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Dear Ex-Creekers,

## WHEN THE DEW SPARKLES

By Virginia Vess

Early in the morning  
The grass is touched with dew;  
It's a token of the promise  
God is watching over you.

And if one jewel of sparkling  
Shares its gentle, peaceful art,  
How wonderful God's glory  
Sparkling in each human heart.

Just can't imagine June is gone. Seems only yesterday since graduation and we said farewells to Mike Boyd, Barbara Chase, Sharon Chesney, Genevieve Dimick, Albert Heidinger, Denel Hiner, Terryn Kurzynske, Dia McKee, Denzil McNeilus, Luonne McNeilus, Mary Lou Mitchell, Loren Rieseberg, Kevin Shaw, Kent Van Arsdell, and Laury Weitzel. The weather was lovely on Sabbath but Sunday it was pouring rain as they marched out. So nice to have the big cafeteria to take the place of the lawn. At least their Fall Creek weather was perfect. They were quite a favored group: Miss Costerisan sent best wishes by telegram; Keplingers phoned congratulations from Germany; Bill Iles, chairman of our board, phoned his best wishes. We enjoyed having Evan Chesney sing and Kenny Shaw, Ann Kennedy, Sidney Whiting and Linda Van Arsdell helped with the piano and organ for the services. Ray Ostrander was here--enjoyed his trumpet--(he was part of the Poland trip). So much more I could tell but must get to other topics. The class gift was an air-conditioner for classroom I. It will be enjoyed by all as the faculty meets there too. I'm not sure if they had President Carter's approval!

May 19, Kenny flew us to Washington to participate in a "This Is Your Life" evening for Virginia Vess who was a member of our staff for many years. She was really surprised and we had a great time. Was fun seeing Henry and Kathy again.

The strawberry crop was so beautiful this year, but half of them were spoiled by too much rain. Even so we reaped 7000 quarts so we aren't complaining about our share, but had so looked forward to inviting our friends to come help themselves and share the berries.

But the rain has helped the corn and given us a beautiful lawn. Our flower ladies bring much joy to our campus.

The Bell Choir recently returned from a two week concert and sight-seeing tour of Poland. We traveled under the auspices of Friendship Ambassadors Foundation of New York City. The Foundation promotes good will tours primarily in Eastern European Countries, using the musical arts as its medium. Our host in Poland was Almatu, a Socialist Union of Polish Students. It was our privilege to meet many young Poles who took pride in showing off their beautiful country. All the cities we visited (Warsaw, Bialystock, Gdansk, Bydgoszcz, and Torun) had been 85-95% destroyed during WW II, but rebuilt with not only modernizing in many ways, but also preserving the flavor and appearance of centuries-old structures.

The English speaking guide, bus driver and bus, truck driver and truck to carry all the heavy bell equipment, and 33 members of the group (18 ringers and 15 others) were inseparably joined for the two weeks, all playing a vital part in the adventure.

We were especially pleased when presented our itinerary to see plans for visiting three different Adventist Churches. Sabbath morning, June 2, found us with our believers in Bialystock, near the Russian border. Through our guide, Richard, we were able to plan our participation in both S.S. and Church. Like smiles, bell ringing needs no translation so they were able to enjoy all the music. It was thrilling to sing with them in two familiar hymns, "Lift Up The Trumpet", and "Nearer My God to Thee". We shared small gifts we had brought, and also left them one of our records. The next day many of them came to hear us play in the Bialystock Philharmonic Hall. At the close of the concert, one elderly lady from the church came and presented us with a beautiful bouquet of flowers (a lovely Polish custom, we discovered). When we left Bialystock on Tuesday morning, the same dear lady arrived early at our hotel to bring us another bouquet.

Thursday afternoon, June 7, we met with our believers in Gdansk. Our itinerary stated only a "meeting", so we did not bring the bells. It was soon evident they did expect a concert, so as not to disappoint them we gave an unrehearsed choir concert with Glen Van Arsdell directing. We had a question and answer period with our guide translating. We invited them to our Bell Concert in the world famous Oliwa Cathedral that same afternoon. It was so inspiring to play in this beautiful place with its magnificent organ of 8,000 pipes. The organist allowed Glen the thrill of playing Bach's Toccata in D Minor on this glorious instrument.

