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November, 1978

Dear Ex-Creekers:

October has been a busy month with such glorious weather that I am sad to see November on my calendar.

The self-supporting convention (Laymen's Extension League) was hosted here October 13-14. Dr. Raymond Moore, president of Hewitt Research Center, gave the key-note address. Dr. Roger Dudley, author of Why Teen Ageds Reject Religion and What To Do About It, from Georgia Cumberland Academy presented interesting material concerning teen agers' responses to spiritual matters. Elder W. D. Frazee gave the sermon Sabbath morning. The rest of the time was spent hearing reports from the various institutions represented.

ALFREDA COSTERISAN RETIRES

Friday evening, October 13, at 6:00 the entire faculty, student body, and guests of the Laymen's Extension League gathered in the Cafeteria to honor Miss Costerisan. It was a formal occasion such as she always enjoyed sponsoring. It was kept as a surprise for her until about 2 hours before time. Flowers, candles, and napkins were in fall colors with each guest having a printed quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy that was a favorite of Miss Costerisan's. She was surprised and happy to see a few very special out of town guests. Mr. Percy Hallock, from Hylandale, flew down to represent the gratitude of that school for her long time interest. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stepanske and Mrs. Jack Shull were also friends at Hylandale. Dr. and Mrs. William Taylor came from Southern Missionary College to pay tribute. Telegrams were read from Andrews University co-workers. Short tributes were given from each of the Southern Self-Supporting Units that have benefited from her counsel through the years. The students sang "Swinging on a Star" to represent the constant encouragement she always gave them to do their best, and then presented her with a beautiful picture clock. Little Creek and several Units gave her a file cabinet she had wanted so much. As the Sabbath began, we closed the occasion by all singing "Blest Be The Tie". It is with regret that we say good-bye, but we are all thankful for the many years she was able to give of herself at Little Creek, and wish her much happiness in her new Arizona surroundings. Her new address is R, Box 468-H, Amado, Arizona 85640.

HOME - COMING

I know you are most interested to hear about the Alumni Homecoming. I have asked several people to help write about it.

Friday evening Kent Williams ('77) lead the song service and Mrs. Greg (Linda Tuttle, '64) Foreman played the piano. Alumni President, Dr. Burton Goodge ('59) welcomed everyone

and introduced Principal David Patterson who gave the opening prayer and more words of welcome. Sidney Whiting ('78) came down from Columbia Union College and played a lovely baritone solo, "If With All Your Hearts". The academy chorus then sang portions of the cantata "No Greater Love". They were joined by several alumni who had sung the same number five years ago. It made quite an impressive chorus! Prof Straw concluded the evening by commenting on the beauties God has given us to enjoy. Dr. Bill Richards ('67) a teacher at Southern Missionary College gave the benediction.

Several alumni and students went to the planetarium after the meeting. No planets are visible just now but they enjoyed seeing the nebula in Andromeda through the 10" telescope.

Mrs. Gary (Janice Williams, '72) Carlson was Sabbath School Superintendent. deWayne Beers ('74) lead the song service as Dr. Bill Richards played the piano. Steve Foster ('68) gave the scripture and prayer. Craig Williams favored us with a vocal solo. Mrs. Stanley (Mary Charles Scott '46) Jones presented the mission story. A special feature was given by Ann Goodge ('62). The male quartette from 1978--Jim Watson, Jim Davenport, Rick Greve, and Sidney Whiting--sang. Devotional Thought and Prayer were given by Stanford Straw ('55). Dr. John Shaw--husband of Mary Sue Martin ('51) taught the lesson.

Was nice to have Ann Kennedy ('77) play the organ for church again. Lesa Gober ('78) played the piano. Mr. Roger was the presiding elder. Jim Knight ('69) offered the Pastoral Prayer. The Bell Choir provided the special music. Kenneth Straw ('57) was the speaker. The benediction was offered by Gary Carlson ('73).

During the afternoon there was a lot of visiting done as it seemed that people were arriving all the time that we had not seen.

At 5:00 we had an enjoyable, informal time together. We were happy to have Amanda Downing ('76) sing a solo. There were 3 duets--Jon Gearhart ('68) and Jim Knight ('69): Mary Charles (Scott '46) Jones and Sarah Ann (Goodge '43) McNeilus, and Craig and Kent Williams ('77). Jim and Elly Knight and Karen (Knight '68) Morgan sang a trio. With precious little practice we had an Alumni Choir sing two numbers. Mrs. David (Claudia Sutherland '68) Rose gave some touching personal thoughts, recalling student days and giving bits of advice to present students. The service was closed with a beautiful piano solo by Barbara Brown, wife of Harold Brown ('54).

