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LITTLE CREEK ACADEMY
1810 Little Creek Lane
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August, 1987

Dear Creekers:

Greetings! Summer is short here. School begins August 16 (what happened to the day after Labor Day?) and a newsletter is overdue.

Recently I was startled by the title of an article in the Knoxville News Sentinel--SMALL CLASSES BETTER, STUDY SHOWS. The Tennessee State Board of Education has just spent \$12,000,000 to learn this! We have known this for as long as we can remember and could have saved them \$11,999,000 by sending them a book or two that stresses the value of small classes. It concerns us all that L.C.A. has found it necessary to increase its enrollment to eighty students. Many define this as small. Of course, we understand the enormous problems of the public schools and realize there is no simple answer, but it does seem the \$12,000,000 should have been spent to reduce the classes and help solve the problem. Maybe we have failed to send our books on education to the responsible officials.

CAMPUS NEWS

We will begin with Sarah Ann's report of the handbell choir's trip. "The Handbell Choir had a two week, 14 concert, 4,000 mile trip immediately after graduation. Mr. Foster was our driver and Mrs. Foster and Miss Rogene looked after us in many other ways. (Food!) Sightseeing highlights were Washington D.C., Boston, Quebec, Niagara Falls and Review and Herald area of Hagerstown, MD.

We enjoyed seeing many friends along the way, such as a 20 minute visit with Vi Larrabee in a parking lot in Freeport, Maine. She took her morning break from the Nursing Home to come see us. The Albert Whittings were kind enough to let our group spend two nights in their home in the D.C. area. While in Boston area, Laura Klatt '86 and her family did much to look after us and it was nice to see Shelly Belles and Kim (Belles '82) McAfee. In Pittsburg, PA, Beverly (Goodge, '50) and Forrest Coyle put us all up in their home and provided 2 super meals for us. In Canton, NY we were surprised to see Marilyn (McIntyre '74) Prunty and her family. They wanted us to come to their home but time would not permit.

In spite of a few inconveniences here and there I think we'd all give the trip a 10!" Sarah Ann McNeilus

On June 29 Gram William's picture taken on her 100th birthday took up half a page in the newspaper accompanied by a long article.

The magnolia tree (transplanted) has not only survived but has bloomed all summer and still has a blossom or two.

The biggest improvement on campus in July, courtesy Mr. Del, was connecting the cafeteria to the air-conditioning unit of the new building. What a difference!

July 4 was a high day for us. Mary Lou (Mitchell, '79) Wilson asked Leland to play his violin for church at Grace Church. She and her husband, Larry, are a real help there. We had to hurry back to our church because Greg Scott '76 was speaking here. He is going to Guam to work with the new radio station. He will be responsible for the quality of the programs in several languages, so will travel a lot to the countries involved. We're sorry he will be so far away.

July 4 brought more visitors. The Bruce Vogt '58 family went with us to give the San program and Bruce spoke to the patients. That night Lonnie and Cynthia (Vogt, '81) Weitzel, '81 and baby came and we all went to see the fireworks, including all our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A storm was brewing and by half running we made it to the car just as the first drops fell, but all the others Creekers were caught in the downpour before they could get to the bus. It was fun though and very thrilling to hear the Knoxville Symphony play the patriotic songs ending with Stars and Stripes.

Last week we were surprised in the cannery by our granddaughter, Cynthia (Straw, '81) Mitchell. Was fun to have an "old hand" to help us. It was the first time I had heard about her trip to Linda (Tetz, '81) and Keith Shaw's, '82 wedding.

Prof and I spent some time at Laurelbrook working with Bob ('48) and Ed ('51) Zollinger on plans for the replica of the first buildings of Little Creek. They are going to help me achieve this. They were there and know how it was in 1940's. Others will help also and we hope it can be completed by homecoming and then we will give you a full report.

