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1810 Little Creek Lane
Knoxville, TN 37922
October 13, 1981

Dear Alumni Members:

We are really excited about our get-together at the up-coming alumni week-end November 6 and 7 and would like to involve as many from the honor classes as possible during the week-end services. Do try to come if at all possible. If you haven't been in several years, you are in for a real treat. The new Sanitarium is the focal point as you tour the campus. I share in the joy with the faculty as I see a completed and occupied structure now. I had a constant rundown of the progress as the building took shape. Our son Keith is a senior there and seemed to enjoy working on the building and kept us up-dated on it's progress. I'm not sure who pops their buttons more with pride as they show off the new San, he or Mr. Roger.

If for some reason you can't come we would like you to send us a note saying how you are, what you are doing, etc so we can share it with those that do come.

I would like to add that the alumni association fund needs to grow. We are hoping this week-end will do the trick for it. We will be discussing at our Saturday evening meeting the needs of the school that we are able to help with. If you will enclose a "little" check in your letter we would surely appreciate it. Do hope you can be here however.

Please return the enclosed form to the school office real soon so we can plan better toward an enjoyable week-end.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sue (Martin) Shaw
President of Alumni Association

_____ I plan to attend Homecoming November 6 and 7. There will be _____ in my party.

_____ We would like on campus accommodations if possible. (They are limited so get in touch right away if you do.)

_____ I would be willing to give a 5 minute talk about what we are doing.

_____ I would like an afternoon tour of the new Sanitarium.

_____ I or members of my family could provide a musical number for the afternoon meeting.

I'm sorry I can't attend but find enclosed a check for _____ for help on an alumni project.

Suggestions _____

NAME

YEAR

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Dear Ex-Creekers,

I just can't believe the date on my last newsletter--March 11, 1981. Phone calls and questions about Homecoming inspired me to arise early and visit with you.

HOMEcoming - November 6 and 7

We are looking forward to having a good turn out this year. It is so much fun to see all of you. Do come and join the fellowship. This year we thought it would be nice if those from the following classes could be honored--

1946 - 35 year	1966 - 15 year
1951 - 30 year	1971 - 10 year
1956 - 25 year	1976 - 5 year
1961 - 20 year	

I have the addresses for most of the group but if anyone has an address for the following please send them to us. Donald McColpin, Terry Michaelis, Clarence Small, Brenda Keppler.

SANITARIUM

The big news is we moved into the new building on August 28, just barely made our way in before school started. Was a busy summer. Planned to be in sooner, but a mistake in the fire doors delayed us. We finally drove to South Bend, Indiana, to get them. They reported a fire in the factory that day and I know it was caused by the fire and brimstone thoughts I was sending their way--Ha!

If I were to list all the people who helped us do the final round-up, the newsletter would be too long to send. Come to Homecoming and hear all about it and have a grand tour.

Now comes the "push" to have every bed filled and find the help to make it go. Yesterday we had our first San program on Sabbath afternoon. The patients need a lot of visiting and cheering up. They enjoyed it.

The actual move into the sanitarium was smooth as silk. For a week Janice Carlson and Ellen Dimick moved personal effects of the patients plus central supply and pharmacy etc. When we received word about 2:00 P.M. that we could move in, the beds began to roll. New mattresses were waiting for them and by 5:30 just about everything was ready except for the few beds that had bedfast patients in them.

We all went to supper--patients ate in the old San--then at 6:30 they began to roll in. We all formed a receiving line. There was a big cheer as Mrs. Harris was the first to arrive. In an hour they were all moved.

The biggest hassle was getting the kitchen into operation but it went better than we had hoped. Janet Straw remarked about her unique experience. She worked the last night in the old san and the first night in the new one.

Burton and Carol Goodge and Ann Goodge came in to help move. I can see Burton now mopping the San Kitchen!

On Friday all the washers, dryers and office equipment had to be moved. But by Sabbath all the essentials were in place. Many thank-yous to all on campus and off who worked so hard to help us.

