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Little Creek Newsletter November 1983

Little Creek Academy

LITTLE CREEK ACADEMY
 1810 Little Creek Lane
 Knoxville, TN 37922
 November, 1983

Dear Ex-Creekers:

The weather man outdid himself for Home-Coming. On Friday afternoon the campus was beautiful in the afternoon sunlight under a canopy of October blue sky. Sabbath was warm and sunny so everyone could enjoy outdoor visiting.

Having Miss Costerisan here made the week-end extra special. Her message at the church service was full of hope and courage to press on 'till Jesus comes. She requested the choir to sing the Hallelujah Chorus for the close of her sermon. Everyone determined to meet in the final great homecoming was invited to stand and join in the singing. What a glorious sound! I nearly rose up off the piano bench--so thrilling was the moment. Oh, what a day that will be when sin is no more.

Robert Zollinger, better known to us as Bob, was a member of the 35 year honor class of 1948. How time flies! He gave an inspiring sermonette on Friday evening, telling how the Lord led him to Laurelbrook. His words inspired us to be more like Jesus so we can be ready when He comes.

Since it would take me so long to talk about the program I've asked Rogene to print it for you. Every part was well done and we were very proud of the entire program.

FRIDAY VESPERS
 October 28, 1983

Song Service	Kent Williams '77
Pianist	Sarah Ann McNeilus '43
Prayer	Loren Rieseberg '79
Welcome	Ken Shaw '76
Sermonette	Robert Zollinger '48
Special Music	Choir
Closing Prayer	deWayne Beers '74

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2:00 Alumni Choir Practice in the church. Kent Greve '81, leader.
- 2:30 Walk with Loren Rieseberg, '79, meet on the lawn.
- 3:30 Donald Chase '82 will be in charge of the San program. Let him know if you would be willing to help.
- 4:30 Musical Program in the church. Mrs. McNeilus is in charge. Speak up if you wish to take part.

SABBATH SCHOOL
 October 29, 1983

Song Service	Donald Chase '82
Pianists	Kevin and Terryyn Shaw '79
Superintendent	Gary Carlson '73
Scripture and Prayer	Bill Scott '78
Mission Story	Dorothy Clark '73
Special Music	Bonnie Evans '49
Special Feature	Tim Leffew '78
Closing Thought and Prayer	David Burdick '53
Lesson Study	Rick Greve '78

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Ann Shaw '77
Invocation	Alfreda Costerisan
Welcome and Announcements	Ken Shaw '76
	Kenneth Straw '57
Worship in Song	Evan Chesney '77
Offering	Roger Goodge
Hymn and Prayer	Norman Peek '53
Special Music	Handbell Choir
Sermon	Alfreda Costerisan
Music	Hallelujah Chorus
Benediction	Robert McMullen '65

Sabbath afternoon Sarah Ann McNeilus, a graduate of our first class 1943, was in charge of a musical program. She introduced Mrs. Shirley (Zollinger) Chastain, 1943, the only other member of that class--so it had 100% representation. It would take too long to list everything on the program but we all especially enjoyed the alumni handbell choir and Kent Greve's voice choir.

Donald Chase '82 arranged a program for the sanitarium patients. They always enjoy the alumni week-end music.

The supper Sabbath evening was quite special--tablecloths, decorations, candles, lasagna and a beautiful salad bar. We were served the lasagna and garlic bread, so everyone had something to eat until their turn for the salad bar. Mrs. Peek also made apple cobbler for dessert. It was all so delicious.

We want to thank all of you who came to help make the week-end so special. Many thank-yous to the officers, Ken Shaw, Kent Williams, Loren Rieseberg and Rogene Goodge for their hard work.

The following were present for home-coming. My problem is that it all comes and goes so fast I don't have time to visit enough. So all of you come again when there aren't so many.

