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Dear Ex-Creekers:

February 5--the date of the last newsletter! Where has time gone? On May 20, just five days before graduation I was going home from school in a big hurry and stumbled on virtually nothing (uneven "red" walk) and fell, spraining both wrists. I could not write for quite a time and still don't write with ease--so I have one big excuse for no newsletters.

The month of May had been so exciting, Debbie (Stanford and Janet's older daughter) was graduated May 5 from S.M.C. so we were there. Janice (Williams) Carlson "pinned" her, and Debbie made a nice speech honoring the parents of the graduates. So we were there for others also, Kenneth Shaw, B. A. in Mathematics; Royce Goodchild, B. A. in Religion; Lesa Gober, A. S. in Nursing; Carroll Wheeler, B. A. in Religion; Trent Ward, B. A. in Medical Technology.

The next week of May flew by as we prepared for Falls Creek. The weather was so nice. We had a great time.

The third week-end, May 18, Debbie Straw and Stanton Tait were married here. Was like a Little Creek homecoming--Carla and Lesa Gober, Kathy Leffew and Janice Carlson served at the reception, Sarah Ann McNeilus coordinated the reception; Cynthia Straw was the maid of honor; Heidi Straw was the flower girl; Kent and Craig Williams sang and lighted the candles, Ann (Kennedy) Shaw played the organ. Leland played the violin, Mrs. Mitchell sang and the Bell Choir played. They are living near S.M.C. until Stanton completes his Master's Degree in December at U. T. Chattanooga.

So it was two days later I sprained my wrists. I soon learned to substitute legs, hips, and shoulders to get around. My thumbs functioned which helped.

Good came of it anyway. I took two classes at University of Tennessee. Gary Carlson picked Mrs. Morgan and me up each morning at 7:45 and returned us at noon. Was wonderful! With braces my arm power was good, could carry my books; gradually I was able to take notes and learned a lot. We were sorry to have it end.

We need to take a look back to February. The American History program was a success as usual. Was great seeing the alumni who came. We have a list of visitors that we obtained from the guest book so will not try and list who was present for the history program as such.

During the spring there was music festival, the annual trip to Greeneville, and this year Laurelbrook's choir came and gave us a nice program. The annual trip to Laurel Falls was rained out. It rained so much that we did not have very many strawberries.

August brought more big news. August 1 Sarah Danielle was born to Craig and Doreen (Reins) Williams. So now Mrs. McNeilus has a granddaughter and a name sake.

August 10, Kathy Leffew and David Twombly were married here by Elder Gulley. Was another homecoming--Evan Chesney sang, Tim Leffew and Luonne McNeilus lighted candles, Ellne Rieseberg was maid of honor, Donna Myers was a bridesmaid, Kathy Sparks was the flower girl, Chris Gustin was the Bible boy, Mrs. Mitchell sang, Cynthia Straw played a bell solo, Leland played the violin, Sharon Chesney and Ann Morgan attended the guest book, Mrs. Pickett and Janice Carlson coordinated the reception, Mrs. Kincer, Debbie (Straw) Tait and Page Weemes served at the reception and Rogene was coordinator of the wedding.

The same day--far away in Seoul, Korea--Leon Peek was married. We have heard not details except Alfred Burdick was to be his best man. We feel cheated but they will be here in December and we will have a reception for them. I'll try to announce it in advance so some of you who are close enough can come.

MESSAGE FROM PROF

A couple of years ago the alumni took as their project a steam and service tunnel to run from the boiler to the new cafeteria. In a previous letter I think I told how it went by the greenhouses, behind the boys' dormitory and church, then on to the swimming pool, then turned and followed the road to the old kitchen. It is a concrete passage way from two or three to eight feet underground. It's quite a walk to follow it all the way.

Anyway for about a year the tunnel was completed, but no steam line was in it. This summer Mr. Ed talked to Mr. Smallman (some of the boys took welding from him) and he agreed to help weld the pipe together. It is a 2½ inch steel pipe up to the church, which has to be welded together. From there a 2 inch line was joined with regular threaded couplings. A new family have joined our staff, the Wencels, and he is an all-round handy man who helped Mr. Ed on the project.

At last, about a month ago, the last coupling was coupled and steam flows unhindered all the way from the boiler to the cafeteria. The pipe is well insulated, so the tunnel is very little warmer than the outside air.