APOLOGIES TO SENIORS OF 1981

I can't remember ever missing a summer news letter giving a special welcome to the seniors as they become alumni. And this was a very special class as my granddaughter Cynthia was graduated. It was an unusual summer. The gardens were two weeks ahead. We picked the first strawberries on May 1. The day after graduation the green beans were ready. A few of us (so the building crew could stay on the job) had to pick and preserve the food. A big thank-you here to all those who helped us in the cannery especially the senior citizens.

Our family on Leland's mother's side came for a reunion June 6 and 7. They had to pick beans and peas too! That helped us over one hump.

Never have I spent a summer so full of corn, peaches, tomatoes or helping at the new building. Anyway these are the new alumni: Lisa Allen, Ann Baynard, Kent Greve, Karen Hiner, Doug Johnson, Kim Keller, Jan Malmede, Cherie Michals, Cynthia Straw, Linda Tetz, Dale Tunnell, Brent Van Arsdell, Cynthia Vogt, Lonny Weitzel and Faye Whiting.

Their gift to the school was a new sidewalk across the campus. They said they were dedicating it to me as I stumbled and sprained my wrists on the old one. They worked many hours and now we're enjoying it every day. (I counted six or seven of them here this past week-end to help us enjoy it.)

W E D D I N G S

The very day after graduation we all went to Collegedale for the wedding of Denel Hiner, '79 and Rick Greve, '78. I counted 59 Little Creekers (not counting staff members). Heidi Straw was flower girl, Cynthia Straw played a bell solo "The Lord's Prayer". Sarah Ann accompanied her. Rogene was reception coordinator. We sat near the back of the church so we could watch Heidi and when we looked at the wedding pictures, we're in everyone of those showing the bridal party entering the church! It was a beautiful wedding service.

Another very important wedding took place on June 28 in Sedgwick, Alberta, Canada. Only a few could go. Rogene was one so I'm going to let her tell about it.

Sarah Ann, Jan and Gary Carlson and I drove out for Kent Williams and Debi Anderson's wedding. Craig Williams and Jack McNeilus flew in for the festivities. Since a great deal of Debi's family were present Kent was happy for the 6 members of his family who were able to come. The wedding service was very nice in the little church about three miles from Debi's home in the farming community near Sedgwick. Craig and Gary stood up with Kent and Craig sang of course. Debi's uncle sang too.

It was the reception that made this wedding exciting. I had not been to a wedding reception like this one. We had a full course meal topped off by wedding cake and ice cream. After the meal friends and members of Debi's family put on a unique program of singing and readings. Wonder of wonders--their get away car was a huge Versatile tractor. I have never seen one so big. It was polished spic and span and had signs and streamers all over it. We got some pictures of Debi and Kent in their wedding attire on the tractor. Was the longest way I have ever traveled for a wedding but I would not have missed it for anything. Kent and Debi are living in Dallas, TX.

It does seem a coincidence of note that Debbie (Straw) Tait and Kent, who were always such close friends, are now both living in Texas.

July 5 brought a wedding on our own campus when Donna Myers, '77, and Denzil McNeilus, '79 were married in our church. Another Little Creek reunion! There were 12 Ex-Creekers in the wedding plus Prof's violin solo. Wish I could tell all the details of the week-end. Denzil let them decorate his car to their hearts content--pudding, vanilla wafers, doughnuts, balloons etc. Nothing rough or destructive for which I was glad. It doesn't fit my picture of a wedding day. An interesting note on the program read: "The flower petals Catie (flower girl) drops along the aisle are petals from the roses Denzil has given Donna during their courtship."

August 8, Little Creek was much involved in a very different wedding. David Van Devander and Angela Hinton were married at the Primitive Baptist church in Cades Cove. Candles were burning in the old-fashioned holders used to light the church. Leland, Kenny and Carroll Wheeler provided string trio music. Afterwards we all met in the picnic area for dinner. The rural setting enhanced the sacred service.

The very next day we journeyed to Cleveland to play for Jackee Conner's wedding. She was wed to Phillip Jackson whom she met as she pursued her nursing degree at Keene, Texas. Mrs. Patterson helped with the reception as Mr. Patterson faithfully performed as baby-sitter. There is just not enough room to give all the pleasant details of these weddings but they brightened our summer and we wish them all much happiness.