1943

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

1949

Mrs. Robert (Bonnie Block) Evans

1952

Ray Barger

1955

Mrs. Robert (Mary Peek) Kurzynske
 Stanford Straw

1948

Mrs. Leland (Freda McCall) Zollinger
 Bud Scott
 Robert Zollinger

1951

Mrs. John (Mary Sue Martin) Shaw
 Ed Zollinger

1953

David Burdick
 Norman Peek

1957

Kenneth Straw

1960

Francis (Keller) Laswell

1962Alfred Burdick
Ann Goodge1964Mrs. Greg (Linda Tuttle) Foreman
Arlene (Williams) Ward
Dick Williams1967

Mrs. Kenneth (Sharon Beck) Straw

1969

Mrs. Don (Kay Williams) Stair

1972

Mrs. Gary (Janice Williams) Carlson

1974deWayne Beers
Dennis Clark
Royce Goodchild
Jeff Scott
Carl Shaw
Mrs. Craig (Doreen Reins) Williams
Jeanine Greenhaw1976Ken Shaw
Gina (Mitchell) Sherlin1978Jeff Basham
Lesa Gober
Rick Greve
Tim Leffew
Mrs. Richard (Renee Regal) Rayburn
Bill Scott
Brent Myers1980Betty Greenhaw
Kathie Vera Cruz
Michelle Kurzynske
Jon Larrabee
Eric Gunderson
Page Weemes1982Charlene Peek
Mark Bame
Debra Odell
Brenda Sparks
Karen Habenicht
Donald Chase
Keith Shaw
Barry McKinney

NON-GRADS

Greg Foreman
Leland Zollinger
Robert McClellan
Craig Williams
Mary Gustin
Marty Gustin
Mrs. John (Aulta Lee Summitt) Julian1959Burton Goodge
Rogerie Goodge
Ted Summitt1961Mrs. Edward (Sandra Roadman) Schneider
James Pickett
Mrs. Ted (Connie Walker) Summitt1963

Mrs. Ralph (Diane Parker) Ruckle

1965

Robert McMullen

1968Steve Foster
Mrs. Jim (Becky Hamilton) Ingersoll
Karen (Knight) Morgan
Mrs. David (Claudia Sutherland) Rose1973Mrs. Dwight (Jeanie Beagles) Danner
Gary Carlson
Byron Carlton
Dorothy Clark
Mrs. Byron (Sherry Horne) Carlton
Lynn Phibbs
Mrs. Eager (Clara Wisdom) Kelly1975Kenneth Downing
Mrs. Royce (Brenda Tavares) Goodchild1977Mrs. Kenneth (Ann Kennedy) Shaw
Kent Williams
Mrs. Denzil (Donna Myers) McNeilus
Mrs. David (Kathy Leffew) Twombly
Evan Chesney
Julie Basham1979Kevin Shaw
Mrs. Kevin (Terry Kurzynske) Shaw
Mrs. Delwin (Dia McKee) Huggins
Mrs. Rick (Deneal Hiner) Greve
Denzil McNeilus
Loren Rieseberg
Mike Boyd
Luonne McNeilus
Mary Lou Mitchell1981Linda Tetz
Mrs. Jon (Lisa Allen) Larrabee
Ann Baynard
Brent Van Arsdell
Cynthia Straw
Kent Greve
Mrs. Kent (Jan Malmede) Greve
Karen Hiner1983Koyle Blevins
Cheri Stuyvesant
Carl Sellars
Janelle Maxson
Brian Sparks
Stacy McDowell
Sharon Kenerson

ALUMNI NEWS

Karen Heidinger '83 and Bob Folkenberg '82 are enrolled in Newbold College, (Bracknell, Berkshire, England). Both Karen's roommates speak German. Among other things she is studying

piano, voice and organ. That keeps her busy. At noon on Sabbath of Home-coming they called to talk to their friends who were here. Mrs. Peek's office was overflowing with people wanting to talk on the three phones that were available. It was great fun to hear their voices and know that they are having a wonderful time.

