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Four Generations Attend SMC Homecoming

Message from the President



The spirit of Southern Missionary College is alive and well. The morale of the present students and faculty is at an all-time high. Elder Robert Zamora of the Religion Department of Columbia Union College recently conducted a Week of Spiritual Emphasis and there is evidence that many are experiencing real spiritual growth.

Growth to the physical plant is becoming more and more evident as the construction on the long-awaited Fine Arts Complex has begun. This dream is becoming a reality as a result of the interest and support of the Alumni of Southern Missionary College and of the Chattanooga Community.

The College is enjoying the largest enrollment in its history. However, Christian education carries a high price tag and each member of the faculty and staff has been urged to conserve and utilize all facilities and equipment as they endeavor to provide the best possible education for our young people. If from your vantage point as Alumni you have suggestions as to how we can be of greater service to you and to the current students, we would appreciate hearing from you.

One of the major functions of the Alumni Association is to keep people in touch with each other. We solicit your support in this area by sending items of interest about alumni and activities of alumni chapters around the world. You are our only source for this information, so let us hear from you. Send these news notes to the editor of SOUTHERN COLUMNS.

We are interested in preserving the heritage of Southern Missionary College. Also, we would like to involve the SMC Seniors in the Alumni Association before they leave the campus so that they will develop the habit of involvement in the Association early in their experience. These are two areas of particular interest to us. Let us hear from you regarding activities you wish to see the Association involved in.

It is a real privilege for me to serve as your President at this time. I look forward to working with you in preserving the spirit and contributing to the carrying out of God's Plan for OUR COLLEGE.

John T. Durichek

ABOUT THE COVER

Once more we call on the expert assistance of our photographer, Richard Perry, '70, to produce excellent pictures to illustrate this issue. He supplied all of the Homecoming pictures as well as the cover showing four generations of one family, who were all present for the services. Mrs. Caroline McClure is pictured with her son, Elder A. V. McClure; her grandson, Elder A. C. McClure, who was the speaker for the church services; and her great-grandson, Al McClure, who attended SMC. Mrs. McClure has seen 30 members of her family attend Southern Missionary College!



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Another four-generation family at Homecoming: Mrs. Caroline McClure is pictured with her daughter, Hervey Etta Self; her grandson, Don Self, '71, who is manager of WSMC, and his two children, Andrea and Christopher.

McClure Family Attends Homecoming

By Beverly Moon Self

"If you celebrate like this when I'm 98, what are you going to do when I'm 100?" asked Mrs. Caroline McClure as she cut her birthday cake at alumni homecoming.

Mrs. Caroline McClure celebrated her 98th birthday while at Southern Missionary College for Alumni Weekend. Caroline McClure pre-dates SMC by a few years but she has supported it through the years by sending six of her nine children here and seeing, at last count, 24 other members of her family receive at least a portion of their education here.

Mrs. McClure was on campus to visit with various members of the family as they came from places as far away as California and Florida. Two of her grandsons were members of the honor classes. Alfred C.

McClure, '54, was speaker for the church service and member of the 25 year class, and Robert Self, '69, was a member of the 10 year honor class.

As mother and first educator of her children, she believed in laying a strong foundation in the home. Her efforts have been well rewarded. Her children have served as missionaries to the Far East, South America, and Africa. The family includes a doctor, nurses, educators on various levels of the denominational system, secretaries, pastors and conference presidents as well as Christian businessmen.

It is because of many mothers who like Mrs. Caroline McClure take their responsibility seriously that Southern Missionary College can call itself a school of standards.

Read Has Art Show

Billy Mack Read, well-known Southern artist, had a one-man show at Southern Missionary College during the annual Alumni Homecoming weekend, October 18-21.

Read, one of the members of the honor class of 1954, showed a wide variety of portraits, scenic views, and still life in the McKee Library.

A native of Miami, Read has had recent shows in that city, Washington, D.C., San Antonio, New York, and Vienna. A free lancer for the past several years, he gives about 40 shows a year.

He holds the B.A. degree from SMC, the M.A. from the University of Maryland, and he has done graduate work at the University of Miami.

Previous to his art career, he had taught at Takoma Academy and Sligo School in Washington, D.C., and Greater Miami Academy.

He has done paintings for several national businesses, including McDonald's executive offices, Coca-Cola executive offices in Miami, and various banks in the Southeastern United States. Several famous people have commissioned him to do paintings for them, including Sam Snead and "Doc" Severnson.

Read was commissioned to do a series of paintings for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Washington, D.C., that were shown in Vienna. He had slides of these works at the McKee Library Exhibition.

His paintings have made the covers of several magazines, including the *Sunshine Artist*, the U.S. art magazine.



Billy Mack Read '54, demonstrates his palette knife method of painting for the students who visited his one-man show art gallery in the McKee Library during Homecoming.

Alumni Picture Gallery



Last year's president, Minon Hamm, turns the gavel over to new Alumni president, John Durichek.



Development Director and Alumni overseer William H. Taylor interviews Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Bee of the Class of 1929.



