

THE DIALETTE

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MONTREAT OF THE FUTURE

By Charlotte Burgess

We tried to get an "opinion" article for this month's DIALETTE on student suggestions for "Campus Improvements," but our reporter couldn't even get enough opinions to write an article. Is it that Montreat is so perfect that there is no possible room for improvement? We hardly think so. We are told that nothing is so perfect that it can't be improved. Then what is the answer? We hate to insinuate that our girls just may not be thinking; but from the way the facts stack up, that's exactly what it looks like. We'll not be too hard, though; we'll admit that the girls may be thinking, but certainly not in creative circles, and often not in the field of study. For those who couldn't think of any improvements, we'd like to suggest some.

1. We'd like to see more students take an interest in the over-all picture of the College affairs - not just attend classes and chapel and then go to their rooms and wait for chapel and classes the next day. Thinking students, students interested in improving their personalities and making a good showing for the College wouldn't have dared let the Art Exhibit and Demonstration slip by Monday afternoon without their being in the audience. We'd like to see more student interest in the community social affairs.
2. We'd like to see students develop hobbies. With all the complaining about no time to accomplish things, students still seem to think nothing of loitering - not just ten minutes, but a half hour - by the coke machine or in the lobbies of the dorm. These minutes amount to wasted hours, and no one can afford to throw away valuable time. When studies seem a weariness to the flesh - and we admit that they do at times - create a new interest. Make use of those minutes, if only to pick up some knitting or to start a new book. Many possibilities lie open; the alert, creative person will make use of them.
3. We'd like to hear less griping. College students have probably complained about subjects, professors, food, dorms, and rules as long as there have been any students, or subjects, or professors, etc. But this complaining isn't a very nice reflection on the school - or on the individual. Nothing about it is constructive; it's never been known to help any situation yet. We've carelessly slipped into the habit; let's carefully slip out of it.
4. We'd like to see more courtesy extended to the faculty members. We don't mean to intimate that gross disrespect has been shown by the students, but we think they could take more care to respect their superiors. Don't you agree that it looks much better to see students step behind in the cafeteria line? And it's only common politeness to open doors for them. We may even try being kinder to fellow students.
5. We'd like to see students take pride in their Alma Mater. We've



Mr. Crosby Adams recently celebrated his 92nd birthday. Mrs. Adams will catch up with him in March, 1950.

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We'd like to commend all the girls who've gone visiting in the community recently. Our older neighbors always seem to appreciate our taking time to come and talk with them, and all who've gone to their homes, come away with a new and marvelous outlook on life.

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There are Book Clubs and Book Clubs, and our faculty has developed its own. It seems to have gained as much favor as any of the others, too. It's even reported that some students sit in the library every vacant hour, trying to sneak in chapters before a "member" checks the book out.

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Dr. Greene's chapel talk recently was the Main Topic for Conversation around here for days. One admirer voiced her opinion: "If I could be as interesting or as interested as he, I wouldn't mind being 88 either!"

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The S. C. A. is carrying out its Christmas project of providing chairs and Bibles for the children at Lakey Gap and the Orphanage, in the same spirit of Christian helpfulness and love that it showed in preparing the gifts for the Orphanage, Sanatorium, and friends at Thanksgiving.

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We'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mrs. Holis (Mother Montreat) for her most interesting guest editorial this month.

heard it said many times that student witnesses are the very best advertisements for the colleges they attend. Let's be proud of Montreat and let's make use of every opportunity we have to speak a good word about it. WE make up the College; if it isn't what we want, then the fault is ours. Get to work!
These are only a few of the suggestions we'd like to throw open to the student body. Now that we've started the list, perhaps you can add numbers 6, 7, 8, etc. yourself.

A Day In The Life Of Montreat's Dean

I've been asked to write an editorial! Editorials seem to me to be something extra special written by people who are burning with zeal about something or other. I'm afraid I'm not burning about anything - I'm too tired! The Hollises have been moving AGAIN. To be exact, I have packed and unpacked, furniture, clothes, pots and pans, books and linens, four times in the last ten months! That is a record I hope I am never called upon to exceed again. Big boxes, little boxes, mops, brooms, trash, aching muscles, tired feet, beds not set up, no place to cook - (call the Inn, thank goodness we can eat there tonight) - things you need mysteriously disappear and you stumble over things you don't need. That's moving!

Perhaps it would be more in order to editorialize on an erudite subject. Let's see. HOW TO REAR CHILDREN BY THE BOOK. No. On second thought there must be a less embarrassing topic. Sometimes I think my two haven't even read the book.

A DAY IN THE DEAN'S HOUSEHOLD. Well. Point one: Breakfast, the usual hurry to get daughter off to school, father to his office, small son off to his self-appointed job as general assistant to the House and Grounds Supervisor. Point two: Lunch at 12:30, family shows up by 1:30 - maybe. Point three: Dinner ready at 5:30. Now why doesn't his "Deanship" come home? Point four: Put on hat to go to night circle meeting. His "Deanship" has to dash off to an unexpected meeting. Take off hat.

An editorial! I am too tired to think. I'll just have to ask Betty to let me off 'till some other t'me and - and - ???ZZZZZ.

Hardly seems possible, but 1950 is almost on us. The editors wish all a very, very Merry Christmas.