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Dear Ex-Creekers:

My apologies for not sending a news letter before the American History Program, February 21. Usually it is the 4th week-end and I should have announced it in the November letter. This was a special program for us as our granddaughter, Cynthia, is a senior this year. One special feature of the program was the use of temperance songs written by Edson White. Mr. Roger has the songbook and it has many interesting songs.

Several have consented to help me write this letter. We'll begin with Prof.

KILROY--Prof

Many wonderful things have happened over the years to help make Little Creek what it is today. Our friends have been most loyal and generous.

The week end before the American History program (Valentine's Day none the less), there was a movie shown in the auditorium. Everyone either attended or was busy here and there about the place--a rather dangerous thing to do--obviously.

Sunday morning when we walked into the cafeteria, we were greeted by the most alarming sight. If you have seen the carpet recently (the last two or three years) you will recall it was torn until it was a disgrace. Well, there before our wondering eyes was a brand new carpet in browns, greens, golds and yellows covering the entire floor. Over the mantle on a huge sign was the inscription, "Kilroy was Here." A group of anonymous alumni (?) took up the old carpet, and laid the new while we were asleep.

Would you believe the next Friday morning before the fireplace was a brand new commercial carpet shampooer with at least a year's supply of detergent. On the sign was added "Again".!

We don't know who to thank except Kilroy--so many thanks, Kilroy!

The next time you come, the new sign--gift of senior class of 1980, will greet you. 'Tis a massive thing of stone and wood, with a look of permanence and stability. A real professional job.

BELL CHOIR ACTIVITIES--Sarah Ann McNeilus

We have enjoyed ringing in several churches (locally and out of town) this year.

November 22 found us traveling to Mt. Pisgah Academy in North Carolina where we gave a vesper concert. This was an outreach program of the Pisgah church and they had invited area churches of many denominations.

December always is a favorite time for bell ringing. The Christmas season was started with our 3rd annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Both the Revelation Ringers (Knoxville Junior Academy and Little Creek Elementary) and the Academy Choir played carols. On December 6, two bus loads went to Gatlinburg and played in the Civic Auditorium as part of the "Festival of Trees". The choir and chorale also sang, making this an outing for the entire school. We also played on campus for the Kiwanis Club Christmas banquet.

February 7 found us traveling again to North Carolina where we gave the Sabbath School and church services at Rutherfordton SDA church and a vesper concert at Arden SDA church.

March 8, we participated in the church service at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Nubbins Ridge Road. This church is hoping to buy handbells so we showed them the different ways bells can add to the church music.

March 10 we gave a mini-concert at Brakebill Nursing Home (near Eastern State).

Several appointments in April round out our activities for this year. Spring Tour will be in Florida with concerts as follows:

Friday a.m., April 3, Groveland Academy
 Friday p.m., April 3, Kress Memorial Church in Orlando
 Sabbath Church, April 4, Vero Beach
 Sabbath Vespers, April 4, Miami
 Sunday p.m., April 5, Avon Park
 Monday p.m., April 6, Oglethorpe, Georgia

Come and hear us if you are near. Check with local churches for exact times.

On April 19, we go to Woodbury for another outreach concert for area churches. Our final concert is in connection with the Dogwood Arts Festival when we play at Beaver Ridge United Methodist church here in Knoxville.

CAROLING AND WITNESSING--Ray Cornforth

On December 10 the students and faculty did the traditional Christmas Caroling and giving away a good loaf of Mrs. Peek's bread. Some of the groups were led by students and many good contacts were made.

One of the best things to have happened at Little Creek this year is an active witnessing program. There isn't time in which to formally teach the principles of witnessing but in short little sessions and in personal teaching, the students have learned how to meet the public, discuss spiritual values and make new friends for the Adventist church and Little Creek. Every Monday night a group of 15-25 students leave at 6:30 to search for people who want to study their Bible. They use the survey method and have already made many good contacts. One of these is that Mr. Cornforth, our boys' dean, is leading out in a Methodist Bible Study group with about ten members. Students weekly are re-visiting those who just want a visit or who are discussing specific doctrines with them. The student response to this program has been very good.

KIWANIS--Prof

As has happened for quite a number of years, Little Creek entertained the West Knoxville Kiwanis Club for a Christmas party, December 16. About 60 members, wives and guests attended and expressed themselves repeatedly as having had a wonderful time.