The Knight family sings at Sabbath School. Ed '69 and Carol are pictured here with their children, Liesl and Andy.



Mr. and Mrs. John F. Speyer, '29, tell Mr. Taylor how glad they are to do another Homecoming.



Ten-year graduate Attorney Rudy Bata '69 gave the vesper talk at the evening business meeting.



Elder and Mrs. William E. Kuester '29 reminisce during the evening.



Miss Pearl Hall and Taylor chat at the supper-business meeting.

Walter F. Wright '54 tells Mr. Taylor about his job as social worker in Riverside, California.



SPEAKERS AT ALUMNI HOMECOMING



Participants at the Friday evening consecration service are pictured left to right: William Jones '59; President Frank Knittel; Alumni president Minon Hamm '66; Pauline Nosworthy Pierson '54; Elder J. Frank Ashlock '25; and Elder William Kuester '29, who presented the sermon.



Alumni members who conducted the Sabbath school are left to right: Verle Thompson '69; Ellsworth McKee '54; Sharon McKee '70; Helen Case Durichek '58; John Durichek '58; Gwen and Dean Maddock '66, and Elder Ted Graves '54 who presented the Sabbath school lesson.



The church service was presented by, left to right: Elder Rolland Ruf, associate pastor of the Collegedale church; President Frank Knittel of SMC; Elder Alfred McClure '54, president of Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; Alumni president Minon Hamm '66; Viola Mitchell Turnage '54; John Beckett '75; Jerry Linderman '69; Clifford Bee '29; and John Speyer '29.

Graysville Homecoming

By Jesse Cowdrick '25

Approximately 200 former students and teachers of Graysville (Tennessee) Academy and Southern Training School were guests of the Graysville Church on October 6, 1979, for an all-day homecoming celebration. They came from as far as California, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Florida and represented alumni (used here to include all students and teachers) from the first decade of the century onward.

Southern Training School was the immediate forerunner of Southern Junior College, now Southern Missionary College. The transfer of the school from Graysville to Ooltewah took place in the summer and fall of 1916, and SJC began in the new location on October 16 of that year.

Twenty-five years earlier Pastor R. M. Kilgore, president of the Cumberland Mission, had urged the General Conference to establish a training school somewhere in his territory. The committee appointed by the General Conference selected Graysville as the location. In the same year (1891) George W. Colcord and his wife were invited by Kilgore to come to Graysville to start the school. They paid their own railway fare from Oregon. The school opened February 20, 1892, in the Graysville church building. A month later the school moved into rented quarters, made ready by Colcord himself, above a general store in the heart of town. This room served a second year, with enrollment climbing to 65.

In the spring and summer of 1893, Colcord and Kilgore built the first permanent building to house the school, now called Graysville Academy, opening its third term in the fall of that year with an enrollment of 120 students. This building was financed with funds solicited by Pastor Kilgore throughout the mission as well as with money from George Colcord's own purse.

In the 21 years following, the school grew to boarding-school status and boasted some of the best Adventist educators of the era on its faculty. Students came from many parts of the nation, and scores of them served in the organized work of the denomination following their training. The school was a successful school.

In the midst of this success, tragedy struck. During the school year 1914-15 a number of unexplained fires broke out in the buildings, the most serious of which was the burning to the ground of the girls' dormitory. Besides, there were some of the General and Union Conference officials who had felt for some time that Southern Training School (the name since 1901) could not grow into the kind of school they envisioned in Graysville, that it was circumscribed by its location in developing as an agriculturally oriented training center.

When, therefore, it was announced in the midst of the 1915-16 school year that the school was to be moved, the



Former students of Rochelle Philmon Kilgore gather at the Graysville homecoming. Left to right, front row: Beatrice Tucker Burley (fellow teacher), Rochelle Philmon Kilgore, Loise Connell Thorpe, Eleanor Shuster Graham, Ned Baber, Willis Van Voorhis, Effie Smith Davis; second row: Blanchard Nabboth, Jesse Cowdrick, Alton Bean, Lucille Dillard Bean, Pearl Walker Winans, Margaret Connell Thompson, Elizabeth Cowdrick, Adair Anderson Rafterty; back row: Ray Jacobs, Carl Jacobs, Dr. Fred Cothren, Edythe Stephenson Cothren, Robert Cowdrick, Katharyn Anderson Crowder, Ralph Hendershot, Algie Davis.

townspeople, Adventist and non-Adventist alike, felt a deep sense of personal and community loss. The spirit of sacrifice and devotion, however, which had marked the beginning and growth of the school at Graysville was carried along with the caravan of horse and mule drawn vehicles which took much of the school equipment and livestock to its new location across the Tennessee River to the Thatcher farm in the valley which is now Collegedale.

Alumni who were present on the homecoming day and who participated in the Sabbath services included Elders Archa O. Dart and A. C. McKee from the General Conference; Elder Hoyt Hendershot from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference; Elder Curtis Morton, pastor from Atlanta, Georgia; Elders Ray and Carl Jacobs and their wives, Berta and Ruth; and Dr. Lester Littell.

