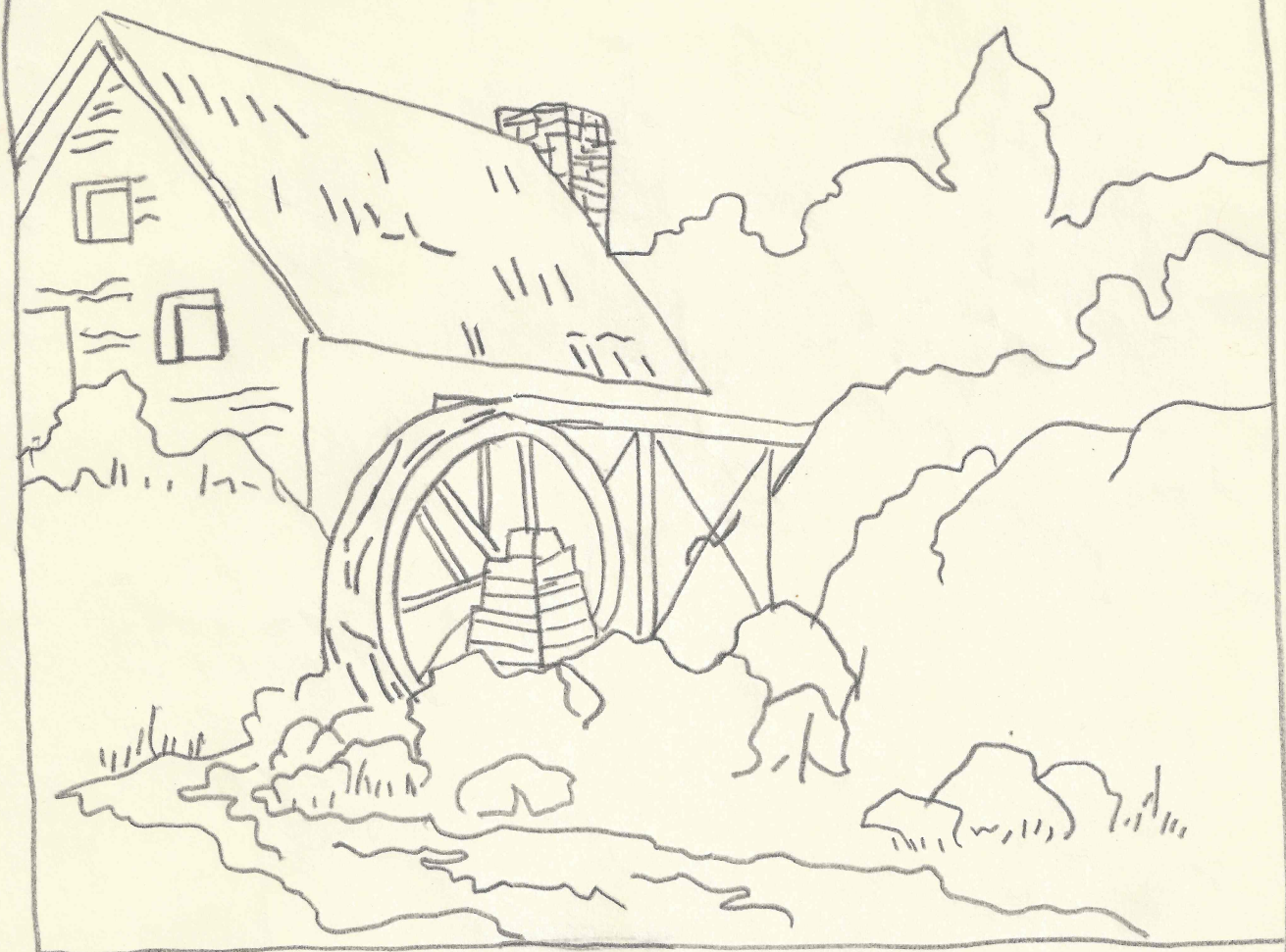


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- The Summer Passes-

Fletcher is far from being a deciduous plant; its growing period continues throughout the four seasons of the year. Consequently, there is no dormant period, and our vacations, as such, are found in the joy of accomplishment. But if there is any one portion of the year busier than another, it would be that part of the year commonly called "vacation months".

With our students it is a time of working long and hard hours, in order that a good school credit can be accumulated by the time class work begins in the fall. This year a very earnest attitude was evident in all the young people. The department heads take advantage of the extra help available at this season, to get the heavy jobs of the year out of the way. Then, of course, the canning of

fruits and vegetables during these months is a major project. It is an inspiring sight in the summer evenings to see a group of thirty or forty young people gathering at the cannery, preparing string beans, tomatoes, or peaches for the canner. To our sanitarium patients these young people, singing and happy at their work, are always a constant marvel.

The farm and garden departments have been blessed with crops above the average this year. In a large degree this is due to the fact that for a number of years we have been building up our soil in a scientific way. And while a confirmed pessimist once bemoaned the fact the "good crops are hard on the soil", we are thankful for the abundance we have had. As an example of our crop record for the season, we mention one acre of string beans that produced more than two hundred bushels.

