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Little Creek Newsletter January 1984

Little Creek Academy

Dear Ex-Creekers and Families:



What a fun time we had in faculty meeting today. Kenny displayed the new video equipment and we watched ourselves on T.V. as we discussed how to best utilize this new possession. "I need a haircut" -- "I need to go on a diet" -- were observations I heard. Seriously, all agree it will be a better teaching aid for skills in all areas, including orientation and vocational procedures. Many thank-yous for your generosity.

As I came out of faculty meeting I heard Gary Carlson instructing the sophomores concerning their afternoon of outreach to help those in need in the community. Gary says, "Part of the class went down to Economy Health Foods Store to provide some much needed help in cleaning shelves. The rest of the class went to help clean at a Senior Citizen Center. Each of those involved received a nice letter of appreciation from the center."

Monday at band practice we enjoyed the new music racks and black music folders purchased with money left over from the new piano workathon project. However, the band is truly an orphan this year. Since the new offices have been completed downstairs, the band rehearses in the church. Oh, how we need a rehearsal room!

December activities kept everyone busy and excited as the Spirit of Christmas pervaded the campus. The Kiwanians enjoyed their evening. Nearly a hundred people attended the buffet supper master-minded by Ann Goodge and her many helpers.

Christmas day brought a -6° temperature here. Vacation was a survival drill. But the men managed to keep everything going. One big blessing of the extreme weather has been very little illness. All the flu bugs were frozen for the duration--I hope.

Ma Jones has not been well. She is in Park West Hospital hoping that she can come home very soon. I know she would enjoy hearing from you.

January 27 and 28 we enjoyed the entire week-end at Laurelbrook. Sabbath dinner with Connie and Ted Summitt and family was great fun.

I've asked Mr. Roger to tell you about the new project at the Sanitarium. "The five studio one room retirement apartments on the ground floor of the Sanitarium are about finished. Two of the apartments have been occupied for 2 weeks and carpet is being laid in the other three apartments. New furniture has been donated for the entrance lounge and the 'laundro-mat' room is just across the hall. This new dimension to our Sanitarium work provides a lovely transition for those who are looking for security in their later years."



There have been some interesting anniversaries this year. Our 50th and Janet and Stanford's 25th. Then we heard that Robert Peel's 25th and his parents' 50th were celebrated also.

On December 10, we went to Laurelbrook to help Bob and Ruth Zollinger celebrate 25 years of marriage. This was a Zollinger re-union plus Homer Barrett sang the song he sang 25 years ago. It was so beautiful. Leland played the same violin number, Ted Summitt led a choral group, Uncle Hick and Aunt Gentile were there, plus Norman Peek, Mr. Roger and Miss Gency, Miss Frederick. We had a good time. If only Mama Goodge could have sung her song!

It is so much fun to have you come and visit. David and Amy Hack, '74 paid a surprise visit on Sabbath afternoon. We had not seen them in a long time. Glen Van Arsdell, '80 was home from Loma Linda during Christmas vacation. Linda (Van Arsdell, '78) Whiting surprised her family with a visit over New Years. Steve and Kim (Belles, '82) McAfee were here visiting her parents during Christmas. Leon and Eun Hee Peek '64 were home from Korea. They brought 5 orphans over for people who were adopting them. (Was interesting as 4 of the 5 children were under 1 year.) It was great seeing Wayne Dysinger '78. Ellen Rieseberg, '78 was home briefly during the holidays too. Jack McNeilus, '75 and Stanton and Debbie (Straw, '77) Tait and Cynthia Straw, '80 also

home during the holidays. Keith Shaw '82 paid a visit on his way back to Andrews University. Do drop by any time you are in the area.

WEDDINGS

Mark McNeilus, '75 and Donna Jean Brecky, October 16, 1983, Route 1, Box 37, Dodge Center, MN 55927.

Doug Johnson, '81 and Diane Collar, November 23, 1983, P. O. Box 1293, Collegedale, TN 37315.

Betty Greenhaw, '80 and Gene Neely, December 3, 1983.

Janie Liston, '74 and Don Kurtz, December 28, 1983, Box 628, Stanley, ND 58784.

Rick Sharp, '73 and Cynthia Lowe, January 14, 1984, P. O. Box 554, Ooltewah, TN 37363.

GRADUATIONS

SOUTHERN COLLEGE--December 22, 1983

Michelle Kurzynske, '80, B. S. Nursing

Barry Scott, '80, B.S. Computer [Business] Accounting

Jeff Basham, '78, A.S. Nursing

Karen Hiner, '81, A.S. Nursing

Brent Van Arsdell, '81, A.S. Nursing

Kenneth Shaw, '76 Master of Science Degree in Mathematics from Middle Tennessee State University.

NEW-COMERS

Jennifer Leandra, December 7, 1983, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (JoAnne Chitwood, '73) Collier, Route 9, Box 351, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

PRAYER TO PRAY WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

I need a wrecking crew, Lord,
I keep building little shabby walls -
ego to hide my shortcomings,
pride to defend my dishonesty,
personal desires to separate
me from your will.

I put up foundations of prejudice
and towers of over confidence.
I pile up attitudes into blockades
and fortify them with
slingshot opinions.

I erect mighty convictions and
brace them up with sand.

Jeanette Struchen

LINES TO LIVE BY

MAKE me a verb, Lord.

Nouns are static, proclaiming only themselves.

Pronouns are substitutes.

Adjectives and adverbs can so easily become gossips,
preferring color or candidness.

Make me a verb, Lord,

Active not passive,

And active not merely in voice but in heart and will.

Keep me indicative in mood, definite, positive and forthright.

Subjunctive "ifs" and "whethers" have no place in faith.

And Lord, make me a present-tense, verb,

Ready to act in the NOW of life,

Not concerning myself with yesterdays I cannot erase
or tomorrows I cannot yet write.

Enlighten me with the bright future of your promises.

Make me plural in love, but singular in vision.

Make me a strong verb, Lord.

*We're "snowed in" now. More snow than last year.
Mr. Jones is home and doing well. Hope to see
you soon at American History week-end. My
"breakmen" saw space shuttle go on the video - great!
Lots of love, Alice and Deland Steen*