

The



# Dial Letter

MONTREAT COLLEGE, MONTREAT, NORTH CAROLINA

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## Letter From Dr. J. Rupert McGregor

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS CONCERTS

#### Old Graduates - - -

To the college upperclassmen it hardly seems possible that such drastic changes are taking place in the activities of the recent 1955 graduates. Besides the more generally-known marriages, such as those of Jo Ella Dunaway (Mrs. Stanley Bennett), Mary Greene (Mrs. William Moser), and Olivia Bishop (Mrs. John LaMotte), wedding bells will ring for three more members of the class. Margaret Barrett, D.C.E. of the First Church in Albemarle, and Mary Williams, D.C.E. at First Church, Sumter, South Carolina, will have June weddings. Mrs. John E. McDonnough, the former Miss Betty Blount, is working in Panama City, Florida. Hilda Plecker, now D.C.E. in Abingdon, Virginia, will be married later this summer. Louise Bennett is now a D.C.E. in Cedartown, Georgia, and Leta Miller is teaching Bible in Thomasville, North Carolina. Leta was in Montreat not long ago for a too-short visit. It almost seemed like old-home week for a while there. Within a few days Leta, Evelyn Morris and Peggy Kyle (say, how did Kyle get in here with the '55 grads?) came back to brighten everyone's day. Evelyn is doing graduate work at Syracuse University but will return to Montreat for the summer.

Those who went on the Florida Chorus Tour were met in Jesup, Georgia, by a certain Ivey Dee Chaffin, who not only teaches a second grade and gives piano lessons, but also directs three choirs. In Jacksonville, Florida, Margaret Roberts Clark and her two cute little daughters welcomed the Montreat Singers.

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Saturday, May 12, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dunford will give a long-awaited duo-piano concert.

On April 28 Miss Joan Schrenk presented her senior recital in Gaither Chapel at 8:00 p.m.

With the coming of graduation, the Montreat College Singers will present their program of sacred music used on their tour of Florida. This will be the only opportunity for the Montreat students to hear the program in its entirety.

The Montreat music department has been quite active! A departmental recital was given by the Montreat students of organ and piano on March 30 in Gaither Chapel. This occasion marked the use of the pipe organ for the first time in a recital, although it had been used previously for church services. No choral numbers were included, but on April 20 music lovers were again drawn to Gaither Chapel for a concert which included voice students. Those who sang were Betty Bradley, Betty Warren, Mary Glenn Pöarch, Barbara Dorton, Kathleen Johnston, and Vivian Lewis.

#### ANNUAL INTEREST

By Emily Mohler

In a surprisingly few days the 1955-56 issue of the Sun Dial will be off the press and on your mind. Everyone will be proud of her very own Sun Dial and will sit for unimagined lengths of time just looking and looking and loooking at it.

After the initial shock and realization that this means the end of the '55-'56 school year, will come the extensive journeys from room to room and from person to person to exchange autographs. The loving words involved in these autographs are best read several years or at least several months after they are written.

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Again, I am glad that the time is here for me to write a note to each one of you. I sincerely hope that the year has been a most gracious and wonderful one for you in all of your interests and activities. I know you have meant a very great deal in your home, in your church, and in your community. We are indeed proud of you. I speak of you as being "Superior Girls" not only while you are here, but after you are gone.

We are grateful to you for your thoughts of us and all that you do for us from time to time. We are so dependent upon you for many things. You are the very best word that we can say to the church and to all who may come to think about or come to know Montreat. What you are and what you do speaks better for us than all of our efforts and promotion.

We do sincerely hope that you are particularly interested right now in trying to get some of the young girls whom you know would make fine Montreat girls to enroll for next year. We expect an increase in the student body, but you know we discontinued the high school, and we would like very much to fill all the room space which the high school used with college girls next fall. Will you not give us immediately the names of any girls who might be interested in coming to Montreat and then use all your good graces in encouraging them to come.

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### Work Progresses On McAlister Hall

By Mary Sullivan

Construction has begun on a proposed \$175,000 Social Recreational building at Montreat College. A gift of \$100,000 from the Executors of the Estate of Mrs. Amelie McAlister Upshur was the springboard for this much-needed building program.

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