# **The International Voice**

January, 1957



## The International House Program JACKSONVILLE STATE COLLEGE Jacksonville, Alabama

### CONTENTS

A Year in Alabama
Christmas Holidays
By Lyndon Bolton
Impressions of Florida
Experience in Florida 8 By Isaac Goldfield
Alumni News
Special Greetings
Citation
My Sister Abroad
Visit Spain
Recent

#### A YEAR IN ALABAMA

#### By Maria-Nieves Franques

Editor's note: Nieves, originally from Barcelona, Spain, was here last year studying Chemistry. Now she is back home where she attends the University in order to become a pharmacist. After her return she started a series of articles in the University paper, "El Virus", about her impressions of her sojourn in the United States. Here is the translation of the first number, and we hope that we shall receive the rest.

How many times we have dreamed crossing the Ocean! How many times we have planned for the future a trip to the country already known to everybody through the movies! But these dreams and these divagations seem to be impossible in serene moments. After the storm comes calmness, as goes the saying, forgetting our hopes, we have dedicated ourselves for years to what we considered sometimes a monotonous life of students.

However, as it frequently happens in stories, luck is favorable and what we dream of becomes a reality by a strike of fate. In this way, after long but pleasant vicissitudes, I happened to receive a letter from the American Consul announcing that I was granted a one-year scholarship to study in Alabama.

After a long but splendid voyage, I arrived at my destination somewhat disconcerted, very frightened by the different customs of the people, and worried about my little command of English which I had thought was almost perfect. Fortunately, I made the acquaintance of three South Americans and some French students who helped me feel less lonesome and slow down my impulses of returning home. In the college--as it is called and which here would be the "Ciudad Universitaria", we were many students of both sexes; fifteen were foreigners and others natives. We lived with Americans in dormitories, but we had a house (the International House) which we started calling our own, and where we went at any moment. Preserved food (cans, of course!), a magnificent library, a collection of records, a piano and a beautiful yard were at our disposition. Only the foreign students and a select group of Americans were allowed to stay there, always under the vigilant supervision of an excellent married couple who served all the time as parents to us.

Our American friends gave us access to their way of life, uncovering for us the secrets of friendship, hospitality, affection, and comradship, which we had not even imagined. They invited us to take part in their excursions, trips, entertainments, and other youth activities which we finally began to like. They have not in a single instant made any criticism on our religious or political beliefs or simply on our customs. Their homes became so much as ours since the first moment, that during the week-ends we met real problems, not knowing which invitation to accept.

The American hospitality is one of so many pleasant souvenirs I have of this country which has treated me with an unforgettable year.

Christmas Holidays By Lyndol Bolton

The beginning of the holidays found the students of the International House with varied plans. This is a very brief rundown on the activity of each one.

As it might have been expected, few of us have enjoyed the quietness of a family atmosphere.

Helen Smith, for instance, a hard working student, seems to have needed a long rest when she says, "It was very nice to take life easily and breathe again." But was it? Not after being hostess to Sergio and Aida!

Bobby Kennedy, Lila Tommy, Mary Ann Shelton, Rowe Hudson, Ann Killingsworth, and myself form the group of those who stayed home. You may accuse us of having given ourselves to food detecting, but not without supposing that at least we studied for the exams.

Then we have an ambitious group who, instead of relaxing, decided to "earn some living."

Valine Voss held a position in the bank of her hometown, Fruithurst. Anniston had some jobs to offer to Sergio-Lerda Olberg with Sears Roebuck & Co., and to "sister" Thelma Southern at Ferrell's Jeweleriers, while her twin, Velma, hang around the house. The Peruvian representative, Aida Ferrarone, acquainted herself as a clerk with a 10¢ store. While visiting friends from his native Guatemala in Atlanta, Humberto Godoy managed to find him a job with a Firestone store. Selling clothes was not

a new experience to Mohammed Boutaleb who had been a salesman last year. During the second week of the vacation, Mohammed was invited to speak to the Rotary Club of Sheffield and spent a few days as a guest of a Rotarian's family in Florence.

Two persons spent part of the holidays at home and part away. Katie Goulielmi (Johnson) went to Rome, Georgia, and Frenchie Whitten visited his brother in Atlanta.

As for our representative from Iran, Hossein Ghaffari, he seems to have more affection for Jacksonville than any of the other International students. He remained with Dr. and Mrs. Jones. He claims that he was very well treated.