Monday, September 19, half the front page of the evening paper was a color picture of Mark Jones and his bride still in her bridal dress taking off in a hot air balloon. That was a novel way to escape the would be tormentors. (Mark is Ma and Pa Jones' grandson, son of Milton and Ruth Jones).

At least Greg Scott appreciates the newsletter, he writes from Italy. "I received the Little Creek newsletter on Friday and it was almost like Christmas.... We're on the air, broadcasting 18 hours a day.... A mixture of WEZK and WSMC... This summer the local church baptized 6 new members as a result of contacts made with radio, and 5 more are preparing for baptism." I know you are remembering Greg in your prayers.

The following is an excerpt from an article in the September 15, 1983, Southern Accent concerning Loren Rieseberg '79 and a science teacher at Southern College.

"Dr. Duane Houck, a Natural Science teacher at Southern College, and Loren Rieseberg a former student have recently had an article published in the American Journal of Botany.

"The article was based on some research they had been doing in their free time on Salisb, a plant otherwise known as the "life" plant.

..."Dr. Houck has been awarded two thousand dollars from the Research Corporation to continue this research."

Sunday night after home coming James and Rae Reta Peel '53 stopped for a short visit on their way home from Enid, Oklahoma. They are associated with Elder Buddy Brass assisting in his evangelistic meetings in Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, providing music as well as helping with the finances and literature etc. In an earlier effort at Poplar Bluff, MO, they saw Jeanine Greenhaw who is teaching there. We were so happy to see them.

Chaplain John Keplinger was a speaker for Alumni Homecoming at Southern College in October so we were fortunate to have him here October 14-15. He showed pictures of the Holy Land and spoke for the morning church service. The whole campus and community turned out to the potluck dinner so even though week-end leave left only half the students here, the cafeteria was full. We had such a good time. It was all over too soon. The only unhappy note was that Mrs. Keplinger could not come.

Elder Robert Francis is teaching Bible for us this period and will return in the spring to help us. This is a real privilege for the students and we're thankful he and Mrs. Francis can be here.

Recently Rogene received a letter from Bruce Vogt '58 and he writes, "Thank you for the Ex-Creekers News Letter. Even though you may not receive a letter from us, we want you to know that we appreciate it very much. As one gets older more and more items of interest and people show up in the News Letter that we know nothing about, but we do enjoy reading it just the same.

"We are enjoying Taiwan and our work. Work at the press has been coming along slowly. About a month ago I was in Japan attending a graphic Arts Show. I was able to order a stitcher for our bindery. We have the o.k. to purchase several other items which are made locally. Oh! Yes, did you get the Mission Spotlight program on Taiwan last quarter? It showed the work of the press here and I was in some of the pictures."

On October 23, the chorale sang for an interesting church service conducted by the women of the College Hill Seventh-Day Adventist church in Knoxville. Tho' the service lasted two hours the students were not restless. They enjoyed every minute.

Just before school started Elder Vernon Becker spoke to our staff. I was particularly impressed by one quotation. He was talking about the shield of faith in Ephesians 6:16.

"John Henry Jowett said of the apostle Paul he wanted a shield not against failure, but from pessimism that might come from failure. He wanted a shield not against injury, but against revenge which is more deadly than an injury. He wanted a shield not against pain, but against the deadly mood of complaint. Paul wanted a shield not against disappointment, but against bitterness and cynicism which sours the milk of human kindness. Paul was not asking for a shield against difficulty and against cowardice and disloyalty. He did not oppose success, but he wanted a shield against pride that is born of success. He did not ask for a shield against prosperity, but he wanted to be protected from materialism.

Training in practical missionary work is a vital part of a Christian education. Students and staff are continuing to help our friends and neighbors in the community this year. Each class takes a half day every 6-9 weeks for missionary work. They become involved in raking leaves, and generally spreading cheer just to mention a few. We gets the greater blessing? Sometimes it's hard to tell.

