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MONTREAT OBSERVES FOUNDER'S COLLEGE CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY DAY

Thanksgiving Day is doubly significant for Montreat College this year. In addition to observing Home-Coming Day, the passing of an important milestone in its existence will be commemorated--its silver anniversary. The meaning of this anniversary is deep and rich for an enduring foundation for future growth has been evolved from these twenty-five years of sound achievement, improvement, and growth.

The beginning of Montreat College is traced back to 1913 when the Mountain Retreat Association authorized its President, Rev. R. C. Anderson, to offer to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church the use of the Montreat grounds and buildings for school purposes during the winter months. After accepting the offer in May, 1914, the General Assembly referred the establishment of the school to several synods, who elected trustees to open it. The result of their planning and work was the opening, in October, 1916, of the Montreat Normal School with eight pupils.

The old Montreat Hotel, which has been replaced by the Assembly Inn, served as the dormitory until it was destroyed by fire in 1924. The Alba Hotel was used as a dormitory the following year, and classes were held in Anderson Auditorium.

In 1933, Montreat Normal School was re-organized as Montreat Junior College and special emphasis was placed upon

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Thanksgiving and homecoming go hand in hand at Montreat next week. The campus will be the scene of many old friendships renewed and new ones made by the returning alumnae, while the present students of Montreat carry out plans for the festive week-end.

The observance of Thanksgiving Day will begin in the morning with services led by Dr. Caldwell in Gaither Hall. Then the afternoon will be taken up with an exciting contest when the "M" Club and the Varsity play their traditional soccer game. The climax to the day will be a formal Thanksgiving banquet held at the Assembly Inn in the evening.

The Alumnae Association will have an informal dinner and meeting on Saturday evening following Thanksgiving at six-thirty in the Assembly Inn. The association, which has for its president this year Sarah Niblock of Concord, N. C., was founded five years ago and is a live organization embodying the ideals of lasting fellowship and loyalty to the Alma Mater. Through its high standards Montreat progresses, for a school is known by the type of student it sends out.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Peace, prosperity and health,
Private bliss, and public wealth;
Knowledge with its gladdening streams,
Pure religion's holier beams:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

----- From a hymn by Anna L. Barbauld.