GRADUATIONS

The following graduated from Southern Missionary College on May 3, 1981--

Barbara Chase
Carla Gober
Denel Hiner
Terryn Kurzynske
Barbara Wheeler
Kent Williams

Arlene (Williams) Ward graduated from University of Tennessee on August 24. She presented a recital May 13, 1981. Three of the songs performed were ones Arlene had composed.

WEDDINGS

Rick Greve and Denel Hiner on June 1, 1981, P. O. Box 683, Collegedale, TN 37315.

Kent Williams and Debi Anderson on June 28, 1981, 7425 D Chaucer Place, Dallas, TX 75237.

Donna Myers and Denzil McNeilus, July 5, 1981, Route 1, Box 317, Dodge Center, MN 55927.

David Van Devander and Angela Hinton, August 8, 1981, P. O. Box 158, Collegedale, TN 37315.

Jackee Conner and Phillip Jackson, August 9, 1981, Route 4, Box 1406, Cleburne, TX 76031.

NEW COMERS

Shannon Renee, April 20, 1981, to Jim and Connie (Foster) Chandler, 313 California Avenue, Red Bank, TN 37415. (Shannon weighed in at 3 pounds and 3½ ounces.)

Cris Leslie II, June 15, 1981, to Cris and Janet (Melendy) Davis, 4609 Robindale Road, Knoxville, TN

Even though we could not take a vacation this summer, we had lots of fun times at home. The Keplingers were here from Germany and we enjoyed the days they were on campus. They helped us celebrate each victory (inspections) at the new San.

The Wheelers (Carroll's parents) were here from Africa and helped us so much as we laid floor tile and cleaned in the new building.

I mentioned that it would be nice to have some additional information for the newsletter and I received the following items:

FARM NEWS--Gary Carlson

It has been a busy summer on the farm. We harvested barley and oats for cattle feed, and wheat for the bread here at L.C.A. We put up about 250 tons of corn silage and 50 - 60 tons of soybean silage. Presently we are picking ear corn and have just finished planting our barley. For the most part we have had bountiful harvests this year. Truly we can say: The Lord has been good to us.

COOLIDGE DAY--Roger Goodge

Sabbath, June 27, was a most interesting and inspiring day. The occasion was the unveiling of a plaque on the front of the church auditorium which reads:

THIS CHAPEL
HONORS THE COMMITMENT
TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
OF
ALTA AND LEROY COOLIDGE

Through the Coolidge's interest, support and encouragement, this much needed facility was added to the campus in 1964 and has been an untold blessing through the years.

All three generations of the Coolidge family were represented by Everett and Carolyn Coolidge, their three sons and daughter-in-laws, all who attended Little Creek, namely, Bob, Bill and Rose, Bert and Carolyn and their two children, Cindy and Billy.

The eleven o'clock service included a few remarks from Alice Straw relating the many improvisations used in preparation for graduation prior to 1964, such as using public school auditoriums, under parachutes in the bowl and even in the shop. Then each adult member of the Coolidge family expressed their recollections pertaining to Alta and LeRoy Coolidge and to their school years. Bill Coolidge gave the sermonette. The service was concluded by the great-grand children, Cindy and Billy, unveiling the plaque.

NEWS FROM THE FLYING DEPARTMENT--Kenneth Straw

The past year has been a busy one for the flight department. The Private Pilot Certificate was earned by three of our students--Brent Van Arsdell, Dale Tunnell, and Jan Malmade. Chuck Ramsey, a New York Jets football player who bought our old Cessna 150, also finished his Private Certificate last year.

Lonny Weitzel obtained several advanced ratings during the year. He has a couple of "Firsts" in our aviation program. He is the first student to make 100% on an FAA Written Test, and the first to become a Flight Instructor before graduation. During the year, he passed his Instrument Rating, Commercial Pilot Certificate, and Flight Instructor Airplane Certificate.