Other guests included Rochelle Philmon Kilgore (old-est living S.T.S. faculty member, as well as graduate, and principal for three years of Graysville Academy following the 1916 S.T.S. move to Ooltewah); Beatrice Tucker Burley, also a former teacher; Dr. Frank Knittel, president of S.M.C.; Elder Jere Webb, pastor of the Collegedale Church, and his father, Elder Leonard Webb, who attended elementary school in Graysville.

Following a sumptuous dinner in the school gymnasium, Carl and Ruth Jacobs conducted a roll call of the alumni present. The largest family group was the Giles group of eight. The S.M.C. Chorale, under the direction of Don Runyan, presented a half-hour of music.

A notable feature of the day was the presentation by Mrs. Fred (Edythe Stephenson) Cothren of the pulpit Bible from the first Graysville church to the present congregation. The Bible had been "purchased" by Dr. and Mrs. Cothren and was now given back to the church—the "purchase" price had helped to build the present brick church building. This Bible was the one from which Mrs. Cothren's father had preached many times when he (Elder C. B. Stephenson) was pastor of the Graysville Church.

It was in memory of and in celebration of the spirit of sacrifice for and devotion to the cause of Christian education that Graysville alumni came together on the soil consecrated by the lives of scores of teachers and students. The reunion was a symbol of Adventists' concern for education that educates for eternity.

Changes on Campus Reflect Renovations

by Melissa Smith

Southern Missionary College has looked like an excavation site lately but for very good reasons.

Serious erosion along the creek has been killing trees and has caused a tractor lawnmower to tumble into the creek because of a cave-in.

These unsafe conditions have made it necessary to fill in the creek from the bridge by the tennis courts to the bridge at the VM. Most of the labor is being done by students as part of their class. The masonry class is laying the blocks, the engineering department is pouring the footing and the top concrete, and the grounds department will be putting down top soil and grass.

Another trouble spot in that area is the sidewalk running parallel with the creek across from the re-finished courts. Because the sidewalk is lower than the grass, it collects water easily and drains very slowly. "We are killing the Bermuda grass, which would have turned brown shortly anyway, and lowering the soil," said Grounds Director Charles Lacey. "We hope to have these projects done sometime in the spring, depending on the weather."

On the other end of the campus, by Lynn Wood Hall, there is an improved fire system for Lynn Wood Hall, Daniells Hall, Hackman Hall and Jones Hall that is being installed.

Previously, the sprinkler system in these buildings was supplied by the College water system, but an 800-foot, six-inch diameter main line will make it possible to supply the sprinklers with city water. This will increase the pressure and volume in the system.

This project should be completed by the beginning of next week.

Also the WSMC-FM satellite receiving station is now under construction. That's the site of the connecting cables which were laid this week by a Rockwell contractor.

The new cable, running some 1000 feet, had to come from the Talge Hall parking lot to the studios of WSMC-FM in Lynn Wood Hall. The new receiver dish is being installed there because it is the closest clear shot to the satellite which is over the equator near South America.

The next step in the building process will be the erection of a chain link fence around the receiving station site to keep out unwanted visitors and children. This should be completed soon by another Rockwell contractor.

Nicaraguan Mission Workers Come Home for Interval

by President Frank Knittel

For almost a decade the students of Southern Missionary College have had a very enjoyable experience in working with the mission station at Francia Sirpi, Nicaragua. This mission project was sponsored and begun by students from Southern Missionary College and has been blessed in a remarkable way.

At the present time in Francia Sirpi, we have an adequate mission home together with a second dwelling for auxiliary personnel. There is also a very representative clinic which has served a very good purpose. Close to the clinic is a permanent church for our company of believers in the area.

At the present time because of the political conditions in Nicaragua we have asked our American personnel to leave and the Nicaraguan Mission has agreed to have one of their own workers take care of our premises until such time that we either return or the Nicaragua Mission takes over the work on a permanent basis. From the very start we had hoped to begin a work in Nicaragua and ultimately have the local mission take it over when such a plan would be feasible.

None of the fighting has centered around Francia Sirpi and our property has not been looted or destroyed. The area of our mission station has been very quiet and the people, themselves, are still very supportive of the work we do in Nicaragua.

European Study-Tour Planned For Summer

by R. R. Morrison

A European study-tour will again be offered by SMC in 1980. The May 12-June 3 trip will focus mainly on German-speaking areas, and a highlight will be the world-famous Passion Play at Oberammergau.

Among the countries to be visited are Switzerland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, West Germany and East Germany. The historic and beautiful cities of Vienna, Prague, Dresden, Salzburg and East and West Berlin will be included. One Sabbath will be spent with believers behind the Iron Curtain.

Three semester hours of credit are available to those who elect to attend the pre-tour classes and complete the required assignments. Costs will be kept as close as possible to the 1978 rate: tuition for those wishing credit, \$25; overall costs, about \$1200.

A deposit of \$100, refundable

until March 12 (make check payable to SMC), may be sent to the Department of Modern Languages, SMC, Collegedale, TN 37315. A day-by-day itinerary is available from the same address. Early application is recommended, in view of the time needed to secure passports and visas.