Tommy Boyd and Weyman Traylor went to Chicago to represent Jacksonville at a convention of Alpha Mu Gamma. Their report reveals that they had quite an interesting experience.

The two groups who have been entertained by the Rotary Clubs in Florida report marvelous and numerous cases of hospitality and pleasant moments.

#### Impressions of Florida By Jacqueline Verhaegen

Editor's Note: For the past seven years, the Rotary Clubs of Florida have been generously inviting a group of the International House students to spend Christmas holidays. This year two groups were invited. One, consisting of Jacqueline Verhaegen, Margaret Dewar, Steve Sirisinha and Paul Frys, went toward St. Augustine, Tampa and Sarasota. The other, made of Francisca Jofre, Francine Laloue, Miguel Valdes and Isaac Goldfield, headed to Fort Myers Beach, Winter Haven and Napels.

The International House is deeply grateful to the Rotarians of Florida for their active support of our program.

The groups remember nothing but excitement and pleasant experiences. Here is their report.

Our impressions of Florida will always stay with us: sunshine, palm trees everywhere, beautiful ocean, and wonderful receptions by Rotarians who entertained us royally.

St. Augustine, a very pretty old town, made us feel as if we were in some part of Spain. The sea food was delicious!

We visited the Alligator Farm, where you find the oldest alligator--1300 years old. We also visited the Marine Studios with their jumping purpoises and all sorts of gold fish, and the Fountain of Youth where we had the privilege to see a huge Globe of the Earth, on which was shown the travel of the first settlers to the New World.

Two days later, already full of memories, we left for Tampa where Mr. J. C. Hughey, a good friend of the International House, welcomed us.

In this industrial town we were taken out most of the time. We saw an old "Greek town", Tarpon Springs, where we tasted excellent pastry and coffee. In Clearwater we saw for the first time the Gulf of Mexico, and were there just in time to watch the sun going down slowly into the water. That day at lunch we gave a program for the Ybor City Rotary Club. We met people of Latin origin in a Spanish Restaurant where the gay atmosphere reminded us so much of Southern Europe that we went back on New Year's Eve.

One day, going in the direction of Winter Haven, we saw the Cypress Gardens, the Singing Tower, and the Masterpiece, reproduction of Vinci's Last Supper. We shall always remember these beautiful sights.

There, as well as in Sarasota, one week later, we went swimming, yachting, and had the most wonderful time. In Sarasota we stayed in the Mira Mar Hotel where Mr. and Mrs. Norton did so much for us. We spent Christmas Day with the Steinmetz family, owner of an amateur radio. We tried to contact our families, but did not succeed because too many people happened to be on the line that day.

Of course, we could not miss the famous Ringling Circus. We went to an orange grove. For me it was the first time that I saw any tropical vegetation, and believe me, I thought I was in Heaven with the beautiful sunshine.

We also visited the Jungle Gardens and the Art Museum, where we found some very good "Rubens". On the 27th of December, we left for Venice where we spent two days. We went bathing in the afternoon-incredible thing for a European.

6.

To finish our holidays, we went to Bradenton where we had a lot of fun with a group of high school and college students.

And here we are again under a grey sky, cold weather; no more palm trees. But we certainly feel relaxed and full of energy to work again. We all would like very much to visit Florida again some day. We want to thank very sincerely the Rotary Clubs and all the people who made it possible for us to take back home the memories of one of the most beautiful and interesting holidays we have ever had.

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

7

and the second s

#### Experience in Florida By Isaac Goldfield

The voyage was terribly hard as rain was falling for most of the twenty-four hours that the trip lasted. The further we went, the more did our hopes waver. Even Fort Myers, our destination, received us with a cloudy sky. But the next morning Florida was worthy of its reputation, and from then on, wherever we went the sun was with us.

To relate in detail what we did and all the fun we had would be impossible. So here are some of the highlights of our vacation.

The reception that awaited us in Fort Myers was characteristic of the attention we received everywhere in Florida. On our arrival to the Greyhound station, we were greeted by Mr. Sanders, President of the Rotary Club, the press, and some other important people. Then we were taken to the hotel.

On one of the first days, we had a yacht party, sailing up the Calloosahatchee River. We had a picnic on deck. The afternoon was wonderful and everyone of us enjoyed it.

Another rare opportunity that was given us was to try ourselves at square dancing. It looks easy as all steps are called for, but wait till you try! Still some of us proved to be good pupils, especially Miguel who danced a polka step around the hall--much to the delight of the spectators.

