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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

One of the challenges that has faced the independent, self-supporting ministries has been survival after the original founders retired or became unable to continue working. The Board of Trustees at Little Creek has recognized this problem and has taken steps to transfer leadership to younger workers before a crisis arises.

In harmony with this philosophy, more than two years ago the Board began studying the needs of the Nursing Home and making plans for its continued leadership. The decision was made to train someone from within rather than bring in someone who had no background at Little Creek.

The Board asked Ann Goodge to take the training required to be licensed in Tennessee as a Nursing Home Administrator. This has involved a lot of paperwork, a six months training program under a designated administrator in another nursing home, and the passing of a test given by the Licensing Board. We are delighted that Ann has now completed all requirements and is qualified to assume the duties of Administrator at the Sanitarium.

Ann graduated from the four year nursing program at Southern College in 1967, and worked at Florida Hospital as 3-11 Emergency Room nurse for about twelve years. She returned to Knoxville and worked at Park West Hospital for two years before joining Little Creek as a worker. As her mother retired from administration, Ann assumed the responsibilities of Head Nurse. She will now be working as Administrator, replacing her father, who is retiring from administration. We wish Ann well as she shoulders the load at the Sanitarium. Ellen Dimick has moved up to Head Nurse.

In keeping with our fiftieth anniversary theme this year, I would like to see a 50th Anniversary memory book prepared. Last month when we visited Eleanor VonBockman's house for a birthday party, we looked through some old scrap books. Those of you from the early 1950's would enjoy some of the neat "poems" and a drawing of the "patty machine" that she had. I am sure that a group as resourceful as Little Creek alumni could produce a very interesting book. Perhaps we could select editors from each decade (40's, 50's, 60's, 70's & 80's) to collect pictures and other human interest stories, and have a book ready for our 50th anniversary celebration in 1990.

Someone also suggested that we might have an alumni week-end at Fall Creek Falls in the summer of 1990. This might be fun, but it might be too late to reserve the group camp. If anyone might be interested in this, let us know and we will see if it could be scheduled.

Kenneth Straw