Elder Alvin Stewart, who was the secretary-treasurer of the Layman Foundation for several years, passed away recently and though it was a sad occasion, there was a plus as we were able to see his son Merwin ('72) and his wife. He is working at Pacific Press doing the art work for Listen magazine. For many years Rogene has sent the diplomas to him to take advantage of his talent. Notice it next time you see your diploma. They also brought their mother to campus and were happy to see the new building.

Madison Homecoming was special this year as we heard all about the honor given Dr. E.A. Sutherland, the founder of Madison. Andrews University has restored the home he lived in as its first president. We were glad to see Claudia (Sutherland, '66) Rose and Mike Sutherland '66 and so many of the Sutherland family. Mr. Roger and Miss Gency and Ava and Norman Peek '53, who is the executive secretary-treasurer of the Layman Foundation, attended the weekend ceremony as the house was officially opened. When we went to Andrews a few days later, we were able to see the house also. It was my privilege as a teen-ager to be closely associated with Dr. E.A. and travel with him to the various schools and cafeterias and medical institutions he encouraged. He believed this work was ordained of God and this inspired us to give our lives to it. He continued to visit us until he was ninety years old, always proud of the work, never losing the twinkle in his eyes.

Last week we ate dinner with the workers of the Carolina Conference and saw several Creekers. I wish there was time to tell about each but it was fun to see so many there and the charming in-laws they have given us--Becky (Hamilton, '68) Ingersoll, Ruth (Regal, '71) Leffers, Ellen (Rieseberg, '78) Prest, Bob Folkenberg, '82 and Ben Maxson '67.

My life is so entwined that I'm never sure when campus news ends and alumni news begins. But this may be it.

ALUMNI NEWS

Fletcher Academy recently captured the first-place title in the Western Carolina University high school mathematics contest in competition against 53 schools. And guess who was the teacher? Our own Tom McNeilus! Congratulations!

Keith Shaw '82, an architecture student at Andrews University placed in the top 15 out of over 140 entries in a ceramic tile competition.

Elwyn Seivers '47 and son came by last week and enjoyed the old-timer reminiscing. He was recently elected president of the Mid-South Lion's Sight Service which provides remedial eye care for indigent patients. What amazes me is the great variety of talents the Lord can use, and so many needs in this old world.

James Gulley '83 was made a Southern Scholar and granted a full tuition scholarship for the medical-scientist program at Loma Linda for MD and PhD degrees.

Bill and Rose (Holverstott '60) Coolidge '60 visited recently and found me babysitting my great-grandchildren. We finally cleared a path for them to walk through ha!

Cindy Watson '84 is home after an interesting year at Collonge, our school in France. She promised to write something for this letter but we'll put it in later.

A recent letter from Gayle (Thornton '65) Holback tells she is working at Mt. Vernon Academy as a teacher, work co-ordinator, accountant and chorale accompanist. "Your mentioning canning and freezing various fruits and vegetables brought back fond memories of the summers I spent there. I believe that I received the best education possible while there--HOW TO WORK". She hopes to make it for homecoming.

Jeanine Greenhaw '74 is being married this Sunday and several on campus have gone to Poplar Bluff, MO, to share her joy. We gave a little party for her while she was home to help her set up housekeeping.

David Habenicht '84 sent a long newsletter from Helderberg College in South Africa. His year as a student missionary doing maintenance is about over. At present there is no one to replace him so he hates to leave. He will probably be here for homecoming.

NEW COMERS

David Roy Jr., June 14, 1987, to David and Debra (Scheibe '80) Stunkard, 612 Carpenter Avenue, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

WEDDINGS

Jeanine Greenhaw '74 and James Waterworth, August 2, 1987, Route 4, Box 87, Pocahtontas, AK 72455.

Doug Dewey '85, and Constance Blankenship, August 10, 1987, P.O. Box 1555, Collegedale, TN 37315.