This should be a real energy saver, as the old line leaked in several places, the insulation had fallen off or rotted away; and some places the pipe was lying in the mud at the bottom of the trench. You would have to walk through the tunnel to appreciate the effort involved in this project.

The other building connections have yet to be made. The green house, boys' dorm, church and swimming pool are to be served by the line. We hope the swimming pool will once more be usable all winter.

Water Line

I believe I have also mentioned the 50,000 gallon water tank on the very back of the Kirby property and the 4 and 6 inch plastic water lines that have to be brought in a ditch at least three feet deep all the way to the new San and on to the pump house at the spring. For several months the line lay dormant just through the cow lot fence behind the cafeteria, then moved on to the bowl. Just a few weeks ago Mr. Ed moved in with the back hoe and started a trench up through the woods under water and telephone lines. We followed with the pipe; and presto, the pipes are now in the new sanitarium back yard.

We found one large rock in the ditch. Mr. Ed and I and a couple of boys beat on it with a hammer for about half a day and removed part, but the last and lowest section seemed too much. Del Dimick looked at it and suggested another procedure. We have a propane flame thrower for burning weeds. He turned the flame on the rock for five or six minutes, then poured about a gallon of water on it. The rock would splinter and crack and part would break off rather easily. About five or six times with the process and the rock was out of the way. Mr. Del is good at solving problems like this.

Finally the roof is on the new San. No more working in the drips and puddles. A real mile stone and an expensive one--but it is on.

AVIATION AND RELATED AREAS

Last year was rather busy for the flying program. In September, a Cessna 152 was obtained. It has all the basic radios needed for complete Instrument training. It replaced a Cessna 150 that met with a slight misfortune. We sold the blue and white Cessna 150, 2775S, and combined two 150's into one 152. 75S was purchased by Chuck Ramsey, who is the punter-kicker for the New York Jets football team. He just about finished his private pilot's license before he had to go back to work this July.

Glen Van Arsdell set the most ambitious goal of any of the flying students this year. He did not turn 18 until the Sabbath of graduation, but within one week, he had passed his Commercial check ride, his Flight Instructor check ride, and his Instrument Instructor check ride. He finished his instrument rating a few months earlier, because he did not have to be 18 for it. Jon Larrabee stayed a week after graduation and finished his instrument rating. Dr. Van Arsdell also finished his Instrument rating early this summer. Albert Heidinger, from last year, finished his Commercial and Instrument rating before heading for Alaska to work. Glen is the second Flight Instructor to finish at Little Creek. Laury Weitzel, from last year, was the first.

Glen headed for Alaska in his Taylor craft the same day he took his last check ride. A Taylorcraft is from the late 1940's, and has no radios for navigation. He made the trip in about a week. He worked giving flight instruction, etc., while in Alaska. His family flew up a couple of weeks ago and picked him up. They arrived home on August 17.

On September 20 at 8:00 P.M., we are going to have a Saturday night program that features flying. Evelyn Johnson, from Morristown, is going to be with us and talk about her flying experiences. Many of you may remember taking a check ride from her at some time in your flying career. She has flown over 40,000 hours, and was awarded Flight Instructor of the Year this past year. We will also show a short movie on the EAA flyin at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Several Little Creek pilots showed up for the excitement at Oshkosh this year, and those who missed it will want to come and see what went on up there.

COMPUTER FOR LITTLE CREEK

Some of you were aware of the fact that for the last ten or eleven years, we have been using a computer to process all of our accounting and related records. We shared one with some other organizations that were located in Chattanooga. Well, this summer we moved the entire computer system to Little Creek. It is an IBM System/32 and while a small computer, is quite adequate to handle the volume of work that we do. It really is more convenient to have it here, even though we still process some work for the company that was based in Chattanooga. This helps pay for it--we hope. If any of you need any custom computer work done, we might be able to do it and save you money.

A NEW TELESCOPE - David Patterson

Several years ago a PUC physics professor gave Little Creek a 9 3/4" parabolic telescope mirror. More recently someone donated some money to buy a first class tube, mount and clock drive for the telescope. The new mounting made it easier and more enjoyable to use the telescope. Nevertheless, it took 3 or 4 people to place the 8 foot telescope on its mount and some time to make the adjustments needed for viewing. Furthermore there was no way to move the mount indoors and prevent the elements from taking their toll. While considering ways to solve these problems it occurred to us that the new smaller telescopes were capable of producing views comparable to our big telescope and without all the problems. We were able to sell our larger telescope for nearly enough to buy a new 8 inch Celestron. (We bought the Celestron before the recent price increase and saved \$500 over the current list price.) It is light weight, easy to use and provides impressive views of the heavens. We will plan to have it available for use Alumni week-end. (We hope the weather will cooperate.)