Sabbath, June 9, we met with members of the Bydgoszcz S.D.A. Church. Here again we participated in their services, having met the Pastor the evening before to make plans. How we instantly felt the love and joy of common beliefs! It was a feeling we shall never forget. They invited us back at 6 p.m. for tea and cakes. It was a beautiful time together, singing to each other and joining hands to sing "Side by Side" and "God Be With You Til We Meet Again".

The next morning many of the church members were at the St. Vincent a Paulo Cathedral where at least 4,000 persons heard us ring the bells.

One very solemn experience for us was a visit to Stuthof Concentration Camp. We were struck with the horror of 85,000 persons losing their lives in the gas chamber there. We left a flower memorial at the crematorium.

Many other visits and experiences too numerous to mention now, were ours as we shared our music and friendship. As the wheels of the Lot Polish Airliner touched the ground at JFK International Airport, many cheers were heard - cheers of happiness at being home after a not to be forgotten adventure. We thank God for a safe journey, good health, and the opportunity to witness for Him. We want to thank all who had a part in helping us to make this trip.

Sarah Ann McNeilus

Mr. and Mrs. Peek have just returned from a trip to Europe to visit the Keplingers. I really haven't had time to hear much about it but they had a wonderful time. You will have to come visit them and hear it first hand.

## ALUMNI NEWS

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 \* Such a sorrowful telephone call on May 5. It left our hearts heavy. You \*  
 \* may have read the notice in the May 24 REVIEW (back page). George Bryson was \*  
 \* killed by a confused driver who drove right into him as he was well off the \*  
 \* road changing a tire. He left his wife Jeanette and three children. \*  
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## IN KINDLY SYMPATHY

Sometimes we are called to say farewell  
 To those we have loved the best,  
 And our hearts are touched with pain and grief  
 As they go to their final rest.  
 But there's One who sees and walks with us  
 In every trial we meet,  
 And we can be sure of His loving care  
 As we humbly bow at His feet.  
 We can thank our God for His gift to us  
 In sending this loved one dear  
 Whose life has been such a blessing to us  
 In each succeeding year.  
 We need not part with the memories sweet  
 That are scattered along the way,  
 And the influences that are left behind  
 Can strengthen us day by day.  
 So we can march bravely with willing feet  
 The paths that together we trod,  
 Till Jesus comes and we can be  
 Together, forever, with God.

Vera Beall Parker

Carla Gober and Greg Scott are home from Newbold College (England). Greg showed pictures and gave a most inspirational prayer meeting.

Kathy Leffew, Kent Williams, Kenny Shaw and Loren Rieseberg are helping with the work here this summer and Jim Watson recently joined the work crew.

Carroll Wheeler and his mother were here. Carroll had just returned from a trip to the Far East with the S.M.C. Orchestra. He said on the planes the stewardesses would say "Who eats meat?" There were about 90 of them all vegetarian. It is usually the reverse.

Notice picture of Bill Sharon on the cover of the June 7 REVIEW. Their house was destroyed in the tornado in Wichita Falls, Texas. That was some experience!

W E D D I N G S

Kevin Carlson and Pamela Schramm, May 19, 1979, 25 N. 17th Avenue, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250.

Merwin Stewart and Deborah Etling, June 17, 1979, 1446 South 24th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502.

NEW COMERS

Daniel Rustin, May 5, 1979, to Burton and Carol Goodge, Route 3, Scott Road, Corryton, Tennessee 37721. (Born on Jimmy Pickett's birthday.)

Heather Dawn, June 15, 1979, to Mr. and Mrs. Jan (Ruthe Regal) Leffers, Rose Hill Apartments, #100 Apt. 9 P, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49104.

GRADUATION

The following graduated from Southern Missionary College on May 6, 1979.