We have just returned from the Teachers' Convention held in the beautiful new Convention Center at Cohutta Springs. The workshops inspired us all to "try again" to do it all better than ever this school year. We find our Creekers there too: Cecilia Holiman '65 was there with her husband Ron Vincent who is teaching in Douglasville, GA. Cecilia is a nurse at General Hospital there. Selma Martin '69 was with her husband Dr. Jim Neubrandner who conducted a workshop for the Bible teachers introducing a new concept for teaching Bible. David Hack '74 is still teaching in Cookeville, TN.

There have been a number of visitors since the last newsletter. Have been very happy to see each one. Diane (Jones, '72) Davenport, Kenneth Jones '70, Dale Tunnell '81 and family, Clarence Small '66 and family, Ed and Tamera Keplinger '76, Greg Scott '76, Jeff Scott, '74, James Gulley '83, John Rauch '63 and family, Bill and Lori Scott '78, Ben Scott '85, Lisa Vogt '85, Jimmy France '86, Kimberley France '84, Pam Saylor '86, Sheila Draper '87, Karen McKinney '87, William DeWitt '87, Cindy Bofink '87, Libna Lizardo '87, Matt Davis '87, Esther Kurtz '85, Annette Newell '87, Bob Folkenberg '82, Terry Scott, Bob Coolidge

Darla Boyd '87, Donna Hill '87 and Kim Stairs '87 have been here this summer working as nurses aids at the Sanitarium. We certainly have been thankful for their help.

There are several Creekers that we do not have addresses for. If know of their whereabouts please let us know. Gail (Holland '53) Swann, Mrs. Lloyd (Charley Ann Holland '46) Cantrell, Mrs. Dwight (Jeanie Beagles '73) Danner, Mrs. Bill (Jeanne Turner '45) Hamlin, Mrs. Mike (Julie Basham '77) Holman, Mrs. Hope (Crosley '51) Jaquith, Doug Johnson '81, Angela Kelley '75, Mrs. Dennis (Pat Trim '69) Kopp, David Lemmon '73, Trudy O'Grady '74, Karen (Cobb '76) Sherington, Carroll Wheeler.

RISINGS

The Sun
wearily eased into the horizon
--the bed of night--
and upon rising
sleepily rubbed from its all-pervading eye
the fog of morning.
The Son
humbly descended to the earth
--the bed of vice--
forever erased from the span of the universe
the shroud of sin.

Dennis E. Clark

QUESTION FOR A CYNIC

O vain, incredulous man,
Mercy's receiver,
One thing should make of you
A deep believer:

How from the heat and dust,
In occult dark and dews,
Diurnally the earth
Her youth renews:

Revolving in the night,
Her dim way knowing,
Turning into the shade,
Yet lightward going.

Through knowing law is much,
This wisdom is far more:
To know the Lawgiver,
And Him adore.

If any cynic smile
As such a faith he spurns,
I'll ask him, "Who conceived
A world that turns?"
Archibald Rutledge

WALK AMONG THE STARS

Sometimes God waits,
maybe fidgeting
in the evenings;
waiting to walk among the stars
with His people.

Sometimes He stands,
shifting from foot to foot,
tossing an asteroid
from hand to hand.

"They're late," He says
anxiously.

We're coming, God.
Sorry to keep You waiting.
The evening is so right
for a walk among the stars.
Barry Casey

All I can think about is astronomy! Mr. Patterson turned in my name for a workshop aimed at high school age - in Wash D.C. at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. I've been studying every spare minute and have learned so much. Deuce, the astronomy poems - chosen finally by Rogene. I couldn't decide as I have so many Denying. Linda Sue Worth writes of their move to Michigan where her husband, Bill, will teach in the S.D.A. Elementary School, four teacher - 60 students. Wish I could give more of these interesting letters. They brighten our days.

I'm always thrilled with astronomy as it renews my faith - We must be believers to survive in this world. Hang in there - and God bless you.

Much love, Alice and Leland Straw