

What's Goin' . . . At Owen

By Nancy DuPuy



One of the senior sociology classes has just completed units on marriage, divorce and juvenile delinquency. Through Mrs. Hazel Wilson, their teacher, they have studied the importance of preparation for marriage and many factors of a successful one. Also they examined reasons for broken homes and effects of such separations. Interesting talks were given on these subjects by Ruth Hollifield and Ann Perry.

For further study, a panel discussion on juvenile delinquency was held by several members of the class. Those who participated were Pat Gill, Shirley Pressley, Talmadge Roberts, Philip Stone, Bobby Ledbetter, Marlene Pavette and Christine Hart, with Mrs. Robinson as moderator. Each student wrote a paper on way of building more stable homes. One of the most outstanding ones was written by Ann Perry and is as follows:

HOW TO BUILD MORE STABLE FAMILIES

"Today the stability of family life is threatened by forces undreamed of several generations ago. In the life span of one generation, the world has been shaken by two world wars. There has been widespread industrialization in education, transportation and communication. Also there has been a constant rise in conflicting ideologies. The stability of the family cannot escape the effect these forces have had upon total life in the modern world. "The forces to main family unity must always be present and in constant practice. One of the first things to deal with in building more stable families is to recognize that family unity has changed. Basic to the thought of development is the recognition that certain historic characteristics that must be preserved. Likewise, there are certain modern characteristics that must be discarded. Therefore, one may draw the conclusion that everything old is not bad, and everything new is not necessarily good. Thus, intelligent discrimination is necessary. The basis of such discrimination may be recognition that the home is not the basis of the entire society, as it once was. Today, members of the family do not depend upon each other for survival, since industrialization has shifted the means of a family's livelihood. Many varied careers attract different members from a family. Once the purpose of a home was to unerringly induct the daughters to be wives and the sons to follow in their fathers' steps.

"Since time immemorial, people have made themselves aware of the fact that the divine plan of God for humanity is establishment of a family. It was His first institution in the world. In accordance with His plan, this institution is to produce children—His means of continuing the human race. "The family stability is maintained by a two-fold love: Love for God, and love for each other. A mutual respect and reverence for God is the greatest unifying force. This reverence recognizes His purpose in His institution of family unity. Love for each other includes sacrifice and responsibility shared by each for all. Dependence on this family love lies a pride in family heritage. Each member

home before reporting to Cherry Point for reassignment. Renee Whitaker celebrated her fifth birthday anniversary Sunday, April 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gabriels of Savannah, Ga., spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Wells, and brother, Billy.

Lindsay Mattison has returned to Antioch college, Yellow Springs, Ohio, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Gorman E. Mattison.

Miss Donna Dotson of Berea college, spent the spring holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dotson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rudisill and daughter, Lynda, spent the week-end in Charleston, S. C.

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Donald and family are vacationing in Tampa, Fla. Mr. Donald is rector of "Saint James" Episcopal church. They will return May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. McPhaul and children, Denny and Mary Brooks, of Columbia, S. C. spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. H. E. Stinchcomb, at "Gray Gables". They also visited friends in Asheville while they were here.

living more influenced by pressures from outside the home, than those affecting entertainment and recreation. Many of these pressures contribute enrichment and creative leisure. Nevertheless, many pressures have the destructive power to completely break family unity. At this point, therefore, there is great need for discrimination. Here, the family must offer the pleasures that are more appealing than the destructive elements. "People who comprise families which hold characteristics of stability will unquestionably recognize God's purpose in such an institution. The stable family is in harmony with God's divine plan because: 'the family that prays together and plays together stays together.' "—You can "clean-up" wherever you are if you carry a travel and trash container in your car, remind C. of C. Lions club and Woman's club "Clean-up Campaign" sponsors.

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Mr and Mrs. Mark Shuford and son, Mark, Jr., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Longoey, Jr., and daughters, Barbara Ann and Pat, of Charlotte. T. R. Jurwitz spent the week-end in Durham where he attended the state Gideon convention. Miss Ruby M. Jolliffe is expected home this week after spending the winter at Daytona Beach, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Miller who spent the winter in Fountain City, Tenn., have returned to their home here. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Holcombe and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Swain Holcombe of Asheville and Mrs. Edna Wall, spent the week-end of March 28 in Charleston, S. C. They visited Magnolia Gardens while they were there. Medical Corpsman Alan Holcombe, USN, having completed basic training at his station in San Diego, Calif., is now off leave at his

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