Tour leaders will be Dr. R. R. Aus-sner and Mrs. Sylvia Crook.

News Briefs

* SMC's enrollment for the opening of the fall semester was 2,069. This total makes SMC second only to Loma Linda University in the undergraduate enrollment and the third largest independent college in Tennessee.

* The SMC building crew, under the direction of Plant Engineer Francis Costerisan, is making progress on the music building, the first structure of the Fine Arts Complex. Excavation is done, and the footings and basement walls are being poured.

* Based upon a standard economic formula, it is estimated that fifty million dollars is added to the Greater Chattanooga area from the business generated by SMC.

* Radio station WSMC-FM, which is operated by SMC students, offers the only classical music in the vicinity.

* A large library comprised of religious band music is now being assembled and catalogued at SMC in order to provide this service to all religious faiths.

SMC Contributes To Chattanooga United Fund

Students, faculty, and staff members of Southern Missionary College, Collegedale Academy, and Spalding School have raised over \$3050 (the goal) for the Greater Chattanooga area United Fund.

Participation was approximately 90 per cent for faculty and staff members.

The overall goal for the Greater Chattanooga area was \$4,359,200, and it was oversubscribed by only two tenths of one per cent.

According to Lee Anderson, editor-in-chief of the *News-Free Press* and chairman of the campaign, "this was one of the hardest campaigns in the history of the fund because of the recessionary trend in the economy."

The campaign was extended for two weeks to allow the 3500 volunteers to complete all their calls and solicitations.

The successful completion marks the 58th victory in the 58-year history of the Fund.

Monitor and Merrimac

Journalism Ma

In the past few months, interest has been revived in the famous Civil War ship, the "Monitor," now settled on the ocean bottom under 220 feet of water off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Divers and archaeologists, with the help of tiny research submarines, have extensively photographed the underwater site, cleared away sand and debris, and recovered a glass mustard bottle, a signal light, and a piece of hull plating.

The revived interest in the ironclad "Monitor" has been heightened by the recent donation to the Southern Missionary College McKee Library of a letter handwritten by a Union soldier to his wife. The letter gives an eyewitness account of the battle between the "Monitor" and the Confederate ironclad "Merrimac," which took place on March 9, 1862.

The letter, dated March 12, 1862, was written by John Ethan Rust, from Company I of the Indiana Volunteers, to his wife at home in Valparaiso, Indiana. The letter was passed down to Glenmore and Lee Carter, grandsons of John Rust, who were born in Dallas, Texas. Glenmore Carter is now retired in Collegedale. A member of the SMC Committee of 100, Carter volunteered to donate the letter to the McKee Library when he learned of the large collection of Civil War materials it holds.

The handwritten letter is now ensconced on the third floor of the Library, in the Lincoln-Civil War Collection room. The room is decorated with antique portraits of Lincoln. The letter, inside a glass case, is in smudged brown ink on yellowed note paper, written in a lovely, old-fashioned hand. It's surrounded by old Civil War history books, drawings of the ironclad "Monitor" and its battle with the "Merrimac," and an account of the 1862 battle from the *Encyclopedia Americana*. The letter can't be touched now, because the old paper is too fragile, but it has been



Dr. Vernon L. Thomas, donor of a large Lincoln collection to Southern Missionary College.

transcribed into a typed copy for anyone to read.

It begins: "Dear Wife: I have taken my seat this morning to give you the particulars of the fight at this place believing that you would be interested in it as your husband had to dodge some of the shells though in no danger."

The letter goes on to tell of several ships that came steaming down the Elizabeth River from Norfolk, Virginia, toward Rust's regiment stationed on the shore of Chesapeake Bay. "One of them is called the 'Merrimac,' that same vessel which the secesh (the Secession Confederacy) said, when finished, would clean out all the Yankee's ships in Hampton Roads." Rust described the "Merrimac" as "all under water except the roof which is the shape of the roof of a house and all covered with plated iron making it bomb proof."

All day the "Merrimac" remained in the harbor, wreaking havoc on the wooden Union ships, while the shot fired at her "struck her, but glanced off without injuring her in the least," and the men on shore

could only look on helplessly. It was "sad work," reported Rust. The Union ship "Congress" found that "it was no use to try to cope with such a formidable adversary and the white flag soon ran up denoting surrender of the 'Congress.'"

Later the Yankee ship "Minnesota" arrived on the scene. "It was the intention of the 'Minnesota,' wrote Rust, 'to run up to the secesh vessel (the 'Merrimac'), grapple her with grappling irons, holding her in such a position that she could not do anything and then scald her out with hot water . . . it is the general impression that she would have succeeded if she had not met with the misfortune of running on a sand bar.'"

The battle ended as night drew on, but "still the 'Minnesota' kept firing at her antagonist as though she was determined to make an impression on the minds of the crew if she could not on the boat." That night the "Congress" caught on fire from the shells poured into her and "while she was burning," wrote Rust, "made the most splendid sight I ever beheld as the flames burst forth, lighting the country for miles around."

Meanwhile, on the shore, the Union forces had their own well-being to worry about, as they thought they would probably "be attacked on land by General Magruder who had threatened this point more than once."