In Fort Myers we visited the home of Thomas Edison, and were photographed in front of his phonograph, his first lamp and his own Ford car.

One of the enjoyable experiences we had was the day we gave a program to the High School of Fort Myers. After we had lunch in the school's dining room, we visited some of the foreign language classes, French, Spanish and Latin. In each of these we spoke to the students and answered some questions.

During all our vacation we kept one thing indispensibleswimming everyday. We all had the opportunity to water-ski. For all of us it was a new experience and we tried it as often as possible. Some of us are quite capable by now.

Another highlight was the crossing of the jungle in Naples, in a swamp buggy. It was wonderful...and bumpy! Francine's head acquainted itself with mine rather too emphatically during one of these jumps, and we all laughed so much, we nearly fell off. Miguel wanted to know how many gates the estate possessed and every time we met one he wanted to stop and go down to inspect the door.

The most beautiful day was that spent on the beach in Naples. The weather was superb and our spirits high, we laughed, skied, swam, and loafed in the sun. We came back in the evening happy, tired, and with a sunburn on our backs.

In Fort Myers Beach, where our stay continued, we were very well received. Frances and Francine learned horse riding. Francine even took her horse down to the beach (or was it vice versa?). Now she speaks of horse riding as the best thing in life - after bananas, of course! Francine's craze for bananas has become as sudden as strong, in fact, so strong that we decided to change her name into Banina, which fits perfectly!

We did many other things like TV appearance, radio interview, car rides, rowing. We even flew over Fort Myers in a private piper; it was great!

In Winter Haven where we spent nearly a week, our schedule included parties every day. The best of all was our visit to Cyprus Gardens. We had lunch there and watched the show. We (the boys especially) had the pleasure to meet and to have at our table, two lovely girls from the show. One was from Denmark and the other was from Sweden. We spent the rest of the afternoon visiting the gardens, and took a ride in one of the racing boats.

All things have an end, so did our fabulous journey to Florida. Our trip was wonderful, one of the nicest experiences. Not only did we enjoy ourselves, but also did we make many friends. We were sorry to leave so soon, but we all hope to go back sometime.

We met the other group in Tampa on December 31. We decided to spend New Year's Eve together at Ybor City. We celebrated New Year with a splendid Spanish-Cuban supper.

We left Tampa and Florida on January 1 in the morning, full of wonderful memories and thanks for the people who gave us such a grand time. We arrived the same day at 11 p.m., happy and tired.

\*\*\*\*\*

ALUMNI NEWS By Tommy Boyd

We of the International House Program always look forward to the season of Christmas when we receive Christmas greetings and letters from many former friends and their parents. Some are as follows:

(Mrs.) Katherine Cooper (Crerar), (1951-1954), "Nippy", who now has a young son, Scotty, and who is in Germany with her husband, Lieutenant John Crerar 11.

Maria-Nieves Franques (1955-1956), Barcelona, Spain.

Bobby Hawkins (1953-1955), and his wife Sue, and their young son, Greg, of Pell City, Alabama

Virginia Voss (1952-1955), Fruithurst, Alabama.

Joyce Collins (1953-1956), Talladega, Alabama.

(Mrs.) Freda Flenniken (Stchrer) (1949-1952), Cristobal, Canal Zone. Freda writes us that she and her husband, Andrew are planning to attend the University of Tennessee next summer. They will both be working for a B.S. in Education.

Margaret Ann Swann (Mrs. Harry Smith), husband, Harry, and daughter, Peggy, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mildred J. Fernandez (1951-1955), Havana, Cuba, and who is now in Panama.

Eui Sook Cho (1955-1956), Seoul, Korea. Eui Sook is now attending George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jean Alhine and family (1947-1948), Besangon, France.

Odile Sawicka (1953-1954), Paris, France.

Reginald Tidwell (1947-1948), and Mrs. Julia Brumbelow Tidwell (1949-1950), Tuscaloosa, Alabama..

Jacques Hermia (1955-1956), Liege, Belgium.

Ernst Schwarz (1951-1952) and his wife, Dolly, Zurich, Switzerland.

Nicole Boheme (1948-1949), Luneville, France.

(Mrs.) Elaine Amyot (Anderson) (1952-1953), Petrolia (Ontario), Canada.

Françoise Schyns (1954-1955), Herstal, Belgium.

