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Little Creek Newsletter November 1980

Little Creek Academy

Dear Alumni friends,

Wasn't the week end great! We had such a good time visiting, we received such a blessing during the services, we were made feel so welcome and at home by the faculty, we were served such delicious meals by Mrs. Peek and her crew. I feel we were given the 'Red Carpet' treatment. For this I want to say a big thank you to the Little Creek Family.

Your presence there, some of you driving many miles, made it a very successful week-end. The turn out was fantastic!

Our dues are only 5 dollars a year and many turned in theirs at the meeting. Shall we strive for a 100% membership this year? Why not let's give Rogene a big shock by writing out a check as soon as you finish this letter and getting it into the next mail. Thank you.

Kenny Straw gave us a report during the business meeting of monies turned in during the past year. God is working there at Little Creek. Those young people are receiving a training second to none. For this I'm thankful and I know you are.

One interesting part of our business meeting was the display of crafts and projects by Thelma (Brummett) Figueroa, Linda (Malmede) Wilhelm and Sylvia (Harmer) Mason. Everyone enjoyed seeing the stuffed animals, pictures and lovely "throws".

Kenneth Straw also showed old movies of the graduations of some of the honor classes.

Please let me know if there is any thing you would like to see accomplished this year. As your new alumni president this year I'd like to work closely with the school and you to assist them any way we can.

Start planning now for next years alumni week-end. What about November 6 and 7?

Sincerely,

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Dear Ex-Creekers,

Excitement mounted as cars, station wagons, campers and motor homes began to arrive on the beautiful Friday afternoon of November 7. Some honked horns to announce their arrival. Just in time the sign was in place "Welcome Alumni". Gradually all were settled and began to gather in the cafeteria for supper. More kept coming in so the enthusiasm continued to grow.

At eight o'clock we gathered in the church as Terryn Kurzynske '79 and Kevin Shaw '79 provided the organ and piano prelude. Dr. Jim Pickett '61, alumni president, was platform chairman. David Patterson, principal, gave a welcome and Jim did also.

The entire choir sang three songs. The alumni joined in the last one--"My Eternal King". That was thrilling!

Dr. Bill Richards '67, associate professor of business at S.M.C., gave an inspiring sermonette--quoting from Hosea 10:12 "Sow to yourselves in righteousness reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you." He related this to his experience on the farm while here in school and drew interesting spiritual lessons.

Jim called for alumni to speak and I noticed women's lib lacking (ha!). Six men spoke--Kenny Jones '70 (he is a dentist from Colgate, Oklahoma) everyone was awake as this caused quite a ripple of laughter; Kenneth Straw '57, Bruce Vogt '58 (now at Andrews University in college press), Barry Scott '80 and Kevin Shaw '79. I wish I had time and space to give their messages. By now it was late and as Kenny Straw came by some hoped he would give the benediction.

But not yet--the chorale under the direction of one of our seniors, Kent Greve, sang three numbers. Again the alumni joined in the last one "Go to Dark Gethsemane".

An inspirational meeting was dismissed by Jim.

I don't know what happened elsewhere but at our house we talked and visited until 11:30. So much to say--so little time!

After a good breakfast featuring sweet rolls, everyone gathered for Sabbath School. More kept coming as Bill Richards played a piano prelude. The Sabbath School orchestra was mostly alumni (I'm afraid I can't remember all of them) but I know it was exciting to sing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" with Jon Larrabee '80 leading.

Frances (Keller, '60) Laswell, (teaches church school in Liberty, KY) was the superintendent. The theme was "To Be Like Jesus". By now the church was packed and Frances called for the alumni to stand. Seemed nearly everyone stood!

The rafters rang with "I Am Thine O Lord" as the superintendent pointed out that we must know Jesus before we can be like Him.

Carla Gober '77 gave the Scripture and Prayer; Sylvia (Harmer, '70) Mason and her husband David sang "How Long Has It Been" accompanied by Sidney Whiting '78.

Kenneth Straw gave a report of the crusades of Kenneth Cox in Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti and Trinidad illustrated with sound moving pictures he took while there.

The lesson was taught by Warren Ruf '70, assistant pastor at Greeneville, TN. He gave an interesting presentation of Blessed are the Merciful, pointing to two kinds of mercy--Vertical, God's mercy to us and Horizontal, our mercy to our fellowmen. God's greatest mercy is shown as he forgives us. Our mercy must be active. There is much to do. Just can't tell more.

