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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Hello once again from the Alumni Association. I hope that everyone is having a great new year. Just a reminder that Alumni weekend will be November 2nd and 3rd. The honor classes will be those ending in a 5 or a 0. Although November is a long time away, please make plans to attend now because it will be the 50th anniversary of Little Creek.

Speaking of the 50th anniversary, I mentioned in the last newsletter that we were going to try and put together a yearbook for the occasion. In order to do this we will need all the alumni support. We will need you to send in pictures or other material that would be helpful in putting the yearbook together.

Time is going by rapidly so we need to start putting this together because as you know it takes a while to put a yearbook together. Also your financial support for the yearbook will be needed in order to make it a success.

To give you an update on our projects this year, we have had close to 1500 dollars come in so far. As you remember our projects are to finish up the computer project from last year, to re-roof the church and to support the yearbook for the fifty year reunion. Please keep sending in your contributions.

I have received a few letters on some ideas for Alumni weekend. Please keep sending me your ideas because to make it a real big success I need your help! You can write me at P.O. Box 341, Dodge Center MN 55927 or call me at 507-374-2739.

Sincerely,



Bruce Myers '85
Alumni Association President

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Dear Creekers,

Greetings to all of you. My New Year's wishes are out of place for sure. We've survived January and February once again. At least the seniors enjoy February preparing their History program. They had some original and interesting material this year.

Just now the Bell Choir is in the Dominican Republic on a missionary adventure, helping in an orphanage there. Someone will give a report later.

Our Florida Christmas trip was fun. The first stop was with Janice and Gary Carlson and Kent and Debbie Williams in Lakeland, GA. While there Melody (Woolsey, '70) Schmehl came over to visit. Next stop was in Orlando with Bill and Rose (Holverstott, '60) Coolidge, '60. While at the beach in New Smyrna, Carlyle Manous, '57, who was visiting his mother Amy Sheffield, spent a few hours with us. He conducts the band at Walla Walla College plus many related duties. Spent some happy hours with C.R. and Penny Frederick.

Also Cynthia (Straw, '81 [our granddaughter]) and Brian Mitchell came to the beach to see us. The entire "Straw tribe" spent New Years Day at Debbie (Straw, '77) and Stanton Tait in Hendersonville, NC. So we saw Cynthia and Brian again. They were celebrating Brian's completion of his Master's Degree from Stetson University in Deland, FL.

All of this plus celebrating the Roger Goodges' 50th wedding anniversary added up to a festive holiday. It was so nice to see so many friends. Alvin Ringer '53 and Albert Ringer and their wives surprised them, coming all the way from Trenton, GA. Also Bert and Carolyn (Williams '61) Coolidge '61 from Ashville, N.C. and Norman and Ava Peek '53 from Collegedale.

Roger's celebration inspired us to look at the video of our 50th. So much has transpired since then, but I'm glad we have a video, else much would be forgotten. Then we both re-read all the cards and letters we received. I still feel sad we did not answer each one personally. But we treasure each one and thank-you once more.

Our thank-you to Lonny and Cynthia (Vogt, '81) Weitzel, '81 for their reminder of our part in their wedding.

January 10, Leland's brother died of a heart attack. No warning and on his birthday. We are glad his daughter Dee '62 was with him though it was hard on her. Janet and Stanford went with us to the funeral and we also saw Monty Straw. The changes for 1990 have begun early.

Going to the funeral was all very complicated as Grant Goodge, '61 was scheduled to give the Friday and Saturday evening programs that same weekend. I had asked him to come and was looking forward to it so much. But everyone volunteered to take over our duties. The reports from students and faculty about Grant's pictures and talks were very positive.

The latest news is Violet Goodge breaking her arm. We were at the lodge doing some spring cleaning and painting, so missed the excitement.

Now Prof has added the campus news to help me.

CAMPUS NEWS--Prof

We used to wonder what we would do when all the building and fixing was finished. Little did we know! The farm added a couple of new metal grain bins for wheat and oats, and replaced the wheat bin for flour wheat. A new and large pipe was laid from our holding tank for septic system effluent to the evaporating pond, no small project. Mr. Kenneth Straw's house is having the final finishing touches added by Jim Johnson. Concrete has been laid behind the cafeteria over past the deans' wing of the girls' dorm and a couple of baskets erected so the girls can exercise in their back yard. The service area of No. 1 greenhouse has been replaced with a neat looking building. We are having to change our gasoline tank and pump. They are now required to be above ground in a concrete basin large enough to hold contents of tank should it leak, or be in an elaborate double walled tank with complicated controls to detect any leak, if the tank is to be underground. A new pump house has been erected around the old building at the spring and a couple of new filters are being installed to replace the old ones we put in while Arthur Hale was here.

For quite a while we have been looking for replacement for our boilers that are so old no major repairs can be made. We finally found one at Oak Ridge that has twice the capacity of our present ones. A new boiler to serve our purpose would have cost over \$100,000. The one from Oak Ridge is the same as new as had never been used and has all the equipment for operation. The only cost to us was the \$20,000 to have it moved. It is a 200 plus horse power unit so should handle our needs easily. We consider it a miracle.

In the meantime we had an accident; one of our boilers, the Kewane, blew up, literally, the cause too complicated to explain here. Mr. Lee Dimick who answered the alarm signal at 3:00 a.m. was badly burned by the steam on his face and hands. He has made a really rapid recovery under the care of Dr. Watson and Ann Goodge '62 and is already out working again.