Many of ladies of Little Creek plus some students worked together to present cooking and nutrition classes at the Economy Health Food Store on October. Average attendance was fifteen. At the last class eight requested a These Times subscription that was offered free.

November 20 was an extra big day at Little Creek. Dr. and Mrs. Bayard Goodge celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an afternoon reception. We are sorry this newsletter did not get out in time to invite all of you, but it is not too late to send them a letter or card. So many of you old timers loved to hear Bayard sing and also worked with them in the hospital. The

out in time to invite all of you, but it is not too late to send them a letter or card. So many of you old timers loved to hear Bayard sing and also worked with them in the hospital. The decorations were all in purple and violet to honor Miss Vi and it was beautiful with the "gold" punch.

The same day the boy's open house was in progress. Mr. and Mrs. Larrabee came to prepare the Mexican menu. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food. Loren Rieseberg, Barry Scott, Laury Weitzel, Brian Sparks, and Koyle Blevins came to help augment the male population so all the girls would have an escort. (At present we have room for more girls than boys, so creates a problem.) We appreciated their help.

Visitors this past week-end were Linden McNeilus, Kelley Gunderson, Cheri Stuyvesant and Susan Short. They enjoyed the program for church by Sarah Ann McNeilus' voice students.

The following is a letter received from the Pattersons--

Dear Friends,

Leaving Little Creek was like leaving home. But as my father said when I called him about our coming to Ethiopia (I could hardly talk for crying), "God works in mysterious ways."

We are at Ethiopian Adventist College, near Shashamani. To locate us on a map, find Addis and then to the south Awassa. We are a 3 hour drive south of Addis and 1 hour north of Awassa. It's a bumpy ride altho the road is almost completely paved.

There are about 750 students here this year. By our standards the fees are cheap--600 bin for a dormitory student (\$300 US) but at 15-20¢ and hour (30-40¢ in their money) it takes a while to earn that much money. Many students need work, but it is scarce. We have 6 students who work for us at various times. David is still pretty busy with his administrative duties, but he hopes eventually to get out and work physically part of the day. I am supposed to teach health (1 class/week to all students) once I get a work permit. Right now I take care of the family and feed 3 other boys at 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 p.m. (as far as time, we are 3 hours ahead of Zulu time, 8 hours ahead of ETS).

Although we live in a nice house with a lovely yard of flowers and flowering shrubs, the campus is surrounded by poverty. Everyone in the countryside still lives in mud huts or houses. A real problem is the lack of clothing, as it gets very chilly at night. The other day a young woman with a baby came and asked for food and clothing. I fed her and even finally found some clothes (altho she's twice as big around as me). She was so grateful she got down and kissed my feet. The needs are so great, I would be overwhelmed, were it not for the Lord reminding me that these are His problems and He'll let me know when He needs my help.

We have been making guava sauce instead of apple sauce. Otherwise we eat mostly foods we are used to, altho we are having a hard time getting whole-flour right now.

We do not know how long we will be here, as it appears that all private schools will eventually become government schools. We just pray that God will help us to do the work he sent us to do.

It is interesting that altho it is common here for young people to be married by 12 or 13, some of our students are almost twice that and don't appear to be courting--their education is the all important thing.

What I want to say most of all is that I don't think you realize how dear you all are to us. It was hard to miss seeing some of you at alumni homecoming. It would be such a treat to hear from you--I'd especially like to hear from the girls who were in the dorm when I was dean--altho I'd like to hear from each person we've taught. Would just like to know what is happening in your life, about your family, how you met your spouse if you are married. Recent pictures would really be a treat.

May we all continue to grow in knowing and trusting the Lord, and in doing the work He has for us to do. May the Lord especially bless you. Thank you for your prayers.

