

Biltmore Hotel College Director Greets Students

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Marie McDonald entertains 50,000 college students a year. She probably knows more about the current fads, dating customs and general behavior of the nation's campus crowd than any college dean.

If total registration is the yardstick, she runs the world's biggest college, right in the heart of New York City, a stone's throw or a tunnel walk from Grand Central Station.

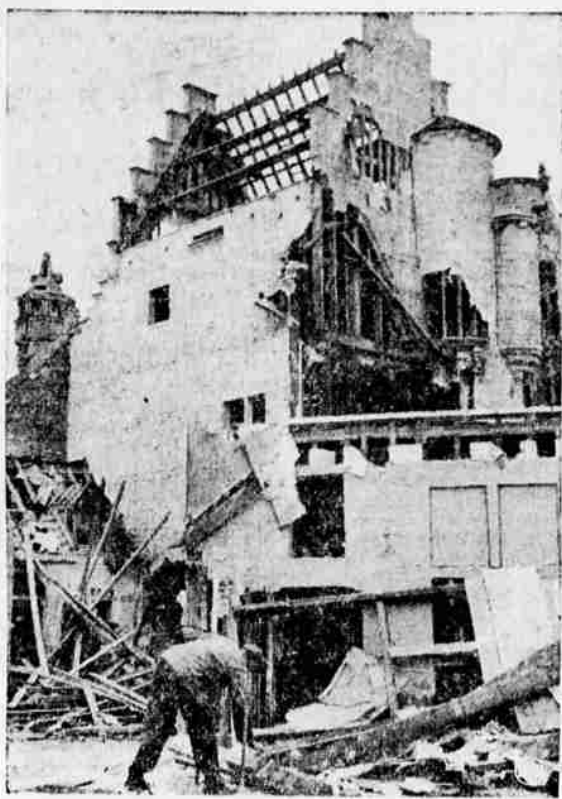
Of course there are no classes at Mrs. McDonald's college, no faculty and no final exams. Her job is director of the department of college relations at the Hotel Biltmore. The campus she supervises is limited to the hotel and the department she runs is responsible for comfort and welfare of the collegiate hordes who descend on the famous old hotel on weekends, holidays and vacations.

In her four years as college director, Mrs. McDonald has become a sort of mother confessor for the nation's students, although she is young, pert and attractive. She has representatives on campuses throughout the country. She herself travels widely, visiting college and prep schools. She is responsible for reserving the required number of rooms for the college crowd, estimating their needs months in advance. But she's also a one-woman clearing house for the transfer of funds from parents to students, for delivering messages, giving shopping advice or travel direction, getting theater tickets and finding lost articles. Says she:

"Every once in a while I'm also the bureau of missing persons. A daughter will write her parents that she will be staying at the Biltmore, and then will fail to arrive."



JERRY BURD of Cleburne, Texas was just a toddler when a friend gave her a bantam hen. When she celebrated her 20th birthday recently, the bird was still around, dressed in its best feathers. The hen even lays an egg occasionally, which must be another record of some kind.



A WORKMAN goes about his job of helping to tear down the buildings of the 1958 World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium. Rapidly becoming a pile of war-reminiscent rubble is the "Merry Belgium" village, background, which attracted millions of visitors during the fair's six months.

Monotone Room Like Black Dress Is Wise Choice

CHICAGO (UPI) — A monotone room is as wise an investment as "a good black dress," says decorator Rose Marie Pruse.

She practices the theory in her own work room, and the effect is pleasing and practical.

Miss Pruse, (of Peter Schneider's Sons & Co.) chose champagne as her basic color. Pale beige tones are repeated in the painted walls, silk-covered sofas and chairs and in slightly deeper shades in the travertine and pearly marble-topped coffee tables.

The floor is covered with champagne-colored rubber tile, and the color is repeated in parchment lamps. Lampshades and ceiling are white.

The work room has no windows, but Miss Pruse recommends champagne fortisan, an improved rayon fiber resistant to weather, for draperies.

The delicate color is not impractical, she said. Silk and fortisan can be treated with a stain repeller (Scotchgard) which has proved successful in keeping textured and satiny fabrics fresh.

Accessories provide the color, which Miss Pruse changes every six months. These days she is using purple.

Violets in white vases and clear glass jars brighten tables on one side of the room, and a three-foot high purple bottle provides a massive spot of color on the other side. Pillows, vases, pictures and containers range in tone from violet to reddish-purple.

Scholar In Iron Lung Asks For No Favors

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — To some of her Wake Forest College classmates Martha Mason is the "intelligent, responsive" voice in the little gray box that sits on the professor's desk.

To others she is a gracious girl with more courage than a day-light burglar; a girl who can do practically nothing with her body but an "awful lot with her brain."

To thousands of North Carolinians she is simply "the scholar in the iron lung."

Until 1948 Martha had no claim to distinction. She lived in the small town of Lattimore and walked or ran the several blocks to school with the other youngsters.

In 1948—just after finishing the fifth grade—infantile paralysis killed her only brother and left her an invalid, dependent for life on a throbbing, cream-colored cylinder.

Martha can leave the iron lung for about an hour a day if she's feeling above par. Otherwise it's for a shorter time. Some days she's in it all the time.

With an iron lung her permanent home, she picked up whatever pieces were left for an 11-year-old girl and began willing her way toward an education. Today she is two years away from her bachelor's degree and she hopes not too many years away from a career as a writer.