The campus is all astir preparing for school to begin. I just love this time of year. Carroll Wheeler is here to help us and will teach Algebra II, Physics and Religion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foster will be parenting our girls' dorm this year. Seems like old times again. Mr. Foster will be teaching woodworking and helping in the elementary school.

Was fun to have Ray and Marie (McNeilus) Ostrander here to visit. They have been on an extended tour this summer (North east and Canada). About ready to settle down at Sunnydale Academy where Ray will teach English and conduct the chorus.

Tom McNeilus was also here from Sunnydale Academy.

Tim Leffew will attend Newbold College in England this year. He is preparing for the ministry.

Wayne and Edwin Dysinger tell us they will spend the year as student missionaries with their parents in Pakistan.

David Van Devander worked here all summer on the new san. He played the piano for us last Sabbath.

Darrell Jones has been very ill. Was crushed under a car when the jack slipped. He had umpteen broken ribs. He looks fine now for which we are thankful.

Grandma Taggart has had a stroke and she is so sad to be so helpless. But her mind is alert as ever and I tell her she must set a good example of courage for us all.

We've had so many fun visitors, some we haven't seen for so long. It would take pages to tell all about it. One day C. R. and Penny Frederick surprised us. But C. R. never vacations here. We kept him busy the whole time repairing all our appliances. Leland is so proud of his radio C. R. brought back to life.

Greg Scott is home after a year at Collonges, our S. D. A. Seminary in France. His mother traveled with him in Europe for 3 weeks before coming home. They visited the Keplingers as did Ed Keplinger, Miss Gency and Virginia Gustin. They had a wonderful time.

Just recently we attended the committee in Atlanta for Music Festival. Was fun to have Gary Swinyar (band director at Forest Lake) fly us back to S. M. C. where his family was vacationing. Then Kenny flew us on to L.C.S.

John and Marsha Rauch and family stopped by enroute to Miami where he will be administrator of Hileah Hospital. They have been far away in Oregon.

Sarah (Enevoldson) McHenry came by on their way home from Pakistan. She had great fun surprising her parents with twin girls (plus a 3½ year old girl), brought them in in apple boxes!

Just a few days ago John Vogt surprised us by bringing his wife, Nancy, and two children by to see us. John was here for American History last year, but this is the first time we've met his family.

We have had a succession of visitors and have enjoyed each visit. If your name was mentioned somewhere else in the letter it is not listed with this group. It is most difficult to keep an accurate list so if you have been here and your name is not mentioned please accept our apologies. Cliff and Gene Johnston, Kevin Shaw, Karen Cobb, Theresa Jones, Sidney Whiting, Linda Van Arsdell, Betty Jo (Brummett) Kurtz, Marie (Malmede) Christian, Albert Heidinger, Dia McKee, Bob and Mary Kurzynske, Virginia (Davidson) Sellars, Thelma (Brummett) Figueroa, Myrna (Lea) Blevins, John and Sue (Martin) Shaw, Craig and Doreen (Reins) Williams, Robert McMullen, Pat (Davidson) Garner, Mary (Shafer) Foreman, Bob and Ruth Zollinger, Mike Boyd, Renee Regal, Carl Shaw, JoAnn (Malmede) France, Linda and Jim Watson, Penny Peltier, Ancil Jones, Terry and Michelle Kurzynske, Norman Peek, Merwin Stewart, Jim and Lunetta (Brininger) King, Jon Larrabee, Amy and Bernie Sheffield, Rick Sharp, Mark McKinney. Sherilyn (Lacy) Greene, L.J. and Daisy Bryant, Laury Weitzel, Kenny and Ann (Kennedy) Shaw, Denel Hiner, Rick Greve, Bruce Vogt, Linden McNeilus, Denzil McNeilus, Brent Myers, Mary Lou Mitchell, Chris and Janet (Melendy) Davis, Jack McNeilus, Steve Wallace, Doris Brown, Phyllis (Brown) Acosta, JoAnn (Chitwood) Snow, Darrell Jones, Eric Gunderson, Coley Sellars, Jook-Ting Shim, Kathe (Rauch) Pate, Kathie Vera Cruz, Jackee Conner, Debbie Scheibe, Malinda Boyd, Barry Scott, Connie (Regal) Walls, Steve Foster, Barbara Chase, Jim and Selma (Martin) Neubrandner.