I'm sure you can imagine the buzz and stir between Sabbath School and church. More arrivals and greetings. Mrs. Verna Dimick conducted a Church for Tots in the chapel. This not only allowed the parents to relax in church but also made enough seats available for all.

Ann (Kennedy, '77) and Kenny Shaw '76 (teacher at Madison Academy) provided a reverent musical interlude. Dr. Bert Coolidge '61 (President of Fletcher) announced the hymn and led us in prayer. The rafters really vibrated as we sang "Crown Him with Many Crowns".

Coley Sellars '79 and Grant (Tim) Tuttle assisted in receiving the offering.

Melody (Woolsey, '70) Schmehl sang "Thank-you Lord" so beautifully. Saran Ann accompanied her. All the week-end as I heard the lovely music I thought about Mama Goodge and wished she were there to hear them sing.

Eddie Knight '65, pastor of the Youngstown, Ohio, church gave the sermon. He began by saying he had given his first ten minute sermon from this pulpit but that he had learned a bit since then and hoped we were comfortable. His topic was "How Can a Man be Just with God? Job 9:2. This is an important question for all of us. The air on our campus today is hazy from smoke. It is hard to believe that arsonists in Campbell County have set fire to thousands of acres of woodland. Just as one gets under control they set another. Surely this world is sick from sin. I'm thankful for the hope we have in Jesus as Eddie so forcefully set before us.

Those who planned the program chose as many as possible from the honor classes. My only regret is that we couldn't hear from everyone. Next year I suggest we have less Little Creek music and more time for alumni.

At dinner, even with the home folks eating in the kitchen, not all could sit down at once. What a wonderful group we had.

Everyone visited after dinner, toured the new san, looked at scrap books. Then at 4:30 the bell choir played; to conclude there was an alumni bell choir. They did well considering no rehearsal.

Mary Sue (Martin) Shaw, president elect of the alumni, planned this program. Sidney Whiting and Linda Van Arsdell '78 gave a stirring piano and organ prelude and L. J. Bryant '51 offered prayer.

The program continued with Johanna (violin) and Karen (singing) accompanied by their mother, Bonnie (Block) Evans '49. Judy (Silverstein '65) and Ed Shafer sang for us. The four Shaw brothers--Carl '74, Kenny '76, Kevin '79 and Keith (a junior at LCA) introduced one another and sang. Page Weemes '80 favored us with a song accompanied by Michelle Kurzynske '80. A trombone trio performed by Sidney Whiting '78, Jon Larrabee '80 and Albert Heidinger '79 accompanied by Kevin Shaw was next on the program. Jook-Ting Shim '80 accompanied Debbie Scheibe '80 as she sang. The alumni formed a choir and sang. Our students were greatly impressed by their lovely unrehearsed singing of "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked". Warren Ruf '70 sang accompanied by Kevin Shaw. Sidney Whiting played a trombone solo. Randy Carpenter, Elaine's (Grey, '70) husband sang while she accompanied him. Ed and Carol Knight '65 accompanied by Mrs. Straw sang a duet. Rick '78 and Kent (a senior at LCA) Greve also sang a duet. All in all it was a delightful program.

The class of 1943 was best represented with 100% attendance. Sarah Ann and Shirley (Zollinger) Chastain of Collegedale were both here. We needed Shirley to tell of the first year as she was one of the first 3 students. Slept on a mattress in the living room of the old green house. She was a great help to me. I was very young then and wonder how they survived our inexperience. Anyway it meant a lot to me to sit by her at this program. Surely the Lord remembers kindly all the Zollinger children who did so much to help us.

The class of 1970 came in second with 8 of their fourteen members present. A letter came from two others members Janet (Nelson) and Kenny Penner that the class enjoyed reading.

We'll give a list of all who came and Mary Sue our new alumni president will give a report of the business meeting.

It was a wonderful week-end. Just wish I could have been in six places at once. Our thank yous to all of you who came.

November 9, there was not time to mourn the alumni as the girls' reception took our attention. The S.M.C. Chorale entertained for it. The four Little Creekers singing in it are Malinda Boyd, Page Weemes, Evan Chesney and Barry Scott. Sidney Whiting is the accompanist. Each of them were featured in solo parts. It was fun to have them at our house for supper.

Last newsletter when we announced the birth of Jim Levi Hiner, III we did not have their new address. It is Pastor and Mrs. Jim Hiner, Route 2, Box 229A, Pioneer Valley, Humbolt, Iowa 50548.