A larger room is required for the new boiler so Mr. Del Dimick is in the process of finding a replacement for the damaged boiler that can eventually be approved as a back-up for the larger one.

Our new gardener (we have had quite a turnover the last few years) has great plans for this year. He happens to be the Dean's (Ken Micheff's) brother. Dean's father-in-law (Del Smith) also helps about half time in the garden. Mrs. Dimick, Miss Gency and yours truly (not too greatly) have banded together to raise acres of food. Del Smith is growing broccoli and cauliflower in greenhouse #1 and Verna Dimick has flowers and hundreds of plants, tomatoes and other vegetables, in #2. Miss Gency and Jim Micheff were cutting seed potatoes this afternoon, and now looking for a place dry enough to plant. Jim plans to swamp us with sweet corn--15 or 20 acres. He is a go-getter and best of all is willing to seek counsel on what should be done, when. I must say we have some of the finest workers I have ever had the pleasure of associating with at present. I should add, we have been looking for a man to care for the shop and boilers. We really have missed Ray Weygandt. Well Mrs. Wilton's (san associate cook) husband finally arrived a couple of weeks ago. He had been promising to come as soon as he could sell his business. This will be a big help. I greatly appreciate not having to carry the heavy work now, but try to keep busy with the lighter tasks of maintenance and helping in the cannery.

ALUMNI NEWS

Esther Eirich '89 writes from Weimar where she is a freshman this year. She goes to a very small church, with all members over 60 and the 1/2 dozen college students are making a difference.

A letter from the Darnall's brought sad news. Jack '44 is having a real trial with cancer of the parotid gland on left side of his face and neck. Remember him in your prayers. He has been treated at Loma Linda and we hope he is now at his home at 42832 Knoll Road, Oakhurst, CA 93644. Jack was a member of our second graduating class in 1944.

A note from Merwin Stewart's mother enclosed a picture from the Idaho Conference News of Merwin '72 in front of the Adventist booth at the Idaho State Fair. The caption read "God Cares" was the theme of the all new color coordinated booth designed by Merwin, depicting how God cares about our work, family, school, troubles, friendships and recreation. Many were appreciative of the literature they received.

Just before Valentine's Day I had a phone call from far away in California. Carla Gober '77 said she thought of me when she was asked to conduct the story-telling section of the Speakers--Writers Conference at Pacific Union college in June. I still think the story telling unit is a plus. Do any of you still have your little notebooks?

John Dysinger '82 writes from Maxwell Adventist Academy in Kenya that they are short staffed and need a Math and Computer teacher. He says that a Master's degree is not absolutely necessary but it is much easier to get into the country if you have one. John says to contact Elder Maurice Battle at the General Conference if you might be interested. It is a nice place to live and they are hoping to find someone to fill this need.

We've had a number of visitors--hopefully we have not left anyone out. Brian and Cynthia (Straw '81) Mitchell, Grant and Yolanda Goodge '61, Todd Folkenberg '88, Roger and Cindi Silverstein '71, Mark Silverstein '88, Steve Connor '87, Kandy Habenicht '89, Darla Boyd '87, Jeff Wolf '88, Kathy Folkenberg '86, Bruce Myers '85, Heather Wise '88, John Laswell '87, Lee Laswell, '88, Monte Mitzelfelt '88, Mike Slover '85, Kenny Lockhart, '86, Steve Harper '89, Krista Olson '88, Kim Goodge '88, Linda (Malmede) Wilhelm '66, Melvin and Marie (Malmede '64) Christian, Merrie Li Camp '88, Donna Hill '87, Carol Shaw '89, Dr. John and Sue (Martin '51) Shaw, Jeff Newell '88, Steve and Patricia Foster '68, Ed and Sarah (Enevoldson '72) McHenry, David and Kathy (Leffew '77) Twombly, Matt Davis '87, Esther Eirich '89, Tim and Jane Leffew '78, Jon DeWitt '89, Kent and Deb Williams '77, Gary and Jan (Williams '72) Carlson '73, Jim and Jeanine (Greenhaw '74) Waterworth, Shirley (Pillsbury '62) Kline, Leon Peek '64, Michelle (Kurzynske '80) Chase, Kevin and Terryn (Kurzynske '79) Shaw '79, Bob and Mary (Peek '55) Kurzynske and Jack McNeilus '75.

NEW COMERS

Blake Jennings, January 13, 1990 to Brent and Kathy Myers, Route 3, Box 486, Tazewell, TN 37879.

Kelsey Anne, February 22, 1990, to Jon and Lisa (Allen) Larrabee, 2605 Avenida Escuela, Bakersfield, CA 93306.

Hello Again!

When we returned from our Florida trip at Christmas we found quite a surprise. Three boxes of apricots. Somehow no one has been able to figure out who sent them. It had to be someone who knew how special apricots are to me. Please let us know who you are. They are delicious.

Doug Johnson and his family were here recently. Sorry we missed seeing them. Just today Bonnie and Bob Evans' stopped by for a few minutes. Bonnie was chosen to receive the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award this year presented by the Lake Union Conference. She left me this choice quote so I'll share it.

The only exercise some people get is
Jumping to conclusions
Running down friends
Sidestepping responsibility, and
Pushing their luck

I'm reading my Bible through this year. Ps. 119 one day recently - vs 165 - "Great peace have they ^(or high) who love thy law" - means more to me than ever. God's blessing for all you dear ones -

Happy springtime -

Alice and Leland Straw