But the next day, which was Sunday, March 9, 1862, the tide turned. "As the sun arose with all its splendor and the mist had arose off the water we could see the terrible monster lying at Sewall's point eight miles from camp evidently preparing to renew her work of destruction." "But this time," Rust notes with evident satisfaction, "she would be met with a vessel which would fight her with a far different success than those did the day before."

This new vessel was the "Monitor," "completely under

ature in McKee Library

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water except her guns which are surrounded with heavy iron impregnable to all shots and shells that can be made." When the "Merrimac" saw this new opponent, she was "taken on surprise for they viewed her for awhile, but soon they came to the conclusion to fight." And fight they did, "like demons," said Rust. He and the other men on shore soon saw "that the 'Monitor' had the advantage for she was the faster to fight" and could circle round the "Merrimac," ramming and shelling her in unprotected spots "which made her reel and act as though she did not like it."

The battle lasted for five hours, and at the end of it the "Merrimac" "could hardly travel" and had "taken flight up the Elizabeth River." The men on shore were grateful. Rust felt that "had not the 'Monitor' arrived so opportunely the 'Merrimac' would have shelled us out of camp and Magruder would have attacked us. In our retreat perhaps I would have been a prisoner or under the ground. We owe our lives and position to this remarkable vessel of war."

In reality, the battle was not a conclusive victory for the Union forces, because the "Merrimac" was not damaged as irreparably as Rust and his fellow-soldiers would have liked to have thought. The battle was significant, however, in that it was the first to be fought between the new ironclad ships.

Neither lasted long after the historic encounter at Chesapeake Bay. The "Merrimac" was scuttled in Norfolk two months later to prevent its being captured by the Yankee forces. And the "Monitor" sank in a winter storm off Cape Hatteras the following New Year's Eve. Now all that remains of the "Monitor" is a barnacle-encrusted hulk on the ocean floor, a few artifacts carefully retrieved and brought to the surface, and old drawings and letters reliving the famous first battle of the ironclads.

The Rust letter, however, is only one part of the memorabilia in the McKee Library's Lincoln-Civil War Collection.

The collection was begun by Dr. Russell Slater of La Salle, Illinois, with his personal accumulation of Civil War material, including periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, letters, manuscripts, artifacts and 1900 books.

The exhibition was enlarged when Vernon L. Thomas, M.D., from Keene, Texas, presented his library of Lincoln and Civil War materials in 1976. Collected over a period of 25 years, the Lincoln-Civil War items were the major part of his personal library, which numbered more than 30,000 volumes.

Dr. Thomas also presented a collection from John W. Fling, Jr., a lawyer from Wyoming, Illinois.

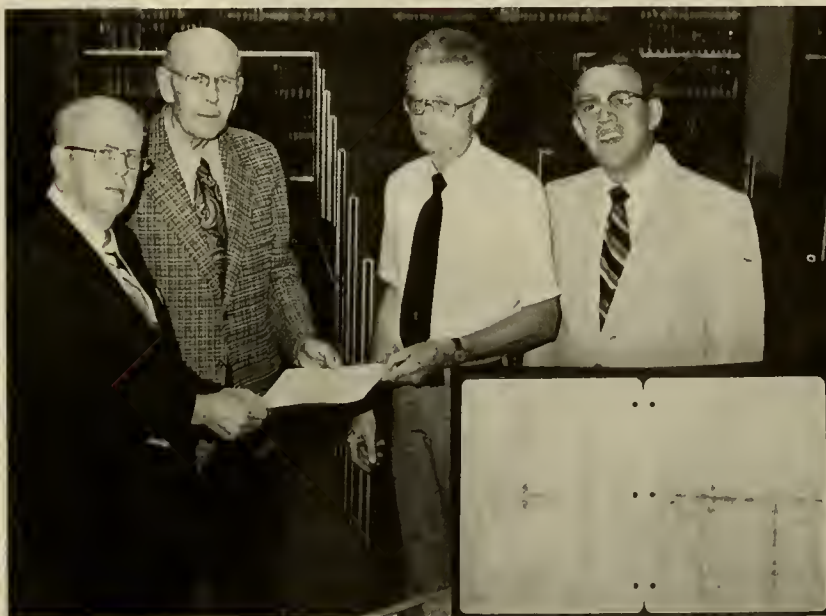
Fling's lifetime collection on Abraham Lincoln is one of the best selective libraries on the president in the entire United States and the

last major private collection of the Midwest, according to Lincoln scholars.

Items of interest in the Fling collection include two copies of *The Life of Lincoln*, by John Locke Scripps, the only biography of himself which Lincoln was able to read and approve; a check signed by "A. Lincoln" for \$10.00, made out in September of 1857; a piece of walnut rail split by Lincoln; and an oil painting of Lincoln by William Paterson of Chicago.

Also by the same artist is a miniature water-color-on-ivory of Lincoln, taken from an unretouched negative made of Lincoln in 1864. The tiny painting is mounted on a gold locket in a pearl-grey case. Fling valued it most highly of all the objects in his collection.

