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## MONTREAT OBSERVES FOUNDER'S DAY

### COLLEGE INSTALLS GAS THANKSGIVING

As we work in our modern Home Economics and Science Laboratories, we seldom realize that there was a time when Montreat College laboratories were decidedly crude. The story of the evolutionary process through which these departments have gone should make us appreciate them more than we ever have.

When Miss Susanna Jones was in charge of Household Economics and Science in 1918, her room was in the old Anderson Auditorium. The department was next situated in the Alba Dormitory in the room which is now the small dining room. When Miss Helen Miles joined the Montreat faculty to exert her efficiency in the Home Economics Department, she had her endurance tested by the dark room, a single sink, and sputtery oil stoves with erratic dispositions. Then came the day in the fall of 1935 when the department could be moved to the new building, Gaither Hall. There the department was given three large rooms on the second floor. The equipment of today includes seven sewing machines and a kitchen divided into units complete with sinks, stoves, and fully equipped cabinets.

Until November 1936, the Science Laboratory filled two small rooms in the old Anderson Auditorium. There were eight microscopes, a few glass beakers, some anatomy maps, one table and the torso which, still in use, is affectionately called "Christopher Columbus." From the auditorium the department was moved to the basement of Gaither Hall. The room here was dark;

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Homecoming! What magic words to alumni who have returned again to our campus! Yes, every one of you is coming home to Montreat College, and we, as your younger sisters, open our arms in the spirit of joyous reunion. We are honoring you and our founders on this day.

In 1913, the Mountain Retreat Association authorized the President, Rev. R. C. Anderson, to offer the use of the Montreat grounds and buildings to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to be used for school purposes during the winter months. The General Assembly accepted the offer in May, 1914, and referred the association of the school to its several different synods, appointing trustees who were to open the school. In October, 1916, the Montreat Normal School opened with eight pupils, six of them boarders at the old Montreat Hotel, which has now been replaced by the Assembly Inn. In 1924, the Montreat Hotel burned, and in the following year, the Alba Hotel was taken as a dormitory, and classes were held in Anderson Auditorium. Mrs. R. C. Anderson presented Gaither Hall to Montreat College in 1935 for its administration building. Fellowship building was built by the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church and given to the school for a dormitory. In April, 1940, the Anderson Auditorium burned, but is being rebuilt and enlarged at this time. The college expects to have that building at its disposal by 1941. At present, the immediate campus holds the three dormitories--Fellowship, Alba, and Lookout; Gaither Hall, and

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