Following supper Dr. Jim Pickett ('61) lead out in a vesper service. Mrs. Edd (Debbie Downing '71) McDowell sang "Green Cathedral", Prof played his violin and Sidney Whiting played a piano solo. Was a very nice way to close the Sabbath.

A business meeting was called immediately after vespers but a number of people felt they had to leave so not many were present. All in all it was a most enjoyable weekend. We only wish that you would not wait until it is Alumni Homecoming to come and visit us. We love to have you come anytime.

COOKING SCHOOL

Seventy-two people registered for the semi-annual cooking school conducted by ladies from Little Creek at the Economy Health Food Store in Knoxville. Beginning on September 26, the classes continued once a week for five weeks with an average attendance of fifty-five.

Ruth Watson, Marcia Van Arsdell, Pat Sparks, and Marilyn Morgan and students, Barry Scott, Kathie Vera Cruz and Denel Hiner gave demonstrations. Dr. Sparks gave four nutrition lectures and Dr. Van Arsdell one. Behind the scenes personnel Sharon McNeilus and Rogene Goodge helped with preparation of food samples and clean-up, and students served the samples. The audience (non Adventist except for three) seemed interested and enthusiastic about the foods served and the information presented. As follow-up, a buffet supper was planned for November 7. All places were reserved and paid for as class members were leaving on the last evening. Students helped serve the meal which was a great success.

FIVE-DAY PLAN

During the week of October 21-25 a Five-Day Plan to stop smoking was held in the West Town area of Knoxville. Dr. Vernon Sparks and Elder Bob Tetz team together to help the people of the community to a better way of life. This outreach also alerts our neighbors to Little Creek's emphasis on better health for everyone and those who have taken the Plan are invited to the cooking school held at the Economy Health Food Store. Various students go along to help and observe this type of missionary work so that when the opportunity comes to them later they will be familiar with a very effective faith-sharing project.

ALUMNI PRESENT AT HOMECOMING

1943

Mrs. Vernon (Sarah Ann Goodge) McNeilus

1949

Mrs. Francis (Brown) Zollinger

1954

James Allen
Harold Brown

1956

Doris Brown

1959

Dr. Burton Goodge
Rogene Goodge

1961

Mrs. Roger (Lynda Laffin) Draper
Dr. James Pickett

1963

Mrs. Ralph (Dianne Parker) Ruckle

1966

Mrs. John (Virginia Pillsbury) Hagan

1946

Mrs. Stanley (Mary Charles Scott) Jones

1951

Mrs. Betty Jo (Brown) Broom
Dr. and Mrs. John (Mary Sue Martin) Shaw
Phyllis (Brown) Acosta

1955

Stanford Straw

1957

Mrs. C. D. (Beth Gober) Carter
Mrs. Marilyn (Betty Jo Brummett) Kurtz
Mrs. Thelma (Brummett) Figueroa
Kenneth Straw

1960

Mrs. Homer (Betty Williams) Allen

1962

Ann Goodge
Mrs. Ronnie (Shirley Ward) Ennis

1964

Dr. David Silverstein
Mrs. Greg (Linda Tuttle) Foreman

1967

Mrs. Kenneth (Sharon Beck) Straw
Mrs. John (Pat Hill) Alden
Dr. Bill Richards

1969

Cris and Janet (Melendy) Davis
Jim Knight
Ginger Mitchell
Edd McDowell

1971

Mrs. Edd (Debbie Downing) McDowell

1973

Gary Carlson
Byron and Sherry (Horne) Carlton
Lynn Phibbs

1975

Mark McNeilus

1977

Randy Calloway
Ann Kennedy
Kathy Leffew
Leasa McNeilus
Linda Watson
Kent Williams

Bob Coolidge
Grant Tuttle

1968

Steve Foster
Karen (Holiman) Jeske
Karen (Knight) Morgan
Jon and Cindy (Tandy) Gearhart
Mrs. David (Claudia Sutherland) Rose

1970

Stanley Robinson

1972

Bill and Diane (Jones) Davenport
Penny Peltier
John Van Devander
Mrs. Gary (Janice Williams) Carlson

1974

deWayne Beers
Dennis Clark
Carl Shaw
Mrs. Craig (Doreen Reins) Williams

1976

Amanda Downing
Cliff Johnston
Kenneth Shaw
Ted Liston

1978

Jeff Basham
Jennie Chitwood
Jim Davenport
Lesia Gober
Rick Greve
Theresa Jones
Tim Leffew
Brent Myers
Renee Regal
Kathe Rauch
Jim Watson
Sidney Whiting

We have had other visitors other than those who were here at Homecoming!