GRADUATIONS

Jim Hiner from Andrews University on June 1, 1980, Theology

The group of graduates from Southern Missionary College were listed on the first page.

WEDDINGS

Barbara Iles and Dr. Brian Michael Bothe, April 6, 1980 in the Forest Lake Church. 11452 Orange Grove, Loma Linda, California 92354.

Deborah Straw and Stanton Tait, May 18, 1980, 34 Woodland Trailer Park, Ootewah, TN 37363.

Kathy Leffew and David Twombly, August 10, 1980, General Delivery, Collegedale, TN 37315.

Leon Peek and Eun-Hee Kim, August 10, 1980, at the Seoul Adventist Hospital Church, Box 118 JUSMAG-K, APO San Francisco 96302.

NEW-COMERS

Sharla Eileen and Sheyla Arlene, December 25, 1979, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed (Sarah Enevoldson) McHenry, 6469 Germantown Pike, Dayton, Ohio.

Robyn Louise Chandra, January 27, 1980, to Dr. and Mrs. Elton (Marga Martin) Kerr, 7846 Old Kings Road, South, Jacksonville, Florida 32217.

Ronnie Lee, April 6, 1980 to Ron and Annette (Rudd) Michaels, P. O. Box 79,
Collegedale, TN 37315.

Theodore Thomas, April 21, to Gary and Carol Swinyar, Forest Lake Academy, Box 157,
Maitland, Florida 32703.

Kristin Sara, July 12, 1980, to Royce and Brenda (Tavares) Goodchild, 16130 136th
Avenue, Nunica, Michigan 49448.

Sarah Danielle, August, 1980, to Craig and Doreen (Reins) Williams, P. O. Box 752,
Villa Rica, GA 30180.

We had fun the first week-end in April. Folded ourselves into Leland's 1966 rebuilt
M.G. and traveled to Orlando, Florida, to play for Barbara Iles' wedding. What a
co-incidence! While we were in Orlando, Gary Swinyar brought his brass group from
Forest Lake to give a program for our church service. So often wish we could be two
places at once.

MY PRAYER

This morning when I wakened
And I saw the sun above
I softly said "Good morning Lord,
Bless everyone I love."
Right away I thought of you
And said a loving prayer
That He would bless you specially
And keep you free from care.
I thought of all the happiness
A day could hold in store
And wished it all for you because
No one deserves it more.
I felt so good and warm inside
My heart was all aglow.
I know God heard my prayer for you
He hears them all you know.
--Author Unknown

*We're looking forward to seeing you Nov. 7-8.
Be sure to answer Jim's letter. The more of you
to participate - the more fun for us. We are
thankful for you each day - you have brought
so much pleasure into our lives.*

Loveingly,

Alice and Leland Straw

*I think you will recognize that Kenny wrote
the part about flying and the computer*

NOTICE

Alumni - Weekend

November 7-8, 1980

Such an agonizing decision! Because of conflicts with two other meetings, after much discussion, we voted to change the date to November 7 and 8. We do hope and pray this will not keep anyone from coming. Do plan to come. We are looking forward to seeing you.

FRIDAY

Supper 6:00
Evening Meeting 8:00

SABBATH

Sabbath School 10:15
Church Service 12:00
Dinner 1:00
Afternoon--to be decided
Supper 6:00
Vespers and Meeting following supper

Please use the space below to tell what you will be able to do during the alumni weekend and what you suggest for events or activities to be included. Also give any ideas you have that may help improve or enhance the enjoyment of the weekend.

- () I will take part in musical events. Specify _____
- () I will speak in public individually or as part of a class or group telling personal experiences, Little Creek memories or other items that would be of interest to classmates and friends who have not seen me for years.
- () I have hobbies, professional or occupational information or other items of special interest that I will present. Specify _____
- () I prefer more free time to relax, meet friends and talk.
- () I have home or travel commitments which require that I leave about _____ p.m. on November 8. For my purposes the weekend activities should conclude about _____ p.m.
- () I would like to meet individually or in a small group with Little Creek staff members to hear of recent progress and current needs at Little Creek.
- () I want a guided tour of the campus.
- () I want to go on a morning walk () or afternoon hike ().
- () I will need overnight accommodations. Specific _____
- () I need a list of addresses for my classmates.
- () Other. Specify _____

Your name _____

Address _____
