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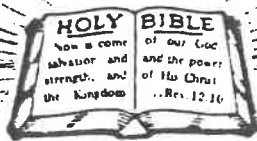
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# Little Creek News



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## Elementary School News

Jesus loved to have the little children come to Him. He sat them on his lap and blessed them. We are thankful here for our two dedicated Christian teachers, Mrs Beverly Foster and Mrs Ruby Smith, who devote their time to the training of our elementary young people.

Teachers and students have been very active this year in sharing their talents and witnessing to others.

Each week the upper grade students go grocery shopping for an elderly lady. She enjoys their



visits.

Mrs Sarah Ann McNeilus has formed a bell choir and takes the "Rainbow Ringers" to other churches and also sanitarium programs to perform.

The lower grade room took food and toys to a needy family and sang Christmas carols for them. Also they took plates of cookies and sang for all the retired folk on the campus.

Elder LeClare Litchfield just completed a week of prayer with the combined students leaving them with many stories and challenges to think about.

## Important Dates

### February 1992

- 14 - 15 - Danny Shelton - Speaker  
President  
Three Angels Broadcasting
- 21 - Sophomore Class Play
- 22 - Gary Pennell - Speaker  
American History Play
- 28 - LCA Band Concert
- 29 - Andy Im - Speaker  
Korean Choir

### March 1992

- 13 - Bob Mounter - Speaker
- 14 - Pastor Litchfield - Speaker
- 20 - Musical Concert  
"Sabbath Rest"
- 21 - Elder Micheff - Speaker
- 27 - 28 - Don Livesay - Speaker

## Mountain Top Experience

I was so excited! My father had promised to take me on a seven day backpacking trip. We would be hiking up a long winding trail but no, this was not just another hike in the Smokies, we would be hiking the Great Swiss Alps. "The sights you will see, the sounds you will hear will be like nothing you have ever imagined," He told me. "Even the air you breathe will be fresh, invigorating, like nothing you have ever experienced."

As I said before, I was so excited I didn't even know how to begin preparing for the trip. "What will I need? What do I take? How much do I take?" The questions came one after another. "Don't worry about anything," my father said, "I will supply you with all your necessities. I will give you the clothes you will need to wear...I designed them myself. I will give you the food and drink that you will need to give you energy for the long hike. It will be very important that you take with you only those things that I give you for they will be easy and light to carry."

The big day finally came. There we stood at the foot of the great Swiss Alps! The air was so fresh even at the foot of the Alps, so different from the thick, fowl-smelling air I knew back home. The sky was a bright blue color and not a cloud in sight. The warmth of the sun, the brightness of the day and the blowing of a cool gentle breeze promised excellent weather. For the first

day of our trip I couldn't have been happier! I felt especially safe and secure standing beside my father. I knew that with him as my guide I had nothing to fear.

The second day was even more wonderful than I had imagined. My father wakened me while it was still dark. "Come," He said "come eat of the food I have prepared for you. You must be sure to eat a good hearty breakfast if you expect to hike all day. At mid-day and again in the evening we will stop to eat. Between meal times you may have all you want of the drink I have for you." And he would smile at me.

After a couple of days or so I began to think about the "junk" food I had brought along, packed away in the bottom of my pack...I also had a pair of jeans and a pair of cowboy boots... I just couldn't stand to leave them at home. I liked 'em so well!

So at the next stop we made, I set aside the food my father gave me and chose instead to feast on my own food. My father noticed but did not say a word.

By the end of the day, I seemed to be more tired than before, but the next couple of days I still feasted on the food I had brought. I noticed I often stumbled and fell and as a result the clothes my father had given me were quite soiled. I knew he would wash them if I asked, but I decided to wear my own jeans and cowboy boots.

Hiking became such a drudgery! I felt tired and weak. "I have to skip breakfast, Dad, I need

more rest!" I told him. Each step I took was so heavy that I was no longer able to walk the distance I was walking before. "But Father, I don't understand! You said we'd be able to make it to the top. Our days are almost over and we've still such a long way to go. You said you'd give me food to eat and water to drink that would give me unsurpassed energy. Why am I so weak and weary? Is it because I rejected your food?"

Just as in the physical life we need sunshine, water, rest, air, exercise and food, so it's true in the spiritual life. Jesus is called the "Sun of Righteousness" (Malachi 4:2)

He said "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink" (John 7:37) He is the "Bread of Life" (John 6:35) And He gives the invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

By the study of His word, by prayer which can be as, "the breath of the soul" and by "exercising" in witnessing and outreach we can maintain spiritual health.

As we, at Little Creek, experience the love of Jesus in our hearts and His transforming power in our lives, we realize what a privilege it is to reach out to those in our surrounding communities, by reading stories, giving out books, or simply sharing a loaf of bread. What about you, friend? Are you eating, drinking and exercising? Listen to the words of a song as Jesus invites you to, "Come away, come and spend some time with me. Come

away."