Love and prayers, Sheila Patterson

P.S. "For all my former health class students--do you remember what happens to your circulation when your feet get cold? That's right, it causes congestion in your internal organs, often coughing, cramping. People say that all children in Ethiopia cough. It's not hard to guess why, when even though it maybe chilly, for sanitary reasons babies are naked from the waist down. They usually cover their heads when they carry them on their back, but you often see little feet hanging out. Would love to get my hands on some of these little socks that babies can't kick off. If you feel so impressed--send me some, the larger size of course, and maybe some small size rubber pants. Send them air mail (less chance they'll get lost) and send small packages (no more than a dozen socks at a time). There's no use to insure it. Declare the contents of the package only if it's absolutely necessary--hopefully we won't have to pay duty."

David and Sheila Patterson, P. O. Box 45, Shashamani, Ethiopia

Thought you might enjoy Ray and Marie Ostrander's '67 baby announcement. There was great rejoicing for the new grandchild in the McNeilus household. "After years of forethought and nine months of continuous work, the Ostrander firm RAM has produced a volume that will be an everlasting, timeless contribution to the world. What an edition! A smooth, water resistant supple skin cover with colorful, exchangeable wrappers makes this volume priceless. Weight of this edition is 6 lbs. 8½ oz. So the volume is not cumbersome. However popular rumor has it that it will

grow on you. First edition, Alicia Maria, finished final press at 12:29 A.M., Tuesday, 18th of October. The firm of RAM wishes to caution the general public that no further editions will be forth coming this year."

In October Leland flew to Oregon at the request of the Conference to discuss school problems there. While in Portland he visited with David Blankenhorn and family and had supper with them.

The sophomore and freshmen had lovely days for their lodge trips. There was snow on the mountain tops and the leaves were still pretty.

WEDDINGS

Mark Jones and Corrine Robertson, September 18, 1983 at the Maryville SDA Church.

NEWCOMERS

Joshua Dale, August 21, 1983, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Iles '71, 17 Varner Drive, McDonald, TN 37353.

Joshua Aaron, August 26, 1983, to Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Betsy Blodgett '67) Gerrick, 14467 Holmwood Drive, Magalia, CA 95954.

Alicia Marie, October 18, 1983, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ostrander, Route 1, Sunnydale Academy, Centralia, MO 65240.



Just a reminder to all to please help us by purchasing our new records and/or cassettes. They are very nice and would make good Christmas presents. Records \$7.00, cassettes \$6.00. Add \$1.00 for postage and handling.

Merry Christmas

NOTHING STIRRING

'Tis the night before Christmas
and all's in a mess.
Where are the Christmas Seals;
what's our address?
Sombodys hammering;
there goes the phone.
Father is fixing
the fuses Mom's blown.
The neighbors arrive
with their presents for us.
We must find something
form them without fuss.
Brother who's trimming
the tree gets advice.
Sis ruins a gift wrap
to take off the price.
Everyone's yelling,
"The scissors are gone!"
We've run out of ribbon;
it soon will be dawn.
The stockings we hung
by the chimney with care
Start smoking and one
has started to flare.
I've just cut my finger;
the dog is upset.
We find that our cards
aren't even mailed yet!
Now, I'd like to know
where, oh where, is the house
Where nothing is stirring
not even that mouse?

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Oh, Lord, it can't last, I know it
can't last--this sense of joy I feel,
this mounting sense of love and under-
standing and delight in all the world.

This gift of Yours, this sweet inex-
plicable gift of the Christmas spirit.
Why is it so long in coming to some
of us? And why can't everyone have it
always? Why must it be so brief?

Why must it dwindle and vanish when the
season of Christmas is past and we have
returned to the tasks and troubles of
every day? Why must peace and good will
be limited to these beautiful days of
celebration?

The Christmas spirit is like a baptism,
Lord. It is Your Holy Spirit, surely,
baptizing us with the innocent joy of
the newborn King. It makes us kings,
too, for a little while.