Joy Beagles  
David Hack  
Ann Kennedy  
Jack McNeilus

We have had many visitors since the last news letter and enjoyed seeing each one. Debbie Straw, Linda Watson, Larry Ringer, Bill and Jane (Kennedy) Leyva, Steve White, Jim Pickett, Doris Brown, Norman and Ava Peek, Ancil and Nancie Jones, Darrell and Mary Jones, Dr. and Mrs. John (Sue Martin) Shaw, Virginia (Davidson) Sellars, Carl and Debbie Shaw, Jim and Jan Hiner, Bob and Mary (Peek) Kurzynske, Carla Gober, Brent Myers, Donna Myers, Renee Regal, Julie Basham, Jeff Basham, Leasa McNeilus, Mark McNeilus, Ted Liston, Cliff Johnston, Gene Johnston, L. J. and Daisy Bryant, Craig and Doreen (Reins) Williams, Theresa Jones, Rick Greve, Bevi (Hansen) Henriques, Bill Scott, Ann Morgan, Bill and Rose (Holverstott) Coolidge, Shirley Belknap, and Barbara Wheeler.

A recent letter really made me sad, asked me to cancel their newsletter because I had not listed their wedding and whereabouts. My apologies for all such errors. Sometimes my memory fails me when thinking back over a 3 month period of time. My secretarial skills are nil and often I worry about these haphazard newsletters. Be sure to remind me of the omissions so I can include it in the next letter. When you visit, please put your name in the book in the church lobby. I'm sure we've overlooked someone this time, April (last newsletter) seems a long time ago!

Thank you for joining us in prayer for the new building. So much to continue to pray for. Good workmanship, good prices, favorable decisions in many areas. Progress is being made.

"Some one had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,  
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!  
So many, many hearts have need of prayer--  
Oh, let us pray."

Grace Noll Crowell

*Happy summertime to you!  
Alice and Leland Straw*

# ALUMNI WEEK-END

NOVEMBER 2-3, 1979

Before you forget, please take a moment to mark your calendar. The alumni week-end will be the first week-end of November this year. The November date was chosen after giving consideration to several problems. Some felt that we would have better attendance at the business meeting if it was earlier in the evening. The November date puts us after daylight savings time--hence we can have the meeting much earlier. Also, several of our staff will be attending the A.S.I. Convention in Hawaii, and they will not return until the end of October.

## H O N O R   C L A S S E S

This year there will be four honor classes. They are:

20 years	1959
15 years	1964
10 years	1969
5 years	1974

Of course, all alumni and former staff members are welcome and urged to come. Remember that you are alumni if you ever attended Little Creek--you do not have to actually graduate to be considered alumni.

## P R O G R A M S

We are working on an interesting program for the week-end. We feel that it would add a lot to the programs if we could hear from more of the alumni than we have in the past. So, if you can come, please be prepared to speak a few words, telling us what you are doing, etc. If you cannot come, then try to write us a short letter that we can read to those who do come. This applies especially to the honor classes, but is not limited to them.

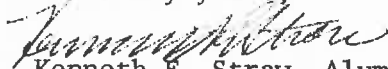
The schedule is not final at this point, but there are a few appointments that we can give you now. Any changes to this will appear on the program you will receive upon arrival.

Friday	6:00 P.M.	Supper in the Cafeteria
	7:30 P.M.	Meeting in the Church--music, alumni reports, etc.
Sabbath	10:30 A.M.	Sabbath School by the alumni
	11:55 A.M.	Church Service
	4:45 P.M.	Alumni program in church (Music, reports, etc.)
	6:30 P.M.	Alumni supper & business meeting

We would appreciate it if you could let us know if you are coming. If you would like for us to find accommodations for you, we need to know how many are in your group. If you would like off-campus accommodations, we will try to find them for you. If you find you can come at the last minute, come on, whether you have written to us or not.

If you have any specific suggestions for the programs, we would be glad to hear from you. Sometimes a person we were counting on is unable to come, so we may need some minute-persons to help at the last moment. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as can come. Let's make this the biggest homecoming ever.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth E. Straw, Alumni Association President

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