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## Message From Dr. J. R. McGregor



College Major Officers for 1953-54. From left to right: Mary Jane Gillispie, Athletic Association; Ann Broom, Christian Association; June King Student Government Association; Ellinore Kreiger, Sun Dial Staff.

### BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER

The graduating classes of Montreat College and Montreat School for Girls are very fortunate in having as their baccalaureate speaker this year Dr. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Broyles, a native of Rogersville, Tenn., received his B.A. and D.D. degrees from Davidson College, and his B.D., Th.M. and Th. D. degrees from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. He did post graduate work at the University of Teubingen, in Germany, and at the American School of Oriental Research, in Jerusalem.

Dr. Broyles has had pastorates in Virginia, Mississippi, and Georgia. Prior to his present position he was pastor of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

The baccalaureate service will be in Gaither Hall at 11 A.M., Sunday, May 25.

### Smoak Concert

On March 7, the Department of Music presented Mary Ann Smoak in her Senior Recital. Mary Ann, daughter of the R. A. Smoaks of Aberdeen, is one of the best loved students on our campus, and her recital was looked forward to by all. Accompanied by Frances Mouzon, she presented an interesting and varied program including French, Italian, German and English songs.

Her first group consisted of four Italian songs, followed by four German ones. The first part of the program closed with two arias, "Faites—lui mes Aveux" from 'Faust' and "Voi Che Sapete" from 'The Marriage of Figaro'. After the intermission she gave two French songs and closed her concert with a group of four English numbers.

Dear Friends—

I suppose I really should start this letter as I feel like starting, with "Dear Girls", or "Dear Montreat Girls", rather than "Dear Friends"; because I feel that the first term sets us apart, making our relationships more particular and more meaningful. "Dear Montreat Girls" means the richest and best of friendship, which we treasure very, very much.

At Montreat we think of you more than you would believe and also often talk together about you individually with a sense of genuine pride and joy. We do hope that the year has been an especially good one for you.

We have had our very best year at Montreat; I think all of us here are definitely agreed about that. Folks far and wide have been so gracious towards us. We have heard from many of you, and every letter from you or about you has made us happier.

I wish everyone of you could know those who have joined our faculty and staff this past year. We eagerly look forward to your being here to meet Dean Holt and the others who are doing so much for us. In every division and department of the curriculum we are moving forward.

You have heard, with a great deal of satisfaction, I am sure, of the increased enrollment this year. Several transfer students and the larger freshman class are of the same type of superior girls we have had. They have brought genuine delight to all of us.

The new catalog will announce some changes in the curriculum of which I believe you will heartily approve. We believe the changes will enable us to do a much better job in the last two years of college in preparing girls for what they want to do. Also, it will give us more freedom to emphasize, maintain, and develop our wonderfully fine spiritual atmosphere. We are remembering always that our program is Bible centered, Christ centered, and

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