The food, prepared by the ladies of Little Creek, was certainly fit for any king or royalty. Rather than being served as has been done previously, this was buffet style. Hot foods, including several meat substitutes, sweet potatoes, corn, etc on one table. Delectable salads of many varieties enticed from another, with desserts, including strawberry shortcake at another. The guests displayed real enthusiasm as they wandered from table to table sampling the various foods.

Following the meal, there was a musical presentation of Christmas numbers by the bell choir, chorale, chorus, with a special rendition on little bells by Kenny and Sharon's Heidi.

Many guests have told me that this is the highlight of the year. They said our folks seem to enjoy serving them so much.

BIBLE CONFERENCE AT COHUTTA--Prof

For the first time this year the Georgia Cumberland Conference held a Bible Conference at the new Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. It was decided to attend, taking all seniors who were not able to go to the regular Southern Union Bible Conference.

The time was not too auspicious for we were in the midst of a rather active flu season. Two eligible members did not go with us Friday afternoon but came Sabbath morning with Janet Straw, but she had to take a couple home who had become ill Friday night.

Our new Georgia-cumberland Conference President, Elder Gary Patterson, was the speaker. He concentrated on understanding the gospels by studying the authors and their backgrounds. Rather different but quite interesting. Elder and Mrs. Livesay were in charge of the camp, making it especially interesting to us from Little Creek.

An unexpected pleasure was a talk by Elder Desmond Cumming's brother Lon, who had just been released the previous week from having been kidnapped by terrorists in Guatemala. No one expected his release except as a corpse. A stirring story of God's care for His servants.

RECEPTION FOR LEON AND EUN-HEE

Sunday evening, February 1, a cold, driving rain and dense fog, did not dampen the festivities in the cafeteria. Friends from far and near came to express their best wishes to Leon and Eun-Hee Peek, married last August in Seoul, Korea. The new bride wore a lovely native dress and seemed much at ease to be so far from home.

We served fresh fruit plates, assorted crackers and hot fruit drink. Prof Straw played a violin solo and then we enjoyed seeing Leon and Eun-Hee open the colorfully wrapped gifts. We wish them much happiness in their life together.

NEWS NOTES--Mrs. Morgan

Dr. Melvin Campbell, Division of Education and Human Sciences at Southern Missionary College, entertained the students January 31 with slides and foods of India. Dr.

Campbell taught at Spicer Memorial College before moving to Collegedale. Rather than just describing food from India, Dr. Campbell prepared, with the help of two students, several Indian delicacies and passed around samples to taste. In addition he had a collection of dolls dressed in costumes of various tribes and castes of India.

Dr. Albert Whiting, M.D., M.P.H., gave two lectures at the Economy Health Foods Store February 23 and 24. He spoke on "Man's Original Diet or What is a Natural Diet?" and "Vitamins and Minerals, Hoax or Help." Thirty-one people attended Monday night and fifty-one Tuesday night, many of them former cooking school students. A short demonstration was included each night and menus and recipes were distributed.

The Juniors presented their annual vesper program January 9, a play titled "At the Gate Beautiful". Two weeks later, in spite of the illness of many class members during January, they went to Greeneville for a second appearance. They enjoyed the hospitality of Odells, Michals, Shaws, and McKinneys for Friday night and Sabbath.

Twice during January a clean-up chapel was scheduled and twice much needed rain postponed the work. Eventually, after our guests for the American History program had visited our winter-weary and construction-torn campus, faculty and students joined forces to wield brooms, rakes, spades, wheelbarrows, and hands to begin to remove the winter debris and construction scars.

Projects included sweeping roads (some were reminded of pictures of Shanghai with the populace sweeping the streets) leveling dirt piles in preparation for planting grass, raking leaves, tearing down an unsightly shack, and picking up trash.

(This wielding of a broom left my right hand in a sad state. Must have a very weak spot from my sprained wrists. That is one reason I have sought help with this news letter.)

GIRLS CLUB FUN--Beverly Foster

In January the girls entertained the boys at an interesting meal in the cafeteria on Saturday evening. Spaghetti, peas, tossed salad, French bread, ice cream and strawberries were on the menu, but they were disguised under the names of Bloody Mary, Isolators, Prof's Undertaking, Lifesavers, etc. You can imagine the boy's surprise when they received spaghetti with no sauce, ice cream with no spoon, or two pieces of silverware and a napkin, but no food. The girls were delighted that for once the boys knew nothing of their fate and were surprised. They were good sports, and it was great fun.

