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Dear Ex-Creekers:

I hope all you star-gazers have been enjoying the planets this month. Last evening Leland and I went back to the lodge to complete some chores. There we took time to view four planets in the sunset. Saturn rising in the east, Jupiter high in the west, Venus bright even in the sunset glow, with tiny Mercury close by, separated only one degree. Just above them a tiny new moon slim and trim. As we walked up the hill our hearts were at peace knowing God is in control--something is dependable, predictable.

Our trip to the lodge was to put some finishing touches on the work of the Seniors of '75. After Sabbath, January 11, the seniors, Rogene, Leland and I journeyed to the lodge and had supper and fun by the fire. Next morning we were greeted by a gentle rain that persisted valiantly all morning. ☹️ But the boys cleaned the basement anyway and what a mess they moved. Mr. Roger and Sarah Ann came up with a truck load of wood and hauled home the good lumber.

Others cleaned the floors and waxed them, painted the big bathroom and many other things. Rogene fed us superbly and we had a great time. Then Monday evening (first paragraph) Leland and I went back to put the bedrooms in order and hang clean curtains. It all looked so nice, we hated to leave it, especially the warm fire.

I was grateful for a letter I received recently from a former student because it emphasized to me again how easy it is to give a wrong impression. One of my favorite quotations is: "The transferring of an idea from one mind to another mind is a hazardous undertaking."

This person in a class here (I presume it was mine since I teach a unit on the home in Bible IV) received the impression that if one marries an Adventist, there is a built-in guarantee that all will be well, no problems, no unhappiness.

Perhaps in an attempt to emphasize the importance of marrying within the church, I gave this false impression. Marriage at best is a lifelong series of adjustment and give and take. In this world of sin Satan hurls his deadliest darts at the Christian home which is the foundation of the church and society.

Leland planned a little fun for you. He had hoped for us to have Christmas dinner in the new cafeteria, but it is far from complete. His plan was to have a picture taken of Mrs. Peek serving him dinner in the shell of the empty building, but he was never able to get it accomplished.

The plumbing is roughed in now and perhaps the next process of pouring the floor and putting in windows and doors will make more of a showing. But he is not going to promise the alumni supper to be served there at AMERICAN HISTORY PROGRAM, February 22! If you plan to come, please write for reserved seats right away and let us know if you want to stay overnight. All are welcome for meals. I have a better seating arrangement to try this year so maybe there won't be so much confusion.

We'll be at Southern Missionary College on February 3. Hope to meet all our alumni then. We'll be there all day, so try to see us, then come to supper with us at the cafeteria.

Laundry is now an all male operation. This relieves the strain on the girls' work program.

u should see all the leaves and sludge we've received from the city. Mr. Pennington and
ners have sponsored this program to fight the fertilizer inflation. It really has made
a difference in our agriculture program.

Somehow I didn't keep the fall newsletter '74. Did I tell you that we catalogued the
library last summer? We had worked at it in spurts at various times, but this time Mrs.
Linderman, a librarian at S.M.C., came to help us for three days. First we discarded
about a thousand + books that were out of date, then went to work. Rogene is still trying
to get the 15 or 20 thousand catalog cards typed and into our new file. We are so delight-
ed to have the books in safekeeping as there are many fine books. We discovered many very
valuable old books from early S.D.A. authors.

RESIDENTS OF KNOXVILLE AREA--NOTICE-- Our bell choir will perform on the March of Dimes
Telerama on Channel 6 WATE, Sunday, January 26 at approximately 9:00 A.M. We've talked
about doing this for years but always think of it too late. The audition was on January
7 just after vacation, but we made it this time.

ALUMNI NEWS

Did I tell you Bobby Coolidge taught Mr. Roger's history class while he was in Hawaii?
The seniors enjoyed him very much.

We have had some sorrows recently. Genoa Zollinger, son of Glen and Francis Zollinger was
killed in a motorcycle accident. We traveled to Ooltewah, Tennessee, for the funeral. One
bright spot in this sorrow was seeing some of the family who live far away. Betty Zollinger
hlock came from Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Swinyar, father of Gary, Audrey and Danny, passed away last week. We will miss his
good cheer and encouragement.

Dolly Boucher Jewell and her husband, a physician, plan to go to Honduras next month on a
missionary venture.

Bruce Vogt writes about their experiences in Ethiopia. Think we have high prices? Over
there mayonnaise is \$7 a quart, peanut butter is \$6.50, small can of peas is \$2.20, oat-
meal \$4.40 for 40 oz. box. Anyway they have all lost weight and they think that is a plus.
I need to spend a little time there. Ha!

