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### Special Program Called Success

By PETE IVEY

CHAPEL HILL — An experiment in higher-level education for specially gifted freshmen at the University of North Carolina has been declared a success, it was made known today in a report presented to the Chancellor and faculty of UNC, and included in the President's report to the Trustees.

Twenty-six freshmen of high intellectual caliber have completed a year's study as a group in an advanced academic program. Another group of 25 superior freshmen are starting on a similar program for the 1955-56 school year.

#### Took Extra Work

The students took on extra work, made top grades and pioneered in a venture which could be instrumental in raising educational standards generally in institutions of higher learning.

Accomplishments cited in the report are:

1. The students worked harder and learned more than they would have otherwise.
2. Some of them have been encouraged to explore more fully the intellectual horizons opened by the various courses.
3. The group developed an esprit de corps which aided them greatly in their academic work. This was brought about by mutual intellectual stimulation, friendly competition, and a sense of companionship in a worthwhile adventure in learning. As for grades, the boys did even better than expected. Because of the higher level at which the basic

courses were conducted additional credit was given for the extra ground covered. With one exception, the boys in the special group are two full courses ahead of normal schedule.

Conceived as a possible answer to the unsolved problem in this country of how the gifted may be furnished an education suited to their talents, the program was initiated by four UNC professors who taught the freshmen in four basic courses: Mathematics, philosophy, history and English. The students were kept together as a class in these four subjects.

The four professors are Edward A. Cameron in mathematics, Everett W. Hall in philosophy, James E. King in history and William S. Wells in English.

Besides taking the four basic courses, the students attend classes in other subjects with the general run of freshmen. Most of the boys in this year's special group are also taking chemistry.

The students taking part were selected from a larger group chosen on the basis of high school records and recommendations of school principals. Several dozen were invited to take a battery of tests to ascertain their general aptitude and proficiency in English and mathematics. Those placing at the top were selected.

Last year's group consisted of 20 residents of North Carolina and six from out of the state, and the in-state and out-of-state ratio is about the same for this year's group.

In the 1954-56 group were seven students holding \$1,250 Morehead

scholarships. In this year's group there are 11 Morehead Scholars.

#### Students Background

Most of the boys come from fairly well-to-do homes, but a few of them have to get extra financial assistance. One of last year's group worked eight hours a day in a textile mill while he was in high school. He was a self-help student at the University. He did god work in his studies — by normal standards. But when some additional financial aid was obtained for him, and he was relieved of extra out-of-class labors, his grades immediately shot up and so did his morale.

What about the pioneer 26 superior freshmen? Now that they are sophomores, will they continue to be watched and guided?

No second-year program has as yet been worked out for the special group. However, their faculty advisers in the General College are following their progress and they will be permitted to advance as rapidly as their progress justifies.

One other by-product of the project is an additional experiment this year in having 26 average freshmen take four courses together, so that they may benefit individually from the esprit de corps of their own group.

Lawrence Luther Lohr, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Lohr, and the grandson of Mrs. S. A. Mauney of Kings Mountain was among the boys selected for this year's course. Young Lohr is a resident of Raleigh.

The hangar deck of the huge Navy aircraft carrier USS FORESTAL is the length of 2 1/2 full-size football fields. The warship was commissioned October 1, 1955.

### Negro News

By Mrs. Cannie Gordon  
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A Pre-Thanksgiving Carnival will be held at Bynum Chapel AME Zion church, North Candler and Ellis streets, November 19, 1955, beginning at 4 p. m.

The Rolling Clouds Quintet, of Kings Mountain will be a special attraction.

The Temple Baptist Church of Gastonia will worship with the Shady Grove Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Pastor Woods is the sponsor. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this service.

Sunday night at 7:30, Rev. Sloan Murray will preach at Shady Grove Baptist Church. Saturday night there will be a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Barnes for the church Building Fund.

There will be services at St. Paul Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, sponsored by the Trustee Board.

The Star of Bethlehem Quartet of Baltimore Md., will render a program at Good Hope Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 7 p. m.

Several other quartet groups will also appear on the program. The Baltimore group will broadcast from Station WKMT Kings Mountain, Sunday morning at 10:15.

The Girls Auxiliary of Mt. Zion Baptist church will hear its 5th anniversary sermon Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. J. Davidson and congregation of Shiloh Baptist church, Shelby, will conduct the service. A Pantomime Angles service will also be held. The public is invited. Rev. Garvin is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Jettie Moraney, of Baltimore, Md., was a guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchem. Mrs. Moraney is a former Kings Mountain resident.

The Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen will present a program in observance of World Community Day at Mount Zion Baptist church on W. King street Saturday evening at 7:30. The program will be given by a number of foreign students who will be visitors in the homes of several of the church women. A group of the students will present a similar program at Grace Methodist church at 7:30 p. m.

Churchwomen have invited all colored citizens of the community to attend the Mt. Zion service.

