

## The Dialectte

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## Letter To The Alumnae:

Dear Friends:

How we wish you could be in Montreat right now! But, we'd really prefer that you be here with just the Montreat family. This weekend the Westminister Fellowship of Appalachia Synod is meeting on our campus. At the moment Mr. Ellis is in the lobby playing his marimba.

You would be very happy at what you would find in Montreat, I feel sure. The concerts given by our music faculty would thrill you. You would be very proud of the accomplishments of our College choirs and High School Glee Club.

As you visit in classrooms, you would be particularly happy over the academic work which is being done. We are striving to have the academic standards and the situations for learning such that our girls will stand out in front of any group of graduates.

We have had, I believe, in all respects our best year. For this we are deeply grateful and greatly indebted to our faculty and to our student bodies.

Within the last few weeks, we have written to the employers of our four-year graduates. I wish each one of you could see the letter that was written about you. These letters make us at Montreat feel very good indeed. May I quote from just a few of these:

"Thank you very much for your recent letter concerning Miss \_\_\_\_\_. We are mighty proud of her and she is doing a grand job here in every respect. She has all the qualifications necessary for one engaged in the type of work that she is doing. Just the other day someone asked

me about the availability of a youth leader, and I suggested that he write to you."

"Miss \_\_\_\_\_, a 1953 graduate of Montreat College, is employed by our school as a senior high English-French teacher. Any teacher training college or university should be proud to list Miss \_\_\_\_\_ as a graduate. I have spent 11 years in administrative work in high school and Miss \_\_\_\_\_ is the finest first year teacher in my experience."

"We are most happy to have Miss \_\_\_\_\_ teaching with us, and have heard many good reports concerning the fine program at Montreat. Miss \_\_\_\_\_ represents to us all that is fine and good in young womanhood today. A spiritually sincere person, she has had much good influence upon the many youth groups with which she works—in the church, in the community, and in the school. Our school and community appreciate Miss \_\_\_\_\_ and feel that we are better because she is here. We are grateful for the part you have played in the development of her career as a teacher and Christian citizen."

"Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ graduated from this School of Nursing in 1952. She ranked first in a class of 47 students. She had an average of 96% on her State Board examination and her percentile rank on the National League of Nursing Comprehensive examination was 96.7. This indicated that only 3.3 of the nursing students in the United States ranked higher than she did on these examinations."

With all the letters which we received, I believe there were only three which indicated that in some respects our graduates were disappointing to those for whom they were working.

We thank those of you who have shared in our Living Endowment. Although we have some reason to be encouraged about this, we have reason, too, to be very much disappointed that so many of those who would be leaders in our group have not remembered to help us provide a Christian education for worthy and superior girls. We confidently look forward to the time when we can be well up toward the top of the colleges in the number of alumnae who are sharing in the Living Endowment Fund.

In 1946-47 the gifts from all sources amounted to less than \$4,000. Since then, we have averaged \$36,000 per year. Then, there has been as much as \$9,000 raised to help individual girls. But for this help from friends all across our Church, the College would have been closed.

Many of you will have received a letter asking that you interview some particular girl about coming to Montreat College this fall. We have received, I believe, at least ninety percent of our students through the interest of preachers. How

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Mrs. Victor Schoen is her instructor.

The music for this recital will include compositions by Scarlatti; Bach; Beethoven; Brahms; and Batok.

As a part of the Commencement activities, Mary Ruth Marshall will be presented in Senior Recital on Thursday, May 20. Included on her program will be selections by Pergolesi; Handel; Schubert; Brahms; Faure; Bemberg; Saint-Saens; Beach; Herbert; and Diack.

Mary Ruth will close her program with "May", which was written by Mr. Harold Frantz for this recital. Ivey Dee Chaffin will be the accompanist.

Mary Ruth, also, has been a member of both choral groups. Her voice, in solo or group work, has added much to programs in Black Mountain and Asheville as well as in Montreat. Mary Ruth's present instructor is Mr. Allan Guy.

wonderful it would be if our alumnae would really bestir themselves and their communities to find those girls who would make good Montreaters!

You will be interested in portions of a letter which I received from Dr. James E. Hillman, Director of the Division of Professional Service of the Department of Public Instruction for North Carolina:

"I wish to commend you for the progress which has been made at Montreat College under your administration and leadership. The institution has more nearly arrived than I had any reason to expect at the time it entered upon its present program.

"I do believe there is a place for a school of the kind you would want to see Montreat be. You are making progress toward achieving that goal. I know that much progress has been made. You need only money, and the support of your Church. You DO need both. Without that help, I see no way by which the institution may be fully accredited as a senior college. With such assistance it should be possible to meet any standards."

I assume that all of you know about the interest of the General Assembly in trying to find the place for Montreat College to serve the Church in the fullest way. Will you not be much in fervent prayer that the Spirit will definitely guide and direct and lead our Church to do that which will enable Montreat to fulfill its fullest mission?

We wish sincerely that everyone of you could return to the campus for our Commencement.

Most cordially yours,  
J. Rupert McGregor,  
President