The building department also plans to grow each summer another ring around the institutional tree. This summer has been no exception. Among the projects carried on have been a new sanitary milk room for the dairy, and addition to the cannery, and space provided for a printing department. Our big job has been the erection of a new building for the sanitarium, which was built on the west side of the sanitarium lawn. This provides seven additional rooms for guests, as well as three rooms for workers. The building is the best constructed of any we have, having brick and stucco on the basement and first floors, and insulated frame on the top story, which opens directly on to the lawn. The building is finished with hot and cold running water available in all the guest rooms, steam heat, electric lights, and signal system. In addition to these buildings are the usual maintenance and repair jobs always with us.

--A. A. Jaspersen

MOUNTAIN SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

The senior class of nurses had their closing exercises August thirty to September first. The Consecration service was held in the Sanitarium-School chapel, Friday evening, August thirty. In his address Elder E. L. Sheldon, chaplain of the Sanitarium, made an appeal for consecration to service, which was met by a whole-hearted response, not only from the class, but from practically all the members of the School of Nursing.

The baccalaureate service was held on Sabbath morning, August thirty-one. Elder W. S. Mead, of Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., gave the address, taking as his theme the class motto, "To Serve and To Save."

The commencement address was given by Elder J. L. Shuler, president of the Carolina Conference, who took as his text Matt. 20:28, "Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Dr. J. F. Brownsberger presented diplomas to our two graduates, Marjorie Coe, and Marjory Mead.

Many prayers will follow this class that as they minister to those in need they may be true and loyal champions of the faith.

--Clara A. Sheldon

FROM THE SANITARIUM

In this autumn number of the Fletcher News Letter the Sanitarium sends greetings to all friends, old and new. We wish you could be with us at this time to enjoy our forests as the Great Painter touches them with gorgeous colors.

Those of you who were here in the early summer and wondered how our new cottage would look when completed are invited to visit us again and see the seven new guest rooms in this same cottage. Light, cheerful, and "homey", these rooms were occupied by guests as soon as they were completed and furnished. Our patronage this summer has been very good, representing fourteen states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Among these guests were several teachers: Miss Raymond of Duke University. Miss Hazel Weatherly of Miami, Mrs. Grace Provin of Coral Gables, and the Misses Ellen and Louise Siddall-- music trachers of Sumter, South Carolina. All but one of these teachers are old friends who came back for a second or third visit.

Among other old friends who have returned to us this summer are Mrs. Margaret Wallis of Biltmore, North Carolina, Mr. M. V. Tennent, a banker of Middleboro, Kentucky, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings of St. Petersburg, Florida, Elder J. L. Shuler of Charlotte, North Carolina, Miss Hettie Smith of Mississippi, Mr. George Dodd of the Asheville Farm School of boys, and Mrs. Mary Smith of Biltmore Forest, Asheville, North Carolina.

Among our late summer visitors are Mr. and Mrs. Fisher of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Fisher was for forty-two ywars an electrical engineer for the Standard Underground Cable Company. He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in Science." Since his retirement Mr. Fisher has been interested in developing colored motion pictures, and has many beautiful films of nature mady by himself. Mrs. Fisher for many years was a well known club woman and public speaker in New York City.

In July 1934 we reached what was our highest number of patients admitted for one month--sixty nine. This year, we beat that number by one, admitted seventy patients in August. Our biggest patient day was forty-three.

The stork was very liberal with us this summer, bringing us thirty-six babies. Seventeen of these were born in our Sanitarium, and nineteen in the homes of our neighbors. The latest arrival in our baby world is Arthur W. Spalding III, a grandson of Professor A. W. Spalding, one of the founders of the school, and son of Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Spalding of Knoxville.

In our out-patient department we took care of 769 individual cases during the four summer months. In addition to these there were 333 out-patients given physiotherapy treatments, and increase of 134 over, the same period last year. As we review the season just closed, we feel thankful for the good summer we have had.

--Mrs. C. G. Marquis

HOME HYGIENE CLASSES

One interesting feature of the health educational program promoted by the School of Nursing is the community Home Hygiene classes. During the past few months, Mrs. Clara Sheldon was taught two such

classes in our community, one for the women of our immediate neighborhood, and another at the village of Fletcher. The enrollment for the two classes totaled fifty-six. The course consisted of forty hours study of such subjects as physiology, home care of the sick, diet in health and disease, care of children, etc. Mrs. Sheldon was assisted in the teaching by other members of the faculty of the senior nursing classes.

The closing exercises for the Fletcher class were recently held in the Fletcher high school auditorium. Elder R. F. Woods, Home missionary Secretary of the Carolina Conference, gave an address; and the class presented a delightful and educational program in dialogue, recitation and song. Dr. Brownsberger presented the twenty-four members with certificates signifying that they had satisfactorily completed this short course in health preservation.

--Elsie Brownsberger

STUDENT NURSES

With the opening of school a new nurses' class enters for training. Following we give the names of the sixteen students of our training school: Rolena Hofstar, Novella Orenduff, Estelle Fox, Ester Fox, Dorothy Hudson, Elvera Youmans, Ruby Clark, Lucy Beal, Mrs. Carrie Christiansen, Clarisse Santana, Nina Trivett, Ruth Ray, Vivian Fox, Mary Chastain, and