Since 1948 she has gone to school the hard way, helped by a devoted mother and father, a number of Lattimore school teachers and the miracles of modern communication. Grammar, grade and high school teachers in Lattimore came to her room daily until she graduated with honors.

With high school behind her, Martha wanted a college education. And, after some figuring and with the financial help of Cleveland County's citizens, to college she went.

An inter-communications system was set up at Gardner-Webb College near Shelby, one of the state's five Baptist junior colleges. Martha and her mother moved into a boys' dormitory.

"That," Martha said, "was lots of fun."

A special telephone system connected her to classrooms, permitting her to "attend" classes. She achieved a 97 average.

Next Martha wanted to come to Wake Forest, one of North Carolina's two senior Baptist colleges. Setting up the communications system was more expensive this time, but the people in Cleveland County, particularly in Shelby, were eager for Martha to get all the education she wanted. They paid for the system.

Martha is taking Latin, philosophy, chemistry and two English courses this fall. At mid-term there was every indication that she's continuing her all-A tradition.

Her Milton teacher, veteran Professor H. Broadus Jones, says: "She neither desires nor needs special favors. In accuracy and completeness of information, conciseness and clearness of phrasing, and good judgment she is unsurpassed in this group. She is a regular member of the group, participating in answering questions or expressing opinions, and her presence is felt as much as that of any other member of the class."

TWO SCORE YEARS

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The Naval Air Station here was so busy it didn't take time to celebrate its 40th anniversary. It was commissioned in 1918 with equipment of six tents and six seaplanes. Now it is one of the largest and most powerful facilities of its type in the world.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

RUTLAND, Vt. (UPI) — After narrowly losing a golf tournament, Joe Fournier decided to do some extra practicing. He promptly shot two holes-in-one on the same day.

BUM REPORT

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — "There's a bomb on a bench at Union Depot." That's what two Phoenix policemen thought they heard in a radio call. They rushed to the train station, found nothing and learned the report had been garbled. It should have been—there's a bum on a bench.

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By DOROTHY ROE

Associated Press Women's Editor The Christmas stocking, hung on the mantelpiece, is usually the first thing to be opened on Christmas morning, before the serious unwrapping begins. Though Christmas is traditionally for children, it's only fair for Mom and Dad to have their own stockings, too, gaily decorated and filled with silly surprises.

Here's a gift to give ahead of time, or to make up for Christmas bazaar. Felt Christmas stockings couldn't be easier to make, and a pattern isn't necessary, say local sewing center experts. Just cut red felt to stocking shapes.

Apply decorations before stitching the socks together. Then stitch and add a loop for hanging. With a little imagination you can make stockings that will be used every Christmas for years to come.

using a pair of pink shears and making Dad's the largest, with others graduated according to size. The real fun comes in decorating the stockings. Put a Christmas tree on Dad's or decorate it with felt cutouts of pipes, guns or whatever he likes best. Also, you can sew on strips of rickrack and squares of contrasting felt to simulate an overgrown argyle sock.

Mom's sock should have lots of glitter, easily achieved with sequins and felt cutouts. You might even edge it with metallic lace.

The baby sock should be rimmed with bright red ball fringe and decorated with a red-and-white striped felt candy cane.

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TO RECEIVE MEDAL
TOKYO (UPI) — The United States will award the Legion of Merit medal to Lt. Gen. Keizo Hayashi, chairman of the Japanese Joint Staff Council, for contributing to the U.S. defense effort, the Japanese Defense Agency announced Friday night.

PARENT - APPROVED is this newly introduced Christmas toy which harried mothers will view with pleasure. Instead of a strewing type it is a picker-upper. Rubber tip of tube forces marbles inside when pressed down on them. Thus, they are stored in tube rather than on floor. Pistol grip handle is just for fun.

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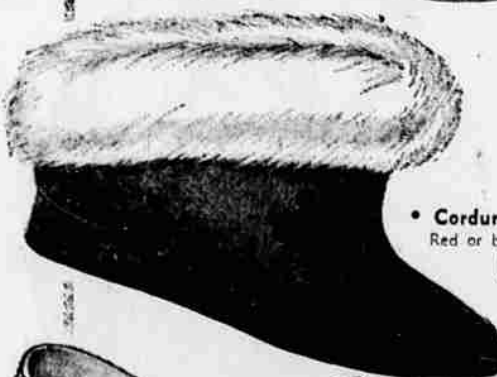
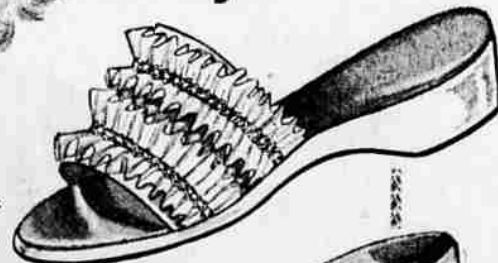
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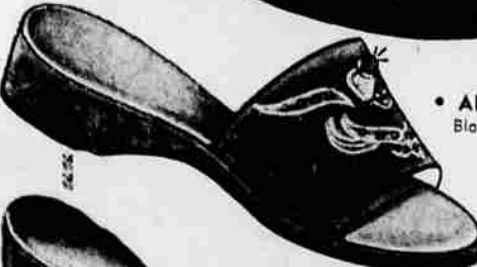


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