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LITTLE CREEK ACADEMY
1810 Little Creek Lane
Knoxville, Tennessee 37922

Dear Ex-Creekers:

This is the opportunity I've been waiting for. It is 5:00 A.M. I have just fed Leland and six sleepy looking boys. The sound of the V W Bus has died away as they left for the spring back pack campout. It didn't sound like "rest" to me but Leland was more excited than the boys. Anyway all is quiet, so I can visit with you.

The most exciting news for us is:

W E L C O M E

HEIDI MELINDA STRAW
born April 22--9:28 p.m.
seven pounds and five ounces

She was so considerate--let us all have a full night's sleep. Kenny and Aunt Janet were with Sharon all the way through a natural childbirth and we thought it so exciting to be there when Janet brought her into the nursery so fully alert with a score of 10/10 health wise. Stanford, Leland and I were there, too, and Stanford said "Now, I'm a real uncle". Heidi has waited a long time!

Our oldest granddaughter, Debbie, was sixteen on April 21 but Miss Heidi decided she wanted a birthday all her own. She is doing fine and I have had lots of fun helping a bit with her.

THE WOODEN CRADLE

We think we have improved upon the quaint old-fashioned ways--but what a lot of useful things they had in olden days. . . What a good idea it was, that cradle made of oak--where baby lay protected from dust and draught and smoke.

Aunt Connie (Beck) is a firm believer in the sentiment of this verse and made sure that Heidi is the proud owner of a cradle which she enjoys very much.

One week later we had more family news. Janet received her L.P.N. award in a lovely ceremony at St. Mary's Hospital where she studied. So you can see we have had a wonderful month of April.

So much has happened since the last newsletter that I hardly know where to begin. The first part of February was busy with class trips to the lodge. Nearly every week-end the choir and/or bell choir has performed somewhere. We enjoyed the trip to Coalmont where Ted and Connie Summitt are now living. The church there served a meal fit for a king. At Greeneville, the Shaws fed fifty of us. I thought it impossible, but Mary Sue seems to do it without any confusion.

Miss Costerisan is attending the Alumni week-end at Andrews University. We are all happy that she is being honored as alumnus of the year. This she richly deserves for her years of distinguished service to education. Her contribution to Little Creek has meant so much to us.

BUILDING A TEMPLE

A builder builded a temple,
 He wrought it with grace and skill;
 Pillars and groins and arches
 All fashioned to work his will.
 Men said, as they saw its beauty,
 "It shall never know decay.
 Great is thy skill, O builder:
 Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple
 With loving and infinite care,
 Planning each arch with patience,
 Laying each stone with prayer.
 None praised her unceasing efforts,
 None know of her wondrous plan;
 For the temple the teacher builded
 Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
 Crumpled into the dust;
 Low lies each stately pillar,
 Food for consuming rust.
 But the temple the teacher builded
 Will last while the ages roll,
 For that beautiful unseen temple
 Is a child's precious soul.

--Author Unknown

A M E R I C A N H I S T O R Y P R O G R A M

February 22 the American History program was as good as ever. They featured Lindbergh. That was interesting to me as I lived through that era and as a young teen-ager was so distressed about the kidnapping of their first baby.

Through the years we've tried not to campaign for finances, feeling that those who want to give will do so anyway. We have never used any donations for operating expenses since the third year of our existence. But during the intermission, Mr. Bill Iles, chairman of our board, and Mr. Ken Regal who has been the moving force behind the projected food service building, presented Mrs. Peek's shopping list and called for volunteers to furnish certain items. For the benefit of those who were there that night, \$12,000 was pledged. What an encouragement! At present the windows and doors are all in and the partitions are going up.

This is a list of those attending that week-end. In the confusion it is hard to keep an accurate account--Janie Liston, Benita Stiles, Edd and Debbie (Downing) McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Goodge, Carl Shaw, Trudy O'Grady, Royce Goodchild, David Hack, Janet (Nelson) Penner, Merwin Stewart, Ruth Regal, Mr. and Mrs. Ted (Connie Walker) Summitt, Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Lynda Laffin) Draper, Dr. James Pickett, Dr. and Mrs. Bert (Carolyn Williams) Coolidge, Bob Coolidge, Jeanine Greenhaw, Faith Greenhaw, Lynn Phibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Jones, Janice Williams, Gary Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Steve (JoAnne Chitwood) Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Byron (Sherry Horne) Carlton, Betty Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. (Beth Gober) Carter, Tina Clark, Steve Dunn, Jim Kelley, Doreen Reins, Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, Mr. and Mrs.

Gary (Connie Regal) Walls, Cathy Regal, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed (Sandra Roadman) Schneider, Clara Wisdom, Mr. and Mrs. Don (Kay Williams) Stair, Ed Zollinger, Mr. and Mrs. David (Claudia Sutherland) Rose, Karen Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Ginger Mitchell) Ford, Wesley Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Straw, Dr. and Mrs. Burton Goodge, Kenneth and Sharon (Beck) Straw, Ann Goodge, Rogene Goodge, Dr. and Mrs. John (Mary Sue Martin) Shaw, Dorothy Clark, Jane Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ringer, Charles Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Martin, Myrna (Lea) Blevins.

ALUMNI GATHERING--1943-1953

April 18-19 was the culmination of an idea of Jacque (Bartley) Heflin. She suggested a gathering of the old timers. Sarah Ann sponsored the idea and it grew into a larger group than we expected. We did enjoy seeing everyone.

