, talent-building nature of the place. Some boys, too — but not as many because most of them are getting their armed forces service out of the way first. Miss Ophelia Matthews, principal of Dunn High School, figured up, if we remember her right, that about one in four of last year's graduates are off to college this fall.

That's pretty good. In fact, it's

above the national average — not as much, though, as a couple of years ago when over half the graduating class went off to the halls of ivy. Some who go quit, but some who don't go, go later, so it about balances out.

As they left here this week with their techni-colored luggage and in high-heeled shoes, most of these girls were plainly in the category

called "sweet young things." Meaning — too old to scold and too young to cuss.

The next time seen they will be taking their place in the adult world. You can be anything you want, girls, remember that. And North Carolina women are famous for what they want.

Just don't get Ava Gardner's appetite.



PENNIE IS MOURNFUL — Dark-haired Barbara Reddish, 709 North Orange, tried her biggest smile on the family's pet Mexican Chinuhua, Pennie, but all in vain. Pennie will be staying home while Barbara ventures to Peace College in Ra-

leigh. A triple threat in high school, Barbara was a high-kicking cheerleader, editor of the Dunn Echo, high school annual, and had a leading role in the senior play, "The Groom Said No." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reddish.

Destiny Kids?

It's easy to see that graduates of Dunn High School from last year are very North Carolina conscious. They were headed this week for Chapel Hill, Campbell College, the Flora Macdonald College for girls and other state institutions, but not one was aimed for an out-of-state university.

Carolyn Parker has gone to Woman's College in Greensboro. A good student at Dunn High, Carolyn is planning to take business courses. She was in the library club, took part in newspaper activities last year.

Valedictorian Herman Godwin who won a whole passel of honors in high school was president of the student body last year, Hi-Y president and on the basketball and baseball varsity teams — is headed for Chapel Hill. When last heard from, Herman was planning to start in pre-med. The Morehead scholarship he won will pay his tuition way through college. He was also governor of the State in his junior year, so it looks like that political training politics is losing.

There's MacRae Turlington, of course, who was in the Lou Westbrook received a letter from MacRae Turlington, Chapel Hill the other day. He's there on a football scholarship. He attracted a lot of attention in this year's East-West game in Greensboro.

Each year Dunn High School holds College Day and Career Day. College Day will be in October this year. Seniors and juniors hear from representatives of the various schools, get to ask questions — finding out about courses and tuition and all the vital details.

Career Day will be in early spring. Older students participate, pick out their major subjects for college, then hear special talks on these subjects by speakers who are sent out from various colleges. Helps to avoid those beginners' blues and the small voice that says, "I haven't picked my major yet."

Larry Thomas is also at Chapel Hill, studying pharmacy (daddy already is one, at Thomas-Walgreen Drug); Betty Frances Parker is slanting for a business career, at Hardbarger's Business College in Raleigh; going to Peace College in Raleigh are Linda Williams and Ida Neighbors, Billy Woodall and Ronald Earl Taylor are at Atlantic Christian in Wilson.

The manager of football and basketball teams at Dunn High for several years, Bobby Dixon, is taking his school spirit with him to East Carolina College in Greenville. Bobby, who is big enough to frighten other teams to death, didn't play the game himself but he was a real help to the squad.

Also going to East Carolina is Alice Lou Jackson. A member of Tri-Hi-Y and the student council, Alice was one of Dunn's most ardent female sports enthusiasts. Jimmy Carroll is going to North Carolina State. He won the science award medal, is a radio ham.

Donald Jackson delegate to Boy's State year before last and vice-president of the student council last year, is starting at Chapel Hill. He's planning on a medical career. James Stephenson and A. C. Godwin are going to Campbell College in Bule's Creek.

Anyway, the local grads don't seem to be turning toward engineering quite as frequently as boys from other places. Maybe some of those who have headed for service will try it when they get back. Lindy Wood, now in the Navy, plans to go to Atlantic Christian when his hitch is done. Billy stationed at "Rainbridge, Maryland" — plan on college, and Bobby Godwin, also in the Navy — like Lindy, they're Bobby wants to try Campbell College. Their mothers say they like the Navy, though — "maybe a change of plans?"