(Mrs.) Jackie Cobb (Collier) and her husband, Bill, and daughter, Nancy, Marietta, Georgia.

Pierre Perron (1953-1954), Montreal, Canada. Pierre tells us that he is now at the McGill Conservatorium of Music and is studying for a Bachelor of Music in composition.

Jack Churchill (1949-1950) and Mimi Ballart (Churchill) (1949-1953), Lawton, Oklahoma.

Marie-Claire Bernard (1955-1956) Paris, France.

Renate Graf (1953) Egg-Zurich, Switzerland.

(Mrs.) Odette Michel (Couture) (1946-1947) Nancy, France.

Marcelle Andre, Paris, France. Mlle Andre selected all French students for the first three years of the Program.

William B. Jones (1949-1953) and his wife, Martha, Jacksonville, Alabama and Vanderbilt University, Hashville, Tennessee.

Tom Shelton (1949-1950) and his wife, Sue, and children, Rob and Matt of Jacksonville and Mobile, Alabama.

John Cathey (1945-1950) Jacksonville, Alabama and his wife, Mariel.

Louise Stanton (1954-1956) Gadsden and Tarrant, Alabama.

(Mrs.) Dora Miranda (Cerasualo) (1953-1954) Brooklyn, New York.

Odette Simon (1947-1948) Paris, France.

Marie-Claire Prunet (1955-1956) and her young sister, Pams, Courbevoie (Seine), France.

Lieutenant William A. Jackson (1953-1956) Vincent, Alabama and Fort Benning, Georgia.

Raquel Nodal (1949-1951) Havana, Cuba.

(Mrs.) Nicole Noel (Neubeiser) (1954-1956) Maryland.

Tom Wheatley (1951-1953) Huntington (L.I.), New York.

Francoise Hennequin (1948-1949) Nancy, France.

Jacques Corman (1951-1954) and his father and mother, Mr. and Mme Henri Corman, Froidchapelle, Belgium.

Donaldo Fraser (1950-1951) Bogota, Colombia.

(Mrs.) Hanna Meisels (Rosen) (1951-1952) and her husband, Alain, Los Angeles, California.

(Mrs.) Denise Devaucher (de Tapol) (1947-1948) Tunis, Tunisia.

Fernand Marty (1946-1947) and his wife, Simonne Repussard (Marty) (1946-1947) Middlebury, Vermont. Fernand was formerly from Louviers, France and Simonne from Paris.

B. K. Walker, Jr. (1955-1956) and his wife and daughter, Beverly, Jacksonville, Alabama.

Monique Gaillotte, Paris, France.

Mariane Malandre, Paris, France.

C. L. Simpson (1947-1952) Cite Universitaire, Fondation des Etats-Unis, Paris, France. We have been distressed to learn from C. L. that he has been quite ill. We wish for him a speedy and complete recovery, and we know that he will be happy to hear from you! Please keep us informed about yourself, C. L.

We are proud to announce, "it's a boy!" (Carlitos) for Rolanda Goetze (1951-1955) and her husband, Manfred Hartung, of Venezuela, and Alan Bruce for Yvonne Goetze (1951-1955) and Dan Traylor who are now in Sweetwater, Tennessee. There is only a two-week difference between the dates of the births of the Twins' babies; Rolanda's is the older.

We are also glad to hear that Hans Struth and his lovely wife, Maria, are the proud parents of a baby boy, named John Friedrick. They are living in South-Barre, Massachusetts. Hans (1953-1956) is originally from Mainz, Germany.

(Mrs.) Regula Schlatter (Meier) (1952-1953) and her husband Heinz, formerly of Zurich, Switzerland and now in Atlanta; sent us a lovely card with a picture of their cute little daughter, Barbara, on it. Regula says that she is very interested in her job as research technician at Emory University and that her husband, Heinz, is working on his Doctor's degree.

Jack Street (1948-1950) Gadsden, Alabama, and his wife, Sonia, also sent us a cute Christmas card with a picture of their young son. Stephen. Jack is now working on a Ph. D at the State University of Iowa.

Genevieve Jeannerat (1951-1952) Paris, sent us a card from Madagascar where she will be until next month when she goes to Japan. Genevieve travels extensively. In November of this past year she was in Melbourne, Australia for the Olympic games. She says that she meets Monique Gaillotte and C. L. Simpson occasionally and "It's so wonderful to talk of Jacksonville". She also says that she wishes she could "land in the campus" to visit the International House again.