Laury Weitzel, who graduated two years ago, obtained the use of an old Cessna 310 that we could use for just putting in the gas. So, at the beginning of the summer, Kenneth Straw and Laury Weitzel added Multi-Engine ratings to their flight instructor certificates. Laury also added the Instrument instructor rating to his flight instructor last year. At the end of the summer, Albert Heidinger, who graduated two years ago, completed his Flight Instructor Certificate.

With all of this activity, it seems there isn't much left for the future that is exciting. Well, Kenneth Straw is working towards the Airline Transport Pilot certificate. He hopes to take the check ride before the end of September. Will let you know in a later letter if this venture was successful. If it isn't, we may not make the headlines.

Speaking of headlines, you should have seen the front page of "The Knoxville News-Sentinel" for September 8, 1981. It all started a little after 10:00 P.M. on Sunday night of September 6. It had been a long day. We had been in our Board Meeting until nearly 7:30 p.m. Then we had visited the hospital to see Stanford Straw, who was quite ill but has subsequently recovered. I had just crawled into bed for some much needed rest--having worked until 4:00 A.M. Sunday morning. Suddenly the telephone rang, and Carroll Wheeler was on the phone. He wondered if I might bring him a can of gas, as he had run out and landed on Middlebrook Pike--about 4 air miles from Little Creek.

I roused Albert Heidinger, and Bruce Van Arsdell joined us as we drove over to see Carroll. There were at least 10 police cars blinking their lights and a pretty good crowd standing around our little Cesna 150 that was parked by the side of the road. The police wanted someone to stay with the airplane all night as they said we couldn't fly out until the next day. Albert and Carroll pitched a tent and stayed in the field with the airplane. After much red tape and many clearances from various bureaucrats, we finally departed Middlebrook Pike by air a little past noon. We made the evening news on TV as well as the headlines in the paper, but really--this is not the best way to become famous. We hope Carroll can find some less dramatic way to get us on the news next time. (In case you are wondering why Albert's name keeps coming up, he was here this summer helping us on the new building.) *David Van Deuander helped us all summer also -*

We received sad news of the passing of Warren Smith, husband of Margaret (Lanier, 59) Smith on September 7, 1981. Our sympathies to Margaret and their children, Sidney and Robin. Their address is 113 Wheelus Street, Kathleen, GA 31047.

DON'T FORGET THAT HOME COMING IS COMING UP SOON. IF YOU PLAN TO COME AND WOULD LIKE A PLACE TO STAY WE WILL TRY AND ACCOMMODATE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. WRITE TO ROGENE OR IF YOU WOULD RATHER CALL--Office phone # is 615-690-6080 or her home phone for evening calls is 615-690-7507 or if you can't get her call Mrs. Straw early or late at 615-690-7500. If you have any suggestions as to anything you would like to do for the programs during the week-end let us know. All suggestions are welcome. SEE YOU NOVEMBER 6 and 7. Come and join in the fellowship.

This is one of my favorite quotations. I read it to my freshmen this week, so will share it with you.

"Christ came to the world with the accumulated love of eternity. Sweeping away the exactions which had encumbered the law of God, He showed that the law is a law of love, an expression of the Divine Goodness. He showed that in obedience to its principles is involved the happiness of mankind, and with it the stability, the very foundation and framework, of human society.

So far from making arbitrary requirements, God's law is given to men as a hedge, a shield. Whoever accepts its principles is preserved from evil. Fidelity to God involves fidelity to man. Thus the law guards the rights, the individuality, of every human being. It restrains the superior from oppression and the subordinate from disobedience. It insures man's well-being both for this world and for the world to come."

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What a glorious solution this would be to the problems all around us!

Such beautiful weather we have had! It has been cool all during August and September. Today is especially lovely - so nice to see the Bible Conference delegates leave away in the sunshine - and two of my piano lessons went with them 😊 so I have time to wind up my visit with you.

I meant to mention how much I enjoyed playing for Ed Keplinger & sing for Jackie's wedding. So much I could tell - but I must mail this. Apples are on the way so you know what that means - Come hear more and see for yourself.

Nov. 6-7 -

*Love to you and yours, and Leland Straw
Alice*