The McKee Library Lincoln-Civil War collection is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Friday, and from 1-6 p.m. and 7:15-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



Glenmore and Lee Carter, left, present their grandfather's letter about the "Monitor"- "Merrimac" battle of the Civil War to McKee Librarian Charles Davis and Lincoln Room Supervisor Dr. Jerome Clark at Southern Missionary College. The old letter is in the foreground.

(picture by Stephen Ruf)

Students Get Involved in Rebuilding Home

by Terri Prins
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The seventies has often been called the Age of Apathy, the "I don't want to get involved" era. But recently a small group of SMC students, armed with a few tools, some construction materials and a lot of determination, set out to prove that not everybody is "looking out for #1."

When Isaac Brunson, a freshman biology major, left SMC in September to help his family after their home was badly damaged by fire, he never expected a group of his fellow students to later band together and to lend a hand in rebuilding the 10-room frame house that was home for 21 people.

The project to rebuild the Brunson home began when Everett Schlisner, Dean of Men, went to Sumter, South Carolina, to visit with the family and survey the damage. When Schlisner returned to SMC, he held workshops in both dorms to ask for donations for the Brunson family and volunteers to rebuild the house.

"The response on campus was fantastic," Schlisner said. "I was overwhelmed by how the students dug deep into their pockets to help the Brunsons." Approximately \$3500 was raised between the students and faculty. And at least 90 men and 50 women volunteered to give their time. Another \$1000 was donated by the South Atlantic Conference and Nosoca Pines Ranch offered to provide free food and lodging for the construction group.

The large volunteer group was narrowed down to 16 men and six women who could devote time away from



their studies and who had construction skills. The group contained an assortment of bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, roofers, painters and others who had worked with construction companies during the summer or were studying industrial arts.

Carpeting, mattresses and dressers were some of the items the students brought from SMC along with their own personal tools and some power tools borrowed from the college maintenance department.

Of the total 1400 square feet of the house, 700 square feet were burned and the rest of the house was badly smoke damaged. In three full days and part of another, using the donated \$4500 to buy construction materials, the students and two faculty members rebuilt the burned section and added another 450 square feet. They also put in new roof superstructure, reroofed the house, added windows, paneled half the area, cleaned up, and repainted the entire house inside and out. A local insurance representative visiting the construction site said that he had never seen a house go up so fast. "I believe we did an awful lot with the money we had," Schlisner remarked. "And our students did only first-class work!"

The job had previously been estimated at \$7000, but because approximately 800 man-hours were donated, it was accomplished for considerably less. There is still \$500 needed to pay a bill for construction materials. If anyone would still like to help with this project, please contact Dean Schlisner.

According to Dennis Diminich, the student construction boss, the trip benefited the students as well as the Brunson family. "This project has helped us learn more about each other. Most of us didn't know one another before coming here. We had seen each other around campus but that was all. Also, this has given us a chance to learn new skills from other students." Diminich added that patience and working as a team were the keys to functioning smoothly and accomplishing a lot.

Isaac Brunson, who is the oldest brother and acts as the family father-figure, is staying at home to help re-establish the family routine, especially for his younger brother and sister. But he plans to return to SMC second semester to continue his education. "I am really overwhelmed," Isaac said, "that these people would travel so far to help total strangers. I never thought that people could care that much. But they proved their love for their neighbors. They have set an example to the members of my community and church. Someday I hope to be in the position to help people like they've helped my family and me."

"I had no idea that my appeal for help would turn into a project of this magnitude," Schlisner said, "but the true Christian spirit of love for our fellow man was clearly manifested by the students here at SMC."

At SMC, love for one another really isn't a scarce commodity. And as Isaac Brunson said, "I'm not glad about the fire, but something great has come out of it!"

SECOND AND THIRD GENERATION STUDENTS ATTEND SMC

By Tammy Taylor

A recent survey was taken in chapel to find out how many second and third generation students are currently attending SMC. The computer revealed there are 99 second generations and three third generations at SMC. This is only the tally from those who attended chapel that day; there are probably a few more students who could be added to both counts.

This reporter was able to track down a few of them and get a short interview.

Ed Eller, senior accounting major, is a second generation student. His parents, Quentin and Barbara Jacobs Eller, both attended SMC. Ed has two older sisters, Barbara and Elizabeth Ann, who are also alumni.

I asked him what he wanted to do after graduation. He said, "I want to work in health care administration somewhere here in the South."

Ed's father, Quentin, has had much to do with building SMC. He works with the Engineering department and has helped to build Thatcher Hall and its Annex, the McKee Library, the Student Center, and Herin Hall Nursing building. His mother, Barbara, is a nurse-anesthetist at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

I also talked with Joyce Harrelson, senior music major and a second generation student here. Her father, Amos Harrelson, graduated in 1954 and is an accountant in Florida. Shirley, Joyce's older sister, graduated in 1978 with an elementary education degree.

Joyce said her future plans are "teaching in some academy anywhere but California."

