

Formal Reception Launches New Year For College

Howerton Hall was "abuzz" with chatter and excitement as the twilight closed in on the Montreat Campus that eventful night of Monday, September 10, 1951. The new students had already received many welcomes, but the final one, that traditional Formal Reception, was to take place this night. Big sisters scurried up and down the halls to find their newly-acquired responsibilities. Soon Howerton became quiet as group after group finally found themselves in the Assembly Inn Lobby. Dr. and Mrs. J. R. McGregor greeted the girls as they arrived, and each member of the faculty added his friendly smile and cheery welcome. To give their best wishes for the coming college year, the various college organizations were represented. This pleasant evening was drawn to a close with punch and cookies, served at the end of the line. Returning to Howerton Hall, many gay girls were tucked into bed with pleasant memories.

NEW FACULTY IN REVIEW

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Mrs. O. V. Armstrong, teacher here in the business department four years ago, has returned to Montreat to resume her position. For fifteen years a missionary to China, Mrs. Armstrong attended the University of Southern California and Bible Institute of Los Angeles. She will assist the Dean of Students in the office this year.

Another Montreater of two years ago, Mr. Fred Brewer, attended Maryville College, the University of Tennessee, and University of Durham, England. He is teaching in the Biology department of the college.

Another new member of the faculty, Miss Mirta Borges, originally from Cardenas, Cuba, is teaching Spanish in high school and college. She received her B.A. degree from Montreat College and has done additional work at the Eastman School of Music.

Miss Vickie Samburg has recently returned here to assume duties as secretary to the president of the college. After her graduation, Miss Samburg enrolled as a student at The General Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va. From there she attended Richmond Professional Institute, working as a secretary. Previous to her return to Montreat, Miss Samburg served as D.R.E. for the Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, Va.

Miss Helen Hood, originally from Salem, Va., is the Publicity Director of Mountain Retreat Association. Receiving her degree from Roanoke College in Salem, Va., Miss Hood worked for the Roanoke Times for six and one-half years. Writ-

Hillbilly Roundup

Oh! Boy! What a time I had at that hillbilly party on September sixth! I'm so glad I went, and to think I almost didn't go! I was just a shy, timid freshman, afraid to go and take a part, when I dashed my big sister with a "I'll be by at ten till seven to pick you up—you dress as a girl and I'll be a boy," and out she went again.

What was I to do then? Well, I got on my rig and went. When I entered the door I knew I was in for a good time. There was the Athletic Board all lined up with Jeanette Nash in front, ready to "recept" us.

What costumes! I was beginning to think that the pictures in "Hillbilly Rest-runt" had walked in.

The games were so exciting, especially the one "Are you feeling high, low, or sober?" Of course, we all loved the folk dances, especially the "Virginia Reel." With Mr. Sinclair at the piano, we were in a "partying" mood.

That "good ole mountain dew" (apple juice) was really good along with cookies and crackers. Why, I believe that quartet of ole hillbillies would have gone straight to Lookout Mountain and set up a still if they could have gotten by with it.

The delightful party was brought to a close with shouts of glee as each girl was told of her membership on a tribe.

ing news items about what goes on in Montreat College and sending them to the local papers and the girls' home town papers constitutes Miss Hood's work.

"United We Stand—Divided We fall." We sincerely hope that as the students and faculty work together this year, they may be drawn closer together into one college family. Best wishes to each of you in this school year!

S. C. A. GIVES PARTY

Will you go with me on an imaginary journey to a party we have been invited to—sponsored by the Student Christian Association of Montreat College? The title of this "get-together" is a "backward party." To be eligible to attend this party, each of us must wear her clothes backwards. It is to be at 8 p. m. so, let's get dressed and go!

It is now time for the party to begin. Have you ever before gone to a party through the back door instead of the front? Have you ever been served refreshments first instead of last? Have you ever walked backwards in the back door, told your friends "goodbye" first? If you've never before heard of this, then you've never been to a "backward party."

The First Day Of School —

Clad in bright plaid shirts and "blue jeans," the entire student body of Montreat College gathered in front of Gaither Hall, on Friday, September 7. This, the third welcome party given to the new students since they had arrived at Montreat, was to be a picnic, sponsored by the Staff of Student Publications. Everyone, with high spirits and singing hearts, went as a group to the Camp Montreat Gym. There, as the smell of food scented the air, the girls sang a few songs. Hungry faces lit up as the call was given for a supper of potato salad, hamburgers, slaw, milk and doughnuts.

Soon a look of contentment spread over these same faces; and, after clearing away the left-overs, the "First Day of School" was begun. The teacher, Miss Ellinore Krieger, began the day with a spelling bee. Many Montreat teachers and students held the fort for their teams. History was the next class, and was in the form of a play called "Pokey Huntus." While Miss Krieger read the story of "Pokey Huntus", many students acted it out to the amusing satisfaction of the rest of the "class." The "school day" was drawn to a close with a class in mathematics, in which the students tried to rearrange a group of seated classmates into a particular position. Then, as the cool evening air began to envelop the Montreat valley in calmness, the group started homeward, singing melodies in their hearts as they went.

But, "just who," you may ask, "attends such a social function?" Those attending the "backward party" were the students and faculty members. All dressed in backward clothes, all took part in the games, and all extremely enjoyed themselves.

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