### Self Help Features Develop The Child

Learning how to dress himself will develop a child's muscle coordination, initiative and self reliance. But to help the child learn to dress himself, select those clothes which have self-help features, advises Julia McIver, State College extension specialist in textiles and clothing.

All openings, for example, should be in the same place—in the center front. This avoids confusion, especially among younger children. Miss McIver adds that it's good to have a front opening that's the full length of the garment, or at least one that's deep enough to go on easily over the head.

In selecting clothing, choose those which have few and easy-to-manage fastenings. Round, flat buttons about an inch in diameter are much easier for the small child to manage. Miss McIver also advises using a guard under zippers and a tassel or ball button on the slide for easy grasping. You may find it good practice,

too, to mark the front of the garment with colored thread. If possible, avoid centerback fastenings since this is the most difficult place for a child to reach. Avoid very small or too large buttons, hooks and eyes, and snap fasteners. Separate belts are a nuisance for the very small child, and sashes on everyday dresses are

an unnecessary worry, according to Miss McIver.

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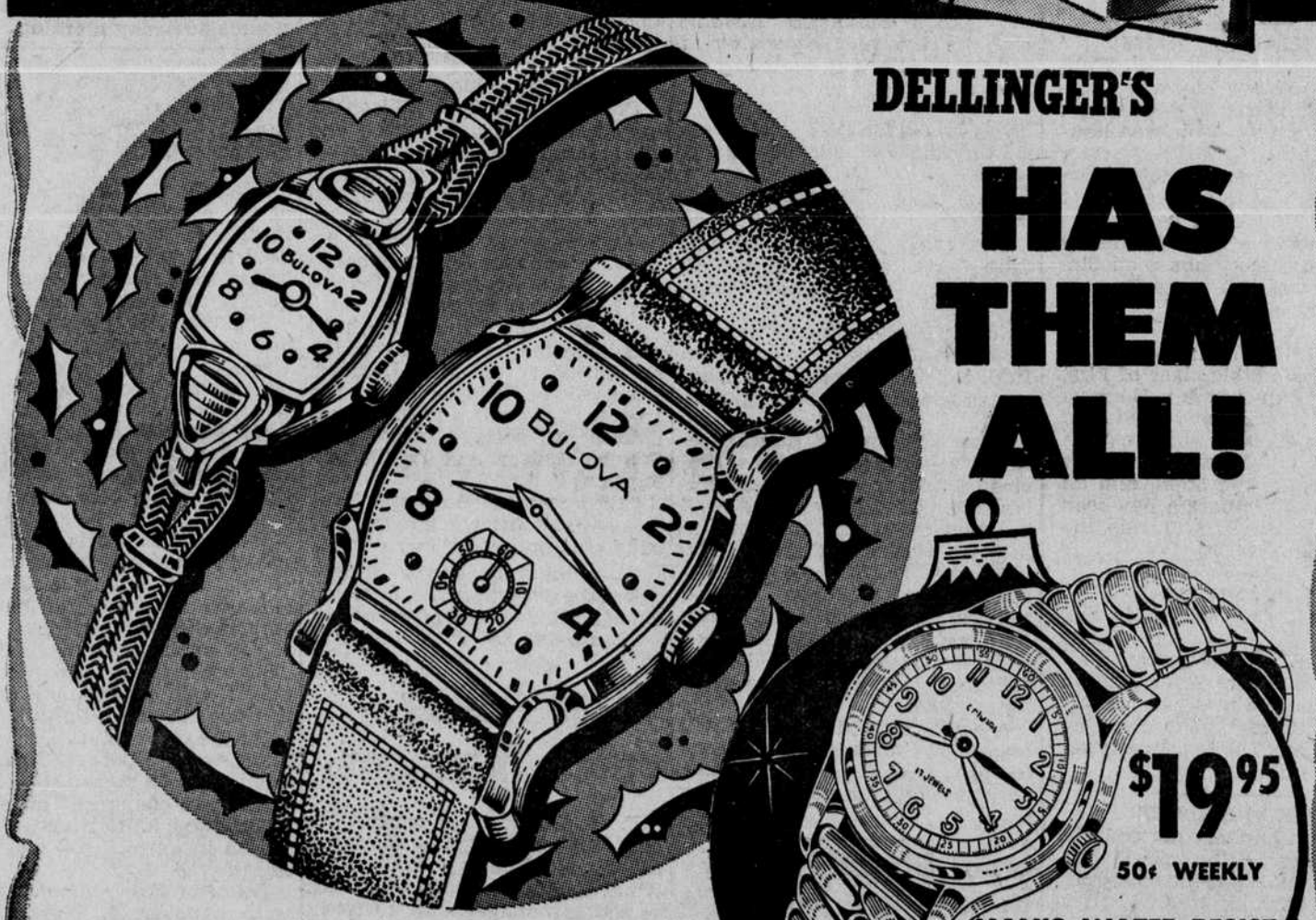
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