Oh, Lord, thank You for the Christmas
spirit. And "take not Thy Holy Spirit
from us," in the days when Christmas is
past.

Marjorie Holmes

*Whatever we've left out will have to wait
until next time as our pages have reached the
limit. Much love to all of you. and our best
wishes for a happy holiday season.*

Alicia and Leland Stearn

Our Alumni President's Message

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Alumni weekend has come and gone and what an inspiring weekend it was. The thoughts from Robert Zollinger Friday night and again from Alfreda Costerisan Sabbath about heaven and the great reunion we will have there touched many hearts. I can still feel the presence of the holy angels when I think of the benediction for church as we sang the Hallelujah Chorus. What an awesome and thrilling event it will be when we are in heaven and can join with the angels in singing praises to our Creator.

It was a lot of fun to meet old friends again and also to make new acquaintances. We had a large turn out as was expected and we hope all those that came had a very enjoyable time.

There are so many people to thank for the success of the alumni weekend. I want to thank the two speakers, Robert Zollinger and Alfreda Costerisan for taking their time and sharing their thoughts about heaven with us. A big thanks to Gary Carlson and Mrs. McNeilus for the many hours they spent in planning the Sabbath School program and the afternoon music program. This weekend could have never come about without the diligent efforts of Mrs. Peek, Rogene and Ann Goodge in the vital role of food preparation. Thank you! Also thanks to our Alumni officers, Kent, Janice and Loren for their aid in organization. For fear of leaving out any participants, I will generally, but personally say thank-you to each one who took part in the various programs and made the weekend a successful one.

After our lovely banquet of lasagna and a huge salad bar (Boy! that was great), the business meeting took place. It was voted that last years officers serve for another term and that we adopt the constitution and bylaws for the Alumni Association.

Also discussed in the meeting was the topic of the 100 Club. Dr. John Shaw is working on getting this organization off to a good start. A letter from him is enclosed. The 100 Club will be a separate organization from the L.C.A. Alumni Association. The enclosed letter is to inform you of the plans being made to help L.C.A. in primarily a financial way and those interested can contact Dr. Shaw. (Some of you signed up to be charter members last year and we are considering you such even though we are working on getting the organization active this year.) In the Alumni letter, we will be keeping you informed of the progress of the 100 Club.

Dues are due once again. We trust that each one will send a check for \$5.00 to help defray the cost of having an active alumni association. Thanks for your support.

Next month we will give you a financial update on where we stand on the video camera and recorder and how we will be helping our school this next year. I am excited about the upcoming year! Let's help make this year a successful one for Little Creek Academy.

Sincerely,



Kenneth L. Shaw, '76
Alumni Association President

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November 18, 1983

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Over the years Little Creek has enriched many of our lives. To some this has been through education of ourselves or members of our families. To others it has been through kind and loving care to our parents or other relatives in their later years. To some it has been through business and social contacts over a prolonged period. To all our lives have been blessed by this association.

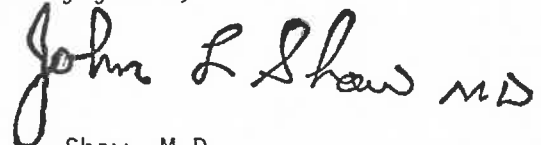
Little Creek continues to advance but sometimes advancement is slow because its only source of income is itself and gifts from people such as you and I.

Several friends of Little Creek are interested in starting a group that would commit themselves to donate a certain amount each year (i.e. \$100-\$500 per year) to be used for capital improvement or other worthy projects decided on by the group membership.

We are planning a Dinner at Little Creek Academy Cafeteria at 1:00 P.M., December 11, 1983, to discuss the formation of this group and discuss financial needs and projects.

If you are interested in helping Little Creek and being a charter member of this group, please be present for dinner and the business meeting to follow. If you cannot be present but would like to join this group, please contact me at the above address or through Little Creek. We need YOU.

Sincerely yours,



John L. Shaw, M.D.