Evan and Sharon Chesney are third generation students at SMC. Their father, Richard Chesney, graduated in 1953 with a degree in

chemistry. He is now working at the Preston Printing Company in Cleveland, Tenn.

Richard's father attended the Graysville school, which was the forerunner of SMC.

Evan is a junior English major and plans to teach in college or academy after graduation. Sharon is a freshman office administration major.

Joelle Crook is also a second generation student. Her father, Elder Don Crook, graduated in 1953 with a major in religion. Joelle's mother, Sylvia, also attended SMC and was graduated in 1968 with a German major. Elder Crook taught at SMC for eight years and at Collegedale Academy for 20 years. Mrs. Crook is also currently teaching at the academy in German, Spanish, and art.

Joelle, junior home economics and art major, plans to teach in an academy somewhere.

It looks as if many of our SMC graduates have made SMC a tradition in their families.

LETTERS

To the Alumni Staff:

Thank you so much for all the time and effort you and ever so many others put into the Alumni Homecoming!

The meetings were inspirational, the food delicious, the musical programs excellent. We surely appreciate all the work you went to for us.

I especially value the strong spiritual emphasis and re-dedication to the ideals and goals we set for ourselves while we were in school. This makes our time of remembering special as also a time of looking forward.

God Bless You All,

Ruth (Risetter) '49

and Paul Watson '50

Dear Frances:

Amnesia is a sign of a neurologic deficit or something else I don't like to think about, nonetheless, it has afflicted me. I forgot my promise to you to drop a line about our plans.

Maybe a fragment or two of the following may be useful:

After having spent a decade in Bolivia, five years as Pastor-Pilot in the jungles there, we find it hard to believe that educational leave for the benefit of our four children has kept us in Collegedale most of another 10-year period! The day after Christmas we plan to leave to resume our work, this time as Pastor-Pilot and Nurse at our air-base in Pucallpa, Peru. Paperwork with the General Conference is about done.

Southern Missionary College provided me with my nursing degree in early 1977, and that is going to enrich my ministry forever. While my colleagues were getting doctorates, I opted for a "nurserate," and I'm convinced it was a wise choice for me.

Meraldine, as a member of the Nursing Department faculty here for several years, has been happy to try to repay part of the investment SMC made in her pre-nursing studies many years ago. We will always be part of SMC's contribution to God's work overseas if He permits.

Lima, Peru, is the big city and jumping-off spot for anyone coming down our way. We hope some of you will let us take you out to the Indian villages to worship and share with our simpler brethren, beside whom we may have a mansion in Heaven. The word should go out . . . we want visitors at Pucallpa. We promise a blessing to anyone who ventures into that corner of God's vineyard. Write: Casilla 206, Pucallpa, Peru.

Kindest regards,

Richard "Dick" Gates '77

Dear Frances:

You just don't know how much I appreciate and enjoy the SOUTHERN COLUMNS, and especially the pictures, which tell a story to me, for that is about the only way I'll ever see those dear friends. Collegedale means so much to Brad and me and we "glory" in the times we get back that way. I remember a dear friend and promoter?? of mine gave Mabel Wood our pictures and articles about my being president of Community Concert Ass'n., for three years, and president of SDA

Music Guild of Los Angeles, and appearing in the edition of *The World's Who's Who of Women*.

I like my friends to keep up with me, as well as I them.

Brad and Olive Braley

1946

Ann Morgan Wheeler, wife of Ben D. Wheeler '49, was recently on campus to visit their younger son, Carroll, who is a senior at SMC this year. Ben and Ann have been engaged in Public Health work in Rhodesia, since their evacuation from Solusi College in June 1978. The Wheelers, with several other faculty members from Solusi, have been living in temporary quarters in Bulawayo and expect to begin the college program again in February 1980. They report that they still use the same Solusi address as before, and appreciate the prayers and letters of their friends. The country is now under black majority rule, is called Zimbabwe Rhodesia, and still has to fight the communist-backed terrorists who are trying to stamp out Christianity in Africa.



Eloise Rogers Glendrange also visited Collegedale this summer with her three sons "to let them see the trails I walked in my youth." Eloise was excited about the changes on this campus and says SMC still has the reputation out West of "being the best," of our colleges. Her address is 13822 Claremont St., Westminster, Calif. 92683. She would welcome letters and visits from her friends.

1951

Dr. Charles Pierce writes from Canadian Union College that he is very busy directing the music department there as well as teaching

classes at Red Deer College nearby. He says this is his fifth year teaching at the north pole in 49° below zero weather in the wintertime. "The summers are delightful, though," he reports. Charles finished his doctoral degree at Catholic University in Musical Arts in 1976. His wife, Bea, works full time as secretary to the president of Canadian Union College.

1957

Jack Bohannon has been appointed pastor of the College View church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Jack and his wife, Donna, served as missionaries in Iran for a number of years. He later served in Lebanon as Middle East Union evangelist and as chairman of religion at Middle East College. Jack has held several evangelistic efforts in the States where he made use of multi-media demonstrations.

Donna Bohannon has been a medical secretary and a secretary in the Union offices where her husband has worked. Now she will be secretary to the academic dean at Union College.