And once your empty cup is filled, go out and share what great things He has done for you. What a real mountain top experience!.

---Veronica Faz

## Noelle

Noelle Pineda was born in the Philippines in the year 1985 to her filipino missionary father and American mother. She was born in the Adventist hospital there near her family's mission. Complications at the time of birth

resulted in mid-brain injury due to a lack of oxygen.

Because of her injury Noelle, was unable to talk, walk, track her eyes, or feed herself. Her missionary family wrote all over the world asking for help.

Finally, some specialists in Pennsylvania invited her and her family to come and start a program of exercise and patterning at the Institute of Human Potential. After her parents learned how to pattern their daughter they moved to Knoxville, Tn. where Noelle's grandmother lived.

Procedures for Noelle's therapy took three people to do. Her mother found it necessary to put up signs in laundry mats and in other various places in the

neighborhood.

Debbie Smith found out about the family situation, and told the students at Little Creek. Joy Freeman was one of the first ones to go and has continued to go for the past three years.

Noelle is now 6 years old, and the students are rejoicing in the progress she has made. She can now walk, talk, read, feed herself, and is also working on a gymnastic routine for co-ordination. Her eyes now track about 80% of the time.

Students this school year are going once a week to spend one hour working with Noelle. Cordella Brummett exults, "She's come so far, I'm really excited about how she's progressed. I look forward to seeing her each week." Joy, who has known Noelle the longest spoke with feeling, "I'm really glad I had the chance to know her. I'm looking forward to the time when she can actually go to a school."

--- Jolene Porter



## What should Valentine's Day mean to a Christian?

A time to think about the love that Jesus had for us when He died on the cross!

Chad Regester

A day when you can show your appreciation for a friend!

Nathan Eaton

When Christians can show that they love God and let this love shine through their hearts to other humans here on earth. This holiday is a time when we can appreciate each human being here on this earth.

Anonymous

This is a holiday in which all Christians can give their love to Jesus, their creator. A time to tell Him why they love Him, and should be a very special occasion in which they should celebrate.

Magali Wolff

## Farm

Education is not just schooling and class rooms. Here at Little Creek, there has been a work program for as long as the school has existed. The faculty has always been involved in the work program. There are various departments in which students can work. They are assigned to work in one of these areas for one semester and then the students rotate to another department. This way, they can pick up knowledge on different jobs and learn important skills which they will need later in life. "The youth should be led to see the true dignity of labor." Education, page 214. "At the creation, labor was appointed as a blessing. It meant development, power, happiness. The changed condition in the earth through the curse of sin has brought a change in the conditions of labor; yet though now attended with anxiety, weariness, and pain, it is still a source of happiness and development." *ibid*, page 214.

The farm department takes up the most land on campus, which is a total of about 330 acres. The farm uses approximately 130 acres. In comparison, the garden department cultivates about 30 acres.

Mr. Nathon Erickson supervises the farm. His student helpers this semester are Kirk Doering, Scott Boehm, and Jim Hundertmark. Mr. Erickson works fulltime, and this sometimes means 10 to 12 hours per day during harvests or haying.

His workers work anywhere from 2 to 4 hours a day. The farm is busy with many new projects. They are building a maintenance shop where they can work on their equipment, and hope to have it completed in 3 months if everything goes well. The structure used to be a chicken coop. When this building is finished the farm will put a new roof over the saw mill. The saw mill is used for turning timber into rough lumber.

The farm has many different pieces of equipment. They include 3 tractors, a couple of disks, a grain drill, a corn planter, a silage chopper, 3 silage wagons, a 2-row corn picker, a haybine, a combine, a hay bailer, and a wheat grinder. The wheat grinder should be replaced by a new one soon.

The farm grows corn, hay, alfalfa, and different kinds of wheat. About 15 acres of winter wheat is planted each year. The winter wheat is ground into flour that is used for baking bread at the cafeteria. Hay is grown from spring to fall and is harvested 10 to 15 acres at a time. After it is cut and left to dry for 4 or 5 days, the students help pick it up. Hopefully, it doesn't rain during this time (the rain decreases the nutritional value of the hay or alfalfa).

Mr. Erickson says that working on the farm gives him satisfaction. Sometimes he worries about it, but everything runs pretty smoothly. One of the goals of Little Creek is that the students learn to do good work

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and that they get satisfaction out of their work. This will help prepare them to secure and hold good jobs when they are out of school.

--- Jonathan Vigh

## Our Next Issue:

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### \* Senior Spotlight \*

In our next issue, we will spotlight each senior at Little Creek. They will tell of their memories, and future plans after their graduation. Be sure to read Senior Spotlight and come to know our seniors better.

### \* Graduation \*

Graduation is fast approaching here. Be sure you read and find out the dates of graduation, and who the guest speaker will be. Complete graduation weekend activities will be published in our next issue. Stay up to date by reading the Little Creek News.