ConmyiWatsone(1949t1952); -AmnistonerAlabamatissnow at the WnivEsdity in rBahkhey, California. We are happy to hear that he has been invited to join the University Staff for the Second Summer Session as full instructor.

We hear from Randi Furseth (1954-1955), Elverum, Norway, that there has been some "funny"weather in Europe this year; instead of snow, there has been rain. Randi says that she enjoys so much hearing from all her "old" friends.

We are happy to hear that (Mrs.) Lily Cuitte (Humblet) (1949-1950), Haccourt, Belgium, is now teaching school and that her husband, Dr. Jose Humblet, has just opened an office to practice medecine. Lily, like so many others, manages to keep in touch with other members of the International House.

We certainly do envy Clarence Chastain (1946-1948) and his wife, Elene Sparks, (1946-1949), and children, Rangely, Colorado. They sent us a lovely Christmas card telling us that their landlord has a lovely place with an outdoor heated swimming pool and that they have swum weekly all winter with a thick blanket of snow on the ground. Clarence plans to work on his Ph.D. next summer in Colorado.

We were most happy to receive Christmas cards from the parents of the following former students: Yvonne (Traylor) and Rolands (Hartung) Goetze, Herida, Venezuela--the name of their young sister, America, also was on the card; Nicole Noel (Neubeiser), Rabat, Morocco; Randi Furseth, Elverum, Norway.

We also appreciate the Christmas cards received from the parents of the following students of this year; Isaac Goldfield, Geneva, Switzerland; Miguel Valdes, Havana, Cuba; Jacqueline Verhaegen, Brussels, Belgium; Margaret Dewar, Erith (Kent), England; Weyman Traylor, Gadsden, Alabama; Francine Laloue, LeMans, France; Mary Ann Shelton, Jacksonville, Alabama; Sergio Lerda-Olberg, Rome, Italy; "Steve" Sirisinha, Bangkok, Thailand; Humberto Godoy, Guatemala City, Guatemala; Francisca Jofre, Barcelona, Spain; and Aida Ferrarone, Lima, 'Paru.

Your International House Program family would like to thank each and every one who thought of us at Christmas, and we hope you had a most joyful Christmas and that you will have a happy and prosperous New Year.

\*\*\*\*\*

#### SPECIAL GREETINGS ON TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL HOUSE PROGRAM WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING

Mr. Earl K. Krueger, Editor, The Rotarian, Official magazine of Rotary International, Evanston, Illinois.

Dr. George B. Watts, Chairman, Department of Romance Languages, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, and Secretary-Treasure, The French Review Which is the official magazine of The American Association of Teachers of French.

Dr. Julian Harris, Chairman, Department of French and Italian, The University of Wisconsin, and Editor of The French Review.

Mr. Henry Dupont, Chairman, Department of French, Hunter College, New York City, and Cultural Affairs Officer for the French Government in New Orleans soon after World War 11.

Mr. Henri Bonnet, Ambassador of the Republic of France in Washington during World War II and for a number of years afterwards, and Madame Bonnet, Paris, France.

(All the above have been guests of the International House Program.)

Mr. Pierre Mendes-France, of the French "assemblee Nationale, and former Premier of France, who made it possible for the first International House Program group, back in 1946, to have transportation to the United States. And, finally, a number of clubs of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs and of District 238 of Rotary International, as well as individual well-wishers.

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### CITATION

We are very pleased with the bonor which our director Dr. Jones has just received. He has been cited by <u>The National</u> Conference of Christians and Jews.

The certicate of recognition reads:

"For outstanding leadership in promoting the cause of good will and understanding among all the people of our nation... thereby fostering amity, justice and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews... helping to eliminate intergroup prejudices which disgifule and distort religious, business, social and political relations...materially aiding the work of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and bringing us nearer the goal of the Brothernood of Man under the Fatherhood of God."

Congratulations, Dr. Jones.

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### MY SISTER ABROAD By Valine Voss

Note: Virginia Ann Voss (1952-1955), a graduate of Jacksonville, has recently returned from a summer trip abroad, sightseeing, visiting old members of the International House, and studying French at the University of Grenoble.

Her sister Valine, here for her second year, reports to us on this trip.

#### \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

While in France, Wirginia visited the family of Marie Claire Prunet who was here last year, Mrianne Malandre (1952-1953), and Odile Sawicka (1953-1954) who was her roommate. She was received in the homes of these friends with a gracious hospitality. She was shown gay Paris and its surroundings in a grand style.

