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## Prospects to be Entertained Feb. 20-22

A festive week-end is on the agenda for February 20-22. In addition to the annual winter party, there will be entertainment for prospective students who will be visiting the campus. The prospects will stay in the dormitories, attend some classes, and become generally acquainted with the college.

The Asheville Community Theater will present its regular performance February 20. Some tickets will probably be available to those prospective students who would like to attend.

On Saturday night, there will be a gala event planned by the Social Committee. Instead of the regular party centered around the patriotic characters of the month, there will be a Mardi Gras masquerade party. The more garish the costume the happier the occasion will be for all.

This week-end promises to be a highlight on the social calendar. Prospective students who plan to come are asked to fill in the form on page 2 and return it as soon as possible to Ann Bullard, Montreat College, Montreat, N. C.

## World Wide Witness

The 1959 theme for the Presbyterian Church, U. S., is "World Wide Witness." In keeping with this theme, the World Missions Group of the S.C.A. is planning to conduct a "School of Missions", which will be a special study of the mission fields. These classes will be held on Wednesday night at 7:15 during the month of February.

Lillian Buck, who heads this group, said that the first study will be a general introduction to the overall work of world missions. The following Wednesday night Mr. Bennett will speak on the Middle East, which is to be emphasized this year.

On February 18, the Rev. C. R. Stegall, retired missionary to Africa, will show a film about the mission work there. The last study will be conducted by Mr. Bennett, who will present a challenge to young people to consider careers on the mission field.

## U. S. - Russia Vie for Support of Iranians

"The United States is a fast moving country, but what most Americans fail to see is the fact that other countries are moving just as fast." So spoke our visitor from Iran, Miss Gay Currie, in chapel last week. Miss Currie, who serves as public health nurse with the U. S. government's Point Four program in Teheran, Iran, was on the last leg of her around-the-world tour. This is her first trip to the States in two years. She is connected with the Iranian Orphanage to which the student body chose to send a Christmas gift of money.

Miss Currie is no stranger to Montreat. In fact she claims this as her home. Born in Kiangai, China, she is the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries, who are now serving in Taiwan. She graduated from Agnes Scott College, received her nursing certificate from Presbyterian Hospital, and obtained her masters from the University of North Carolina.

A short, vivacious woman of 38, she held her audience captivated as she told of this country's work in Iran.

Iran is situated in southwestern Asia, one of the hottest spots on the map. Bordered on the north by Russia, and in the west by Iraq, it is in the midstream of western and eastern cultures. In the section of the world that is predominately Muslim, Iran is surprisingly enough 50% Christian. Miss Currie pointed out that though Iran is very definitely influenced by Russian culture, "the government is considered pro-western in its sympathies".

The United States' plan for aid to the Iranians is in sharp contrast to that of the Russians. The Communists spend millions on road and waterway projects, but labor, technical skill, and supplies come from Moscow. This does little to help the country's economy. "The whole point of the United States' mutual aid security," Miss Currie said, "is to help the people

to help themselves." Instead of building dams for the Iranians, the United States sends technical advisors who show the Iranians how to build the dam for themselves. Miss Currie, speaking as one of these advisors, presented a hopeful picture of American prestige abroad. She challenged us to be ever aware of the position the U.S. holds in the world and act accordingly both here at home and in foreign nations.

## Library Shows Increase

Montreat College is very fortunate in having Miss Virginia Buchanan as its librarian. Under her administration the library has continually increased its services to the student body.

As a result of the 1957-58 student body project, which raised over \$2000 for the library, approximately 500 new books have been added to the stacks. Some of this money is also being used to bind outstanding magazines, which contain a wealth of reference materials in the fields that Montreat offers majors.

Miss Buchanan's staff is also in charge of the audio-visual program, both for the classroom and the Saturday night entertainment.

The library extends another service to students this year by offering paper-back books for sale. These books are available at a very low cost, making it possible for any student to keep abreast with modern as well as classical writers.

Miss Buchanan now has her eye on the Library of Congress, which offers free publications of books on any subject to colleges and universities. All a college official needs is authority from his congress-

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