

## English Major Finds English Hard To Master

The bane of an English major's life is - English. Whether it be literature or grammar, she cannot study it during school time and then lay it aside. Decidedly to the contrary, it is always popping up in ordinary conversation.

Take an innocent course in Shakespeare, for instance. "Don't be silly," you say; "Shakespeare doesn't appear in MY conversation." That, my friend, is what you think. Once an English major had been exposed to half a dozen or so plays, she innocently - more or less - inserts little gems of Master S's wisdom into her flightiest talks, "Lord, what fools these mortals be," and "All that glitters is not gold," are quite useful. And what is more parodied than "To be, or not to be, that is the question?" "And I'll go to bed at noon" becomes her fondest wish, while her greatest dread is "a goodly apple rotten at the heart."

And grammar! After about three lessons on irregular verbs, she rises with alarm when someone confuses LIE and LAY, or SIT and SET. Following a few sessions with sentence structure, she mentally diagrams every weird sentence that twists its way through conversation and tags every misplaced and dangling modifier. Orally, she casually inserts commas into rambling sentences and picks at absurd phrases.

Even her dating habits may be strange in a busy time. She "goes steady" for weeks at a time with such distinguished people as Ivanhoe, King Lear, Thoreau, Gulliver, and Cooper. If she is conscientious in her "dating," you will usually see her with one of these gentlemen by the hand.

But such a life has its consolations. In fact, to be frank, it isn't at all bad. Mr. Shakespeare's quotes, when put together, make fine reading, and you'd win a million on the best quiz program if you knew enough about him! And though it is a bit annoying to

—Continued on Page 6

## Librarian Has Books To Suit Any Reader

"A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit embalmed and treasured up to a life beyond life," wrote John Milton almost three hundred years ago. His impassioned sentence is to be seen engraved on a ceiling of the great New York Public Library. Its meaning and truthfulness come home to this present generation with added force as they observe the use of blood transfusions and blood banks in modern medical practice.

What stimulation and strength to a hungry, undernourished mind the right book can bring. How often one feels a vague interest in some topic discussed in his hearing, or assigned for his investigation, finds that vague interest quickened to a burning eager curiosity under the stimulating life-blood of some master-spirit's treatment of it.

The librarian, like a skillful physician, can prescribe the type of life-blood necessary for a special mental or spiritual hunger. Is the nervous system tired and irritable? The library has books that soothe and relax. Is some moral problem weighing on a student's mind? There is every probability that many master-spirits have weighed and analyzed it, and that their solutions of it are embalmed in easily-read books in the library shelves.

Does one long to pour into verse the emotional reactions of his soul? The library shelves are loaded with books containing the precious life-blood of poets long since gone, but yet alive in the printed page; and there are books by master-spirits in analysis and criticism dealing with technical practices.

Do you feel run-down, thin-blooded, always unsatisfied in mind? Go to the great books left for you by the world's greatest master-spirits.

IN BLACK MOUNTAIN  
IT IS  
**The REXALL STORE**  
C. C. UZZELL

## Long Weekend Is Fun At School

For those of you who were among the select (who went home, that is), long weekend was a weekend in which you were welcomed home, stuffed with your favorite foods, treated like ladies of leisure, and displayed with pride among your family and friends. But those of us who remained here at Montreat had a wonderful time too.

Ours was a combination weekend - a combination of resting, of catching up on all work, of having fun, and of dismissing routine.

Friday night some of us went to Black Mountain College to see "Great Expectation." Saturday night we had supper at the Camp Montreat Rec Hall where there was a nice fire and enough food to feed an army. Later on that night, a formal tea was given in room 224, College Hall. The proper garments were hats, gloves, and pajamas; and we dressed in such - even Miss Daniel! The food was delicious and the entertainment surperb.

The last morning of our wonderful weekend of leisure was enjoyed in true Montreat style, by taking a breakfast hike on Monday morning.

During the entire weekend we were served such delicacies as you have never before seen - and

Corner State & Cherry St.  
Black Mountain, N. C.  
**THE GRILL**  
Home Cooked Foods  
Specializing In: WESTERN  
MEATS - FRIED CHICKEN -  
REGULAR DINNERS

**Bea's Beauty Shoppe**  
Black Mountain, N. C.  
Phone 7116  
COMPLETE BEAUTY  
SERVICE  
Rock Building Near City Hall

**THE CLOTH SHOP**  
"DAN RIVER FABRICS"  
Black Mountain, N. C.

## Autumn's Picture Ranks With Greatest

By Rachel McGill

When autumn comes the Master Artist paints the most beautiful picture ever painted. The pale sky becomes a deep soft blue. The green trees turn to scarlet and gold. The sparkling clear streams wind peacefully on their way. The songs of the last birds of summer thrill you as you listen. As the day turns into night the soft blue of the sky becomes deeper and the sunset paints the sky with gold and then with rose. When nights falls the stars appear in all their twinkling beauty. Later on the full harvest moon rises over the mountains and the world is lighted with the soft shadowy light of the moon.

Fall is truly a picture which no artist but the Master Artist can paint.

such lavish servings. We ate until we thought we couldn't push our chairs back from the table. But next meal-time there we were in line again.

Halloween was a beautiful holiday, too. The rooms of the girls who went away were decorated carefully to give them that "lived-in" air.

We won't say we're glad we didn't go home, but we will give this hint to the wise. It's even nice to stay here during a holiday - and we saved money, too.

PATRONIZE  
OUR ADVERTISERS

**KEY CITY  
SHOE SHOP**

Black Mountain, N. C.

**COURTESY  
CAB CO.**

PHONES  
NIGHT 2912 - DAY 7156

Black Mountain, N. C.