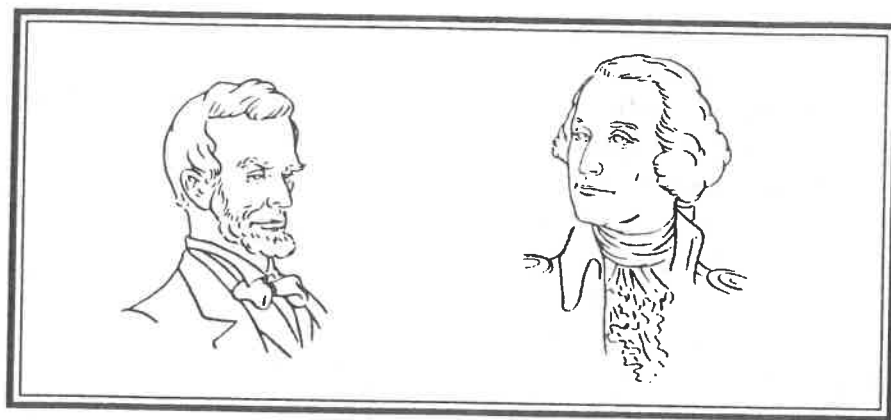
### \* Industry Spotlight \*

Our next issue, will spotlight the outreach services our Sanitarium provides to the local community. Be sure to read about our Sanitarium at Little Creek.

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We cannot let our Burdens  
Paralyze our progress!

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February is the birth month of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and many of us hear their words quoted around this time of the year. But what about our words?

A survey estimates that we speak 19,874 words every day. What kind of words are they?

- \*\*\* 3,124 are slang or swear words.
- \*\*\* 1,978 are used improperly or incorrectly.
- \*\*\* 1,731 are not even heard or listened to.
- \*\*\* 1,960 are mispronounced.
- \*\*\* 2,213 are misunderstood or misinterpreted.
- \*\*\* 71% are forgotten within six minutes.
- \*\*\* 1,642 are unkind words

Each of us has a great responsibility when we speak. We are constantly watching for opportunities to cut someone else down and raise our own esteem. We are told that "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." Whatever is in the heart, will eventually come out of the mouth.

People who are educated and civilized find it hard to believe

that, at times, people may become seriously ill, or even die when they had been subjected to very suggestive conversation. Many authentic instances of death among the natives of Brazil and Haiti have occurred because someone had talked the people into a hypnotic trance of bewilderment. This is called witchcraft, or sorcery. There was no physical reason for dying, only the chanting of an enemy!

"Rumors are nothing but distorted truth ... very similar to a germ that enters the bloodstream to poison the entire system." Satan, a master psychologist, uses rumors as a way of having us destroy one another. This is his way of undermining our courage and creating doubt in our minds.

19,874 words each day! What an opportunity to witness for the Master. Many things are opened by mistake, but none so frequently as the mouth. Time and words cannot be recalled.

Lord, help me to remember the things I ought not forget, and to forget the things I ought not to remember. Amen.

--- Cynthia Loveless

Careers class is an experience in self-evaluation, introspection, analysis, and synthesis. The course requires you to relate your past learning experiences to your educational goals, to exhibit critical self-analysis, and to demonstrate your ability to organize documentation in clear, concise manner.

Each Senior is required to develop a portfolio (typed with cover pages) with the following information: Interviews, resumes, an autobiography, a book report (Steps to Christ), a four year plan into the future, field trip notes, a record of book sales and a personalized business. In addition to the above, each student gains personal experience in Christian witnessing and human relations through door to door canvassing.

It takes nine weeks to complete the course. This year's class began and ended with much success. The seniors learned many things about themselves that were normally taken for granted. Putting two different kinds of resumes together offered many challenges. Each autobiography proved to be interesting. The highlight of the course is to see the students going door to door. To some the thought of talking to a stranger seemed impossible, but after the first night each student was well adapted. God blessed each one with many interested contacts. The Seniors were in great health after knocking on several hundred doors.



One night the temperature (plus wind chill factor) got down to 0 degrees. I was proud of each one as they worked through the entire evening. The books that they were asking donation for were: He Taught Love, The Great Controversy, Pathways to Health and Happiness, Jesus, Friend of Children, Childrens Story Book, Bible Readings for the Home, Desire of Ages and Patriarchs and Prophets. The students also offered a free book at each home. Many of them said, "I don't care about the money, it just feels good to get a free book in each house." The class is now over but the spiritual, and educational opportunities the students experienced will be with them forever. God bless you Seniors, as you choose to serve Him wherever He leads you in your life.

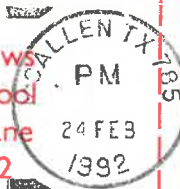
--- Ken Micheff

Help me to remember, Lord that nothing will happen today, that you and I can't handle together!

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as I have loved you.  
John 15:12



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