She was also very well entertained in the home of Francoise Schyns, her roommate in the year 1954-55. Parties were given in her honor, and plans were to visit Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. While in Belgium she saw other former students, Jacques Corman, Lillie Cuitte, and Francine Cuitte.

From Belgium she went to England to visit Margaret Dewar who is now in the International House. She visited Stratford-on-Avon, Oxford, London, and Dover.

After two months of studying at Grenoble and sightseeing in fouthern France, the Riveria, and Monaco, she went to Switzerland to visit Ernest Swatz and wife Dolly.

Then on to Italy and the eternal city of Rome where she was warmly received by Sergio's family. She also visited Venice where she enjoyed the picturesque canals and gondolas.

From Italy she flew to Rabat, Morocco, where she was a bridemaid at the wedding of Nicole Noel (1954-1956). Even though excitement ran high in the Noel's home, she was made to feel most welcome. Monsieur Noel even arranged special tours so that she would be able to see parts of the city. He also made it possible for her to enjoy a typical Moroccan meal.

After sightseeing in the cities of Rabat, Casablanca and Tangiers, she crossed the Strait of Gibraltar to Spain. While in this lovely South European country, she renewed the friendship of Luis Cuervo in Madrid. Luis also had made plans for her to see special points of interest around Madrid.

Back to France, she spent many more hours visiting the Louvre, the Latin Quarter, Malmaison and other historical places.

Finally, with excitement and anticipation, but with a feeling of sadness at the thought of leaving friends behind, she boarded on the Queen Mary for home.

\*\*\*\*

#### VISIT SPAIN By Francisca Jofre

In the guidebooks of the travel agencies you will read: "Visit Spain, the country of the sunshine."

Yes, this, too, will be my recommendation, but be sure to admire not just the sun, but also the people and their customs, the museums, the houses and the farms which make Spain one of the most picturesque countries.

Try to understand Spain's people who, once stirred by emotion, are capable of many great activities, and yet, sometimes, are likely to sit inactively and watch time pass them by. Their diversities are no more surprising than your expectations.

Because of geographical reasons you will find linguistic or rather dialectic and personality differences. The four main parts are: Cataluna, the Basque, the Castilian, and the Andalousian. The taciturn, introspective and proud Castilian will contrast with the animated, talkative and lazy Andalousian. The people of the Mediterranean coast differ, with their love of color and form and their practical good sense, from those of the North who possess a sharp sense of humor within a poetical and dreamy nature. You would thus agree with Unamuno, a Spanish philosopher of the nineteenth century, when he said: "I am a man of contradiction and strife."

Contrary to some misrepresentations we do not go out in the streets, wearing folk costumes and playing castonets all the time. We dross simply in the Western style.

The family is a divine institution headed by the father

who brings groceries and governs. The women do not generally work. The children do not have as much independence as the American ones do, even when they are more mature. A girl who gets married changes completely, in that she becomes all dedicated to her new home.

The meal times will certainly attract your attention. We generally have our lunch at 2:30 and supper between 9:30 and 10:00.

After the Sunday Mass a regular family reunion takes place, including parents, grandparents, uncles and other relatives.

Special Spanish traits are highly developed, among others a sense of honor and dignity, and a strong individualism. Yet there is a sense of tolernace which makes the individualistic Spanish cease to think in terms of his personal feelings and even give up his own rights for a common cause.

I hope after you finish your tour through the orange groves of the Mediterranean coast and across the semi-arid Castilian region and the green rainy mountains of the North, that you will find mysticism, beauty, enjoyment and friendliness. You will love it, I am sure, just as I love my visit to the United States.

\*

#### RECENT

#### GRADUATION

Congratulations to two of our members who have just finished their college studies. One is Helen Smith of Anniston who has been in the program for three years, and who has served as president this past term. The other is Steve Sirisinha of Thailand who is in his fourth year in this country, and who still has a long way to go before he returns home. Both have been outstanding students as they received the "Who's Who" award. We are proud of them and feel sorry to see them leave us.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Three American students have just joined the International House.

Carolyn Cunningham of Gadsden who studies French. She has been initiated in the Alpha Mu Gamma.

Katie Growall of Pennsylvania, studies French.

Mary Johnson of Ashland, Alabama, Mary is a freshman and studies Spanish.

Welcome to you all, hoping that your joining will be enjoyable and profitable.