A letter from Jack and Miriam Darnall tells about a new project sponsored by the OUT Foun-
dation. Wilderness living is stressed. "Lanier and Becky Watson have started the Ranch
on a beautiful fruit farm under the auspices of the OUT Foundation, and are making great
progress with the blessing of the Lord. After talking and planning a ranch for several
years we are all very happy that it is finally a reality, and feel challenged by the great
need of funds for property and capital improvements, dedicated personnel and more boys.
We desperately need a good farm manager acquainted with fruit growing and able to inspire
boys."

We talked to the Watsons at Andrews this summer and feel this fills a great need. Always
wished I had an extra life to give to such a project. It is called Circle L Ranch, Route
3, Box 93, Coloma, Michigan 49038.

Virginia Davidson Sellars has gone with her husband, Gene and family to Iran Mission, 111
Shlavi Avenue, Tehran 5, Iran.

WEDDINGS

Susan Keppler and Edward A. Cross, December 13, 1974, 33 Tremont Drive, College Place, Washington 99324.

Melony Blalock and Bill Magoon, December 24, 1974, P. O. Box 342, Collegedale, Ten. 37315.

NEW COMERS

Melissa Louise, April 10, 1974, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulfer, 14620 S.E. Stephens Street, Portland, Oregon 97233.

Cordella Jane, October 2, 1974, Mr. and Mrs. David Brummett, Route 2, Box 182, Lake Champin Road, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103.

Two Prayers

Last night my little boy confessed to me
Some childish wrong;
And kneeling at my knee,
He prayed with tears--
"Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy--wise and strong;
I know you can."

Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head.
"Oh God, make me a child . . . "

VISITORS

I wish I had time and strength to write about each of you that have come to visit us. We enjoy each visit. Sorry we missed seeing some of you during our Christmas vacation. When you come, be sure to come to our house and visit a bit--we're never too busy.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jones, Mrs. Forrest (Beverly Ann Goodge) Coyle, Merlin Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. David Tonsberg, Kevin Carlson, Gary Carlson, Janice Williams, Mrs. Malcolm (Kathy Sloan) Schmehl, Maynard Schmehl, Jerry Johnston, Gary Swinyar, Mrs. Ronnie (Cecilia Holiman) Vincent, Steve Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Edd (Debbie Downing) McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robinson, Ellen Clark, Ruth Regal, Daina Clark, Dennis Clark, Sarah Enevoldson, Penny Peltier, Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Connie Regal) Walls, Merwin Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. John VanDevander, Jeanie Beagles, Mr. and Mrs. Steve (JoAnne Chitwood) Snow, Robert McClellan, Rick Sharp, Mary Gustin, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Gustin, deWayne Beers, Carl Shaw, Jane Kennedy, Jim Kelley, Jeff Scott, Trudy O'Grady, Dr. Jim Pickett.

NOTICE: If you plan to come to the AMERICAN HISTORY PROGRAM on February 22, 1975, please send requests for tickets to Rogene at the office. That way we do not have to try and collect requests from so many different people. You know that you are all welcome for meals and plan to attend the alumni supper Sabbath evening.

THE NEW YEAR

"A flower unblown; a book unread;
A tree with fruit unharvested;
A path untrod; a house whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes;
A landscape whose wide border lies
In silent shade, 'neath silent skies;
A treasure with its gifts concealed--
Beyond tomorrow's mystic gates."

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, we thank Thee for this place
In which we dwell;
For the love that unites us;
For the peace accorded us this day;
For the hope with which we expect the
morrow;
For the health, the work, the food,
And the bright skies that make our lives
delightful;
For our friends in all parts of the earth.
Give us courage, gaiety, and the quiet mind.
Spare to us our friends, soften to us our
enemies.
Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent
endeavors.
If it may not, give us the strength
To encounter that which is to come,
That we may be brave in peril,
Constant in tribulation, temperate in
wrath
And in all changes of fortune
And down to the gates of death,
Loyal and loving one to another. Amen

--Robert L. Stevenson

*A new year for all of us - quite a responsibility.
just happened to wonder if any of you might have a copy
of the fall 1974 newsletter in some old stack of papers
that by some chance has not found the wastebasket.
I would so much like to have one for my file - Some-
how missed keeping one.*

*Love to you,
Alice and Leland Straw*