Darrell Jones, '45
Chuck Keller
Dr. Bert Coolidge '61
Linda Van Arsdell '78
Janie Liston '74
Ed Zollinger '51
Debbie Straw '77

Ancil Jones, '48
Mrs. Eager (Clara Wisdom, '73) Kelley
Jim Hiner '76
Ellen Rieseberg '78
Robert Zollinger '48
Jack McNeilus '75
Ray Ostrander '67

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT--Kenneth Straw

Several of the alumni remained for a short business meeting that convened immediately after vespers on Saturday night of October 21. Officers were elected for the next year. Dr. James Pickett '61 was voted president-elect, and will take office as president at next year's homecoming. Mary Charles (Scott, '46) Jones was elected treasurer. Rogene Goodge '59 was elected to serve as secretary.

Those present voted to continue to sponsor the construction of the steam tunnel during the next year. This will be the official project of the alumni association. To date, the steam tunnel project has cost \$20,654.76. The alumni have contributed \$6,896.00 towards the project.

I believe that all of you are aware of the new medical facility project that we have been forced into by the state. This is the first project that we have become involved with that has involved so many inspectors and regulations. We are now an official utility furnishing water. We also have sewage disposal problems that must meet regulations. All of this is very expensive. We are required to have additional water tank capacity to supply a fire sprinkler system, and on and on.

The steam tunnel will serve more than one purpose. It will carry the sewage disposal lines, and also some water lines. So, it will become a part of our utility system that we are required to have for the new sanitarium. At present, the tunnel is just through the parking lot behind the church. This is a little more than 2/3 of the total distance it needs to go. We already have the pipe that we were able to purchase at a bargain price. We are mixing all of the concrete in our own mixing truck, and doing the digging with our back-hoe. It is a bit slower this way, but it means that the money contributed is used only for direct materials. What better bargain could you find to contribute to?

I have a burden to see some things accomplished with the alumni association during the next year. Perhaps one would be an up-to-date directory of alumni--where they are, and what they are doing. This would be quite a bit of work, and would require participation by each one of you. Do you suppose you would be willing to answer a short questionnaire if we mailed one out? Let us know what you think. We are often asked for statistics on our alumni, but don't have any, so we might try to accumulate some statistical data for general use at the same time.

It is very difficult to keep the alumni mailing list current. We have sent out a couple of mailings with "Address Correction Requested" and have come up with many address changes that were not reported to us by you. It costs us 25¢ to receive a return address from the post office, and you can send it to us for less money--just use a little card they furnish you. Since this is part of the news letter, I better stop and save something for later.

N O T I C E

THE HONOR CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR WILL BE: 1958, 1959, and 1960; 1968, 1969, and 1970, and 1974. This is 5, 10 and 20 year classes, with the class on either side of the 10 and 20 year classes. This should bring many of your classmates at the same time, rather than just having one year honor at a time. This was decided on by the group at the business meeting.

The date for Homecoming next year has not been finalized. Some thought the first week-end of November might be better than the last of October. If we had it the first of November the time would have changed and we could have the business meeting earlier and maybe more of you could stay for it. Let us know if you have any preference, and we will set a firm date in our next letter to you.

NEW COMERS

Mary Elizabeth, October 11, 1978, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy (Jeanie Clayton, '59) Stephens, 107, Concord Street, Belvedere, South Carolina 29841.

Kristi Elizabeth, November 12, 1978 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Sharon Beck '67) Straw, 1800 Little Creek Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922.

I am sure that we will never get another letter out before Christmas so this will be our Christmas Greeting to all of you.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

O STAR OF BETHLEHEM, which led aright the humble few
Who found the Saviour cradled in the fragrant hay;
Shine in our hearts, and keep us worshipful and low
Before our Lord on this His natal day.
Like those of old, the shepherds and the Magi three,
We bring our gifts, but of a different kind.
We give our hearts, our love, our service, and our all--
For we in Him a full salvation find.

O STAR OF HOPE, shed they pure radiance in our lives,
That we may lead, as lesser lights, some soul to Him
Who by His birth brought hope into a weary world,
And by His death did conquer all of sin.

O CHRISTMAS STAR, shine full upon our eager hearts
And fill us with the song the angels sing--
Redemption's song, God's love for man
Through Christ, our Lord and everlasting King!

--Ruth D. Carnes

*We enjoy your visits and letters. In the
January news letter we'll try to send more alumni
news.*

Happy Holidays!

Alice and Leland Straw