GRADUATION--deWayne Beers graduated with a MBA from University of Tennessee on June 10, 1980. He is presently employed by the Army Audit Agency (civil service--not military) in San Antonio. His new address is 3206 Cripple Creek #11E, San Antonio, TX 78209.

VISITORS--We tried hard to get everyone to sign the guest book. Some of you did not but we went over the alumni list right away in hopes that we could remember who was here that did not sign the book. If we missed you we are very sorry. We are listing those present according to the year they graduated.

1943

Dr. and Mrs. V. E. (Sarah Ann Goodge)
McNeilus
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Shirley Zollinger)
Chastain

1945

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jones

1948

Dr. and Mrs. Leland (Freda McCall)
Zollinger
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Scott

1949

Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Bonnie Block) Evans

1951

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bryant
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Myrna Lea)
Blevins
Dr. and Mrs. John (Mary Sue Martin)
Shaw
Ed Zollinger

1952

Mrs. Gene (Virginia Davidson) Sellars

1953

Dr. and Mrs. Norman Peek

1955

Pastor and Mrs. Herb (Phyllis Keller)
Wrate
Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Straw

1956

Doris Brown

1957

Elder and Mrs. Marlyn (Betty Brummett)
Kurtz
Thelma (Brummett) Figueroa
Kenny Straw

1958

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Vogt

1959

Dr. and Mrs. Burton Goodge
Rogene Goodge
Jerry Hill
Mrs. Warren (Margaret Lanier) Smith
Ted Summitt

1960

Mr. and Mrs. John (Frances Keller) Laswell
Mrs. Jerry (Evelyn Reiber) Hill
Mr. and Mrs. Lee (Charlene Sloan) Thompson

1961

Dr. Bert Coolidge
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Goodge
Dr. and Mrs. Jim Pickett
Mrs. Ted (Connie Walker) Summitt
Mrs. Bert (Carolyn Williams) Coolidge

1962

Ann Goodge

1964

Arlene (Williams) Dean

1965

Mr. and Mrs. Ron (Cecilia Holiman) Vincent
Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Connie Kallam) Copeland
Elder and Mrs. Ed Knight

1966

Linda (Malmede) Wilhelm
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Alton (Faye Melendy) Steen
Mr. and Mrs. John (Virginia Pillsbury) Hagan

1967

Mrs. Kenny (Sharon Beck) Straw
Dr. and Mrs. Bill Richards

1968

Karen (Knight) Morgan

1969

Mrs. Cris (Janet Melendy) Davis
Mr. and Mrs. Don (Kay Williams) Stair

1970

Connie (Foster) Chandler
Mr. and Mrs. Randy (Elaine Grey) Carpenter
Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones
Bruce Norrell
Mr. and Mrs. David (Sylvia Harmer) Mason
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robinson
Pastor and Mrs. Warren Ruf
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall (Melody Woolsey)
Schmehl

1971

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Silverstein

1972

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Devander
 Penny Peltier
 Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Stewart
 Mrs. Gary (Janice Williams) Carlson

1973

Gary Carlson
 Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Phibbs

1974

Mr. and Mrs. Craig (Doreen Reins)
 Williams
 Jeff Scott
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shaw

1975

Linda Johnston
 David Van Devander

1976

Karen Cobb
 Ed Keplinger
 Gina (Mitchell) Sherlin
 Kenneth Shaw
 Carroll Wheeler

1977

Randy Calloway
 Carla Gober
 Mrs. Kenneth (Ann Kennedy) Shaw
 Donna Myers
 Kent Williams

1978

Jeff Basham
 Rick Greve
 Theresa Jones
 Linda Van Arsdell
 Jim Watson
 Sidney Whiting

1979

Barbara Chase
 Sharon Chesney
 Genevieve Dimick
 Albert Heidinger
 Denel Hiner
 Terryn Kurzynske
 Dia McKee
 Denzil McNeilus
 Mary Lou Mitchell
 Loren Rieseberg
 Kevin Shaw
 Kent Van Arsdell
 Laury Weitzel

1980

Malinda Boyd
 Betty Greenhaw
 Eric Gunderson
 Michelle Kurzynske
 Jon Larrabee
 Mark McKinney
 Debbie Scheibe
 Barry Scott
 Coley Sellars
 Jook-Ting Shim
 Glen Van Arsdell
 Kathie Vera Cruz
 Page Weemes

We had another group who are not exactly alumni since they went to school here but did not graduate. It was great to have them come and they are listed below.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant (Tim) Tuttle	Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Joann Malmede) France
Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Lunetta Brininger) King	Terry Scott
Mrs. Gerald (Sherilyn Lacy) Green	Mary Gustin
Mrs. Clarence (Carolyn Schuler) Johnston	Marty Gustin

Mrs. Bessie Baker and Mrs. Virginia Gustin were here too.

