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Often the afore-mentioned realization about the not-far-distant parting-of-the-ways brings about the actual writing of things that heretofore would not have been thought by the writer, much less recorded for posterity in her own handwriting.

Really, though, everyone knows that most of the statements and promises made are true and will mean even more later on (with the possible exception of those promises to "write"). You will be referring to your Montreat yearbooks as long as you exist, and you will be sincerely touched by anything nice that is found there concerning you and the kind of person your fellow Montreaters found you to be.

The only thing that bothers you at times like this is that as you look at your pictures, so proud of all your activities while at Montreat, you wish you had tried a little harder to look happy or at least human the days the pictures were made for the annual.

Oh well, maybe you really looked that way. With that thought you head for the nearest store that sells do-it-yourself poisons.

You are rescued from this desperate attempt, however, by the startling information that some people do not have a Sun Dial at all, since until 1924 it did not exist. What about those poor creatures who graduated in 1923 or '22 or '21? See how lucky you are?

In June, 1924, the Sun Dial was published for the first time. It was a journal of two sheets and contained three pictures. (Mr. Rawlins didn't want to tax his camera). These were of the Montreat gate, the students and faculty together, and Anderson auditorium. It was in this annual that the Alma Mater, written by Miss Lucille Belk, was published for the first time.

In May, 1927, the tenth anniversary of the school was celebrated, and the Sun Dial received a light blue paper back, printed in gold letters (no less). Many paper years passed before the Sun Dial received a backbone. In 1935 it was given a cardboard back.

The graduating class of 1937 voted to have as their gift to the school, a hard back for the Sun Dial, and in 1939, a new and different cover and color were decided upon.

Needless to say, the progress made by the Sun Dial did not stop in 1939, but this detailed report is getting rather boring. At any rate the most recent Sun Dials have been yearbooks to be proud of, and this year's will be no exception.

The student body is, and will continue to be, grateful for the work done by the '55-'56 Sun Dial staff, and for their anxiously-awaited finished product.

5 Major Officers

By Mary Lou Kiser

Five outstanding Montreat girls have been elected by their classmates to hold the key positions of leadership in the school for the coming year.

Miss Kathy Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Steele of Cleveland, N. C., will hold top place, as President of the Student Government Association. She has served faithfully and well this year as House President of Howerton Dormitory and has won the hearts of all with her warm and understanding personality. Kathy is majoring in Bible and Christian Education and plans to do rural D.C.E. work after graduation. Says Kathy, "God has given me this office and it is my hope and prayer that I will walk so close to Him that He will be able to use me in carrying out His plan for Montreat College this year."

The new president of the Student Christian Association, Miss Betty Newton, hails from Chester, S. C., where her family, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Newton, one brother and one sister, reside. Betty has had a busy year as Chairman of the Spiritual Life Group, serving on the S.C.A. council, and performing the duties of Assistant House President. She is majoring in Bible and Christian Education, planning to do D.C.E. work after finishing school. Betty's quiet, sincere, consistent witness has been an inspiration to everyone.

Miss Faye Lowry from Hot Springs, Va., is the incoming President of the Athletic Association. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lowry, have four other daughters and one son. As business manager of the Dialette this year, and secretary of the Athletic Board, Faye has had much experience and is well qualified for her position. Elementary education is her major; she plans to enter the teaching profession directly after graduation. When asked if she had any comment to make, Faye replied, "Lands no!"

The new editor of the Sundial, Miss Emily Mohler, is the daughter of Earl B. Mohler. Emily's home is in Natural Bridge, Va., where she has an older sister and five little nieces. This year Emily was editor of the Dialette, proving her capability and willingness to work hard. Emily's major is also Bible and Christian Education.

Miss Shirley Caudill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Caudill of Glendale Springs, N. C., is the new editor of the Dialette. Shirley has two brothers and four sisters. She is majoring in Business Education and plans to teach business subjects after finishing school. Shirley has served this year as business manager of the Sundial, as chairman of the World Missions Group, and on the S.C.A. Council.

MONTREAT SINGERS TOUR FLORIDA

By Mary Sullivan

February 23 was a very unusual day and the beginning of a very unusual three weeks of . . . Uh . . . almost silence. To begin with we were all aroused from a good night's sleep—well, a couple of hours anyway — at around 4 o'clock in the morning. It seemed like everybody was leaving the place. I guess I would have gotten in the rush, too, but for one little, insignificant fact—I don't sing. Anyway, the Montreat College Singers were off for their 1956 tour, and everyone knew it!

Of course, we knew the girls were going to miss us terribly while they were gone, so we all went out to help them get settled on the bus (which would be their trailer-home for about three weeks) and to bid them goodbye. But standing there shivering in the snow, I somehow got the feeling that they were a mighty lucky group.

In a few days, the cards and letters started coming in. Just listen to this: Cypress Gardens, Silver Springs, Pirate Jungle, Key West. They really hit the high spots! And from what I hear, Florida won about 32 new admirers.

But it wasn't all fun and sightseeing. Let's stop off at one of the television stations in Florida and get a good look at our hard working friends. Some alert "candid Camera" photographer was really on his toes. He just had to get that picture of the girls changing shoes during the T.V. performance. As we have said before . . . singing is a joy—but O-o-o-oh! Those aching feet.

The going may be rough, but the Singers, a group of dedicated Christians, find real joy in carrying the Gospel message in song to the churches they attend as they make their tour, "from the mountains

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