1959



Dr. Donald W. Wilson has been appointed President of Southampton Center of Long Island University, beginning June 1, 1979. He has been president of Castleton State College, Vermont, since 1976. Commenting on the appointment, Chancellor Albert Bush-Brown said, "We studied more than 175 candidates. We looked for those essential qualities of experience, commitment, vigor, and leadership. Dr. Wilson's candidacy was endorsed unanimously by representatives of the student body, faculty, administration, communi-

ty, and trustees. It was a happy process and we welcome Dr. Wilson to Southampton and the University."

Don was president of the Student Association while he was here in school.

1960

Elder Don R. Keele has been moved from principal of Thunderbird Academy in Arizona to the Conference office, where he will be in charge of the education and communication departments. His son, Don, is a communication major and a resident assistant in the dormitory here.

1963



Bruce Kopitzke is an instructor in the science department at Gem State Academy, and his wife Myrna is the academy librarian. They have three children: Rob 15, Karman 13, and Rick 11. Gem State is in Caldwell, Idaho.

1964

LaVoy Garner is the pastor of the Gladstone and Kansas City Park Memorial churches in Missouri. Even though Elder Garner has spent most of his 14 years in the pastoral ministry, he has also served as a publishing secretary and coordinator of soul-winning follow-up in the Carolina Conference.

1966

Dean Maddock is the principal of Collegedale Academy. He returned from Far Eastern Academy in Singapore last summer to take up his new duties. He says that being principal of a day academy of over 300 students is a lot different from a boarding academy in the mission field.

1968

James Woods is now the director of the musical organizations and teaching voice at San Pasquale Academy in California. He has been transferred from Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md. James has called friends here to say that he and his wife "love California. It has a way of growing on you."

1969

William (Bill) Strong and his wife Dixie Lee (Halvorsen) Strong are working at Upper Columbia Academy, where he is the pastor of the church and campus chaplain, as well as freshman Bible teacher. Dixie is busy being mother to two girls, Sheri, 8, and Karin, 5. She is also working on her master's in guidance and counseling at Eastern Washington University.

1970

Judy Broderson Winter has joined the department of nursing as an instructor while her husband, Dave, is practicing at the Collegedale Medical Center. Judy finished her B.S. in Nursing in 1970 and her master's degree at Emory University in 1971.

Edward Neal, an officer of Care More, Inc., Cleveland, Tenn., was elected first vice-president of Tennessee Health Care Association at the summer convention of the group. Mr. Neal, a licensed nursing home administrator, lives in Cleveland with his wife and two daughters. He has been active in the association for the past seven years.

1971

Dr. David Winter has joined Dr. Waldemar Kutzner and Dr. Harold Messinger '57 in the practice of medicine at the Collegedale Medical Center. He finished his courses at Kansas City College of Osteopathy and interned at Memorial Hospital in York, Pa., before joining the Collegedale Center in July.

1972

Charles "Chuck" Pierce is assistant comptroller at Hackettstown Adventist Hospital in New Jersey. His address is R. D. #2, Box 467 B, Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840, and he would like his friends to write.

1975

David Hakes was ordained to the ministry in the Minnesota Conference last summer. His wife is also a graduate of SMC, and they have a year old son, Scott.

Jan Myron Eberhardt has been awarded the Juris Doctor degree from the Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., in May 1979.

1976

Duane Hallock will move from the public relations office at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas to become the director of development at Portland Adventist Medical Center in Oregon after this Thanksgiving holiday.

Susan Harrington and Ric Carey were married July 29, 1979, at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Md., last summer. Ric's best man was Jim Donaldson, and Steve Grimsley '77 provided music for the wedding. Susan is currently working full time on her master's degree in social work at Catholic University, and Ric is a vice-president for Manor Care, Incorporated, in Silver Spring, Md. They are living at 720 Seek Lane, Silver Spring, Md. 20903

Cheri Pierce is working in the patient business office at Florida Adventist Hospital in Orlando.

1977

Geoff Owens is the assistant director of the Chattanooga Convention and Visitors Bureau in charge of public relations there. He is also studying for his master's degree at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville part time.

Barbara Palmer, who works in the book department at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, was married to John Wetherell, an employee of Washington Adventist Hospital, last summer. They are living at 7633 Laytonia Drive, Gaithersburg, Md. 20760. Florie Koch Rogers '77 was her matron of honor, and Barbara Pierson DeFluiter '76 and her husband, Jack DeFluiter '76 were also in the wedding party, as was Beth Willis.

1978

Richard Ashlock is working in the public relations office at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas as assistant director and photographer. He prepares brochures and annual reports as well as photographing operative procedures for the doctors there.

Dawn Rice Smith reports the birth of a daughter, whom she named Amber Rose, on July 27, 1979. Dawn married Wayne Smith and they are making their home at 778 Tamalpais Ave., Novato, Calif. 94947. She is going to write articles, she says, and concentrate on raising her daughter. She would like to hear from friends.

Don Jehle, who was working in the art department at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, has been asked to be the assistant pastor at the Leesburg, Va., church in the Potomac Conference.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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