Mary Sue will be writing you later about the alumni plans for next year. David Silverstein, a dentist in Franklin, North Carolina, was chosen as President-elect. I know Mary Sue and David will prepare a good program for you.

We appreciated all the effort Jim expended to plan this years' program. He is presently practicing medicine in Chattanooga.

I have been doing some checking on the alumni list and find that I do not have addresses for the following people. If you can help us find them I would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Rogene

Mrs. Joe (Faye Lea) Neely	Mrs. Eager (Clara Wisdom) Kelley
Bob Darnell	Beverly Benchina
Allen Green	Homer Barrett
Bill Holland	Carol Hinton
Mrs. J. D. (Lucille Robinson) Stewart	Daniel Drouault
Duane Mitchell	Murry Brown
Elaine (Sheffield) Ranzanberger	Donald McColpin
Albert Land	David Maxson
Mildred Weiland	David Dunn
David Burdick	Brenda Keppler
Ernest Lytkowski	Nancy Grotheer
Nelson Green	Stanely Biggs
Jerry Matter	Terry Michaelis
Arlene Black	Linda Phillips
June (Davidson) Schmale	Clarence Small
Jim Tucker	Ronnie Woolsey
Mrs. Richard (Theda Anderson) Dye	Jerry Johnston
Mrs. Gilberto (Carol Sheffield) Soto	Gene Johnston
Mrs. Elizabeth (Bryson) Hutchings	Cliff Johnson
Mrs. Lamar (Betty Boyle) Sinclair	Dan King
Clara (Cunningham) Williams	Linda Watson
Mrs. Al (Jeanne Rauch) Mazat	Angela Kelley
Mrs. Danny (Violet Garner) Franklin	Frederick Van Deusen
Mrs. Gregory (Joleen Leland) Perry	David Lemmon
Mrs. David (Pat Davidson) Garner	
Mrs. William (Jan Stewart) Crook	
Mr. and Mrs. Mark (Rosie Bailey) Blackburn	

It is a little early, but the newsletter travels slowly by bulk mail so we will include our Christmas wish. Seems words on paper can never express our love and pride in all of you--especially the "in-laws" you have made part of our family. I look forward to a New Earth where Little Creek reunions will be so much fun. What a choir we will have! What trips to sing for unfallen worlds! It will make Voyager II trips seem insignificant.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Star! Bright Star, with heavenly radiance shining
 Down on earth's children here to show the way
 When nights are dark and evening shadows gather,
 Our hearts are cheered and softened by Thy ray.
 And when earth's flickering lights grow pale and vanish,
 Shine! Star Divine!
 Bright and Morning Star of eternal day.

By Amy Harris

The following poem is one that I found among some of the astronomy material I'm using in English I just now.

CELESTIAL GEMS

Behold the gems that stud the skies
 And hang as gold before the eyes.
 What mysteries could they unfold
 And glories show as yet untold!
 Each world in orbit of its sun
 Follows the plan of the Infinite One
 Who knows no haste nor yet delay
 But works in time with His own way.
 Beyond the stars, the one above
 Directs each life with deepest love;
 No sky too vast, no soul too small,
 For He is maker of them all.
 So night by night as stars appear
 And passing days bring trials and fear,
 Remember the One who reigns above
 And guides each life, each world, with love.

March 11, 1968

Sylvia Harmer Mason

MAY THIS BE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Cold and rugged is the north wind,
 White and drifted is the snow,
 But it only emphasizes,
 More and more, the Christmas glow.
 Snug we are, as Yule approaches;
 Christmas lights and evergreen
 Give the home a festive motive
 That at no other time is seen,
 Neighbors call and exchange greetings;
 Festive boards promote good cheer;
 Children wait and count the moments
 As the time for gifts draws near.
 And the coming of the Christ Child
 Is retold and listened to
 As it has been through the ages--
 Ever lovely--ever new.
 And our Christmas wish to your house
 Calls for blessings from above
 From our gracious Heavenly Father--
 And from us, too--with lots of love!

Lowell

*Again many thank-yous for coming to
 Homecoming. We'll look forward to seeing
 more of you next year. Best wishes for a
 Happy Holiday Season.
 Alice and Leland Straw*