COURTESY CULTURE WEEK--David Patterson

Courtesy Culture week this year featured a performance by S.M.C. string ensemble under the direction of Orlo Gilbert; Dr. Bruce Ashton, pianist and Mrs. Leila Ashton singing British and Irish folk songs. Their performance followed the traditional banquet Sunday evening January 18. Earlier in the week the award winning film "Peege" was shown. The film describes a family's Christmas visit to their grandmother, a patient in a nursing home.

ALUMNI NEWS

NEW-COMERS

Elsie May, to George and Nancy (Fulfer) Merz on May 19, 1980, Beachwood F49, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103.

GRADUATIONS

Rick Sharp, December 18, S.M.C., Religion and Music
 Linda Van Arsdell, December 18, S.M.C., Nursing

Keeping track of the visitors is all but impossible. We found the following names in the guest book. It is hard to remember who has been here if you don't write your names in it.

Theresa Jones, Kent Van Arsdell, Craig and Doreen (Reins) Williams, Jook-Ting Shim, Sharon Chesney, Lee and Charlene (Sloan) Thompson, Joann (Malmede) France, Sidney Whiting, Jamie Williams, Sid Smith, Eric Gunderson, Marie (Malmede) Christian, Linda (Malmede) Wilhelm, Albert Heidinger, Rick Greve, Denel Hiner, Jim Watson, Bruce and Barbara Vogt, Mark McKinney, Barbara Chase, Page Weemes, Kay Stair, Ed Keplinger, Mike Boyd, Dia McKee, Terryn Kurzynske, Malinda Boyd, Gene and Virginia (Davidson) Sellars, Kathie Vera Cruz, Coley Sellars, Jon Larrabee, Laury Weitzel, Linda Van Arsdell, John and Sue (Martin) Shaw, Kevin Shaw, Kenny and Ann (Kennedy) Shaw, Debbie Scheibe, Loren Rieseberg, Denzil McNeilus, Donna Myers, Ann Morgan, Kent Williams, Luonne McNeilus, Jeanine Greenhaw, Betty Greenhaw, Grant and Yolanda Goodge, Lee and Glenda (Maxson) Davidson, David and Mary Silverstein, Michelle Kurzynske, Bob and Mary (Peek) Kurzynske, Norman and Ave Peek, Leon and Eun-Hee Peek, Ed and Debbie (Downing) McDowell, Tom and Myrna (Lea) Blevins, Brent Myers, Ancil and Nancie Jones, Darrell and Mary Jones, Ray Ostrander, Tom McNeilus, Jack McNeilus, Barry Scott, Glen Van Arsdell, Barbara Wheeler, Linda Watson, David Van Devander, Margaret (Lanier) Smith, Vern and Sharon Erickson, Jacque Conner

I asked Francis (Keller) Laswell to send me the poem she read at Sabbath School during Homecoming. I liked it so much I wanted to share it with you.

I MET THE MASTER

I had walked life's way with an easy tread,
 Had followed where comforts and pleasures led.
 Until one day in a quiet place
 I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal,
 Much thought for my body but none for my soul,
 I had entered to win in life's mad race,
 When I met the Master face to face.

I met Him and knew Him and blushed to see
 That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me;
 And I faltered and fell at His feet that day,
 While my castles melted and vanished away.

Melted and vanished and in their place
 Naught else did I see but the Master's face.
 And I cried aloud, "Oh, make me meet
 To follow the steps of Thy wounded feet."

My thought is now for the souls of men,
 I have lost my life to find it again,
 E'er since one day in a quiet place
 I met the Master face to face.

Just want to mention that Graduation this year is May 31. You can't get any closer to June if you tried. Ha!

Also Home Coming this next year is being scheduled for November 6 and 7. Plan now to come. We do enjoy seeing each of you.

Before too long you should receive a letter from the alumni officers giving the details of honor classes and other plans for November.

A big thank-you for your letters and news items you send to us. Postage is such an expense now that I don't write on any newsletters. They are sent bulk mail. But that doesn't mean we don't enjoy hearing from you.

This school year has zoomed by - no snow - a mild February - If you come to graduation, maybe you can see a completed sanitarium. This is the present dream!

I wish all the Kilroy people could have seen Marilyn Morgan's poster "We thank you from the soles of our feet." - decorated with bits of carpet.

So much I had my freshmen memorize Education p 225 - "The world does not so much need men of great intellect as of noble character. It needs men in whom ability is controlled by steadfast principle" - I don't understand all the bits and pieces of the Bible, but one thing I know - if everyone followed God's law, what a better world this would be.

Our gratitude as always for the pleasure you have brought to us - Love to you all,
Alice and Leland Straw