Dr. and Mrs. Vernon (Sarah Ann Goodge Williams) McNeilus, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Shirley Zollinger) Chastain, 1943; Darrell Jones, Mrs. Joe (Faye Lea) Neely, Mrs. M. H. (Donna Mae Schuler) Watson, 1945; Mrs. Lloyd (Charley Ann Holland) Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan (Louise Ringer) Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Mary Charles Scott) Jones, 1946; Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Leland (Freda McCall) Zollinger, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zollinger, Mrs. J. R. (Jacque Bartley) Heflin, 1948; Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bonnie Block) Evans, Mrs. Frances (Brown) Zollinger, 1949; Mrs. Clinton V. (Phyllis Brown) Acosta, Mrs. Thomas W. (Myrna Lea) Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. James (Mary Shafer) Foreman, Dr. and Mrs. John (Mary Sue Martin) Shaw, Eddie Zollinger, 1951; Dr. and Mrs. Beecher Zollinger, 1952; Carlene Griffin, Mrs. Nelson (Gail Holland) Holt, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Peek, Mr. and Mrs. James Peel, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ringer, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb Zollinger, Bessie Baker, Freddie (Swinson) Story, Arlene (Robertson) Cobb, Jim Scott and Doris Brown.

The visitors conducted the services and reminisced about the days of long ago. In the evening we showed some of the old pictures.

After Sabbath Leland Zollinger conducted an impromptu meeting and the group pledged \$1,000 toward the freezing unit for the new kitchen. This is wonderful! All of us want to say again--a big thank you.

A L U M N I N E W S

The bitter and the sweet seem ever mixed in this old world. We were all so saddened by the loss of Bernice Jones, Darrell's wife. She finally lost a long battle with a malignancy. This brought so much sorrow to Ma and Pap Jones. How precious is our blessed hope!

The Christian's hope makes a difference. True, for Christians, as well as their friends, wherever we look, the simple fact becomes clearer the longer one lives: life is a series of partings all welded together with sorrow. But for the Christian, the good-by is not forever; though wrapped in sadness, it is not despair.

This is the smashing victory of the cross, the glorious good news of the resurrection morning just ahead. It is a song that we all may sing: "Death is swallowed up in victory. . . . Thanks be to God!"
Herbert E. Douglass

We have had other visitors since the last news letter. Hope this list is complete!
Janie Liston, Mr. and Mrs. Warren (Margaret Lanier) Smith, Thelma (Brummett) Figueroa,
Merlin Tuttle, Leon Peek, Mr. and Mrs. Jon (Cindy Tandy) Gearhart, Mr. and Mrs. Edd (Debbie
Downing) McDowell, Pat Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Woolsey, Kenny Jones, Ellen Clark, David
Dunn, Dan King, Ruth Regal, Wesley Richards, Maynard Schmehl, Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, Mr.
and Mrs. Bill (Diane Jones) Davenport, Sarah Enevoldson, Penny Peltier, Mr. and Mrs. Gary
(Connie Regal) Walls, Merwin Stewart, Jeanie Beagles, Rick Sharp, Trudy O'Grady, Carl Shaw.

NEW COMERS

Laura Louise, November 18, 1974, to Elder and Mrs. Ben Maxson, Casilla 512, Montevideo,
Uruguay, South America.

Edson Andrew, Jr., January 31, 1975, to Pastor and Mrs. Edson A. Knight, 3667 173rd Lane,
N. W., Anoka, Minnesota 55303.

Brent Burnell, February 9, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Burdick, Mt. Pisgah Academy,
Candler, North Carolina 28715.

Michael Todd, February 21, 1975, to Elder and Mrs. Wayne (Sharon Summitt) Coulter, 3725
174th Avenue, N. W., Anoka, Minnesota 55303.

James William Ethan, March 15, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer (Betty Williams) Allen, Oneida,
Kentucky 40972.

Jason Alan, April 14, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve (JoAnne Chitwood) Snow, General Delivery,
Collegedale, Tennessee 37315.

Heidi Melinda, April 22, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Sharon Beck) Straw, 1800 Little
Creek Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922.

Marilee Ann, February 20, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. David Silverstein, 10388 Mountain View,
Loma Linda, California 92354.

WEDDINGS

Shirley (Pillsbury) Kline and Robert E. Cook, January 1, 1975, 2305 6th Street, East,
Bradenton, Florida 33505.

Daina Kathleen Clark and David Lee Hakes, May 5, 1975, Maplewood Academy, Hutchinson,
Minnesota 55350.

GRADUATIONS

Little Creek was well represented at Southern Missionary College commencement May 4. We
had hoped so much to be there, but the camp-out complicated things for us.

Joseph N. Rudd, Jr.	B.A. Communication (Journalism)
Dan B. King	B.S. Elementary Education
Letitia Gearhart	B.S. Elementary Education
Kenneth Penner	B.S. Religion
Ellen Marie Clark	B.S. Elementary Education
Tom McNeilus	B.S. Mathematics
Ronald Woolsey	B.A. Theology Cum Laude
Cindy (Tandy) Gearhart	B.S. Home Economics
Daina Clark	A.S. Office Administration
Connie (Regal) Walls	A.S. Nursing
Sarah Enevoldson	A.S. Nursing
Penny Peltier	A.S. Nursing
Karen Walls	A.S. Nursing

Leon Peek was working in Saigon when all the recent trouble developed. We were so happy that he was able to return to the states safely. It was nice to have him home for a few days before he returned to work.

H E L P L E S S S H E E P

I am one, Lord --
Frightened at a cloud
Over the sun.
From every little fear
I turn and run.

I falter, Lord --
Blindly lose my way
To the sheep fold.
Where is Thy staff?
The night is cold.

You call me, Lord?
Quickly I turn around
And make a choice.
A braver sheep, Lord
I know Thy voice!

V. Vess

Wish I had time for a personal note to all of you. but this will have to do. we do enjoy your visits and letters. Courage to you. "Early in the morning the grass is touched with dew; It's a token of the promise - God is watching over you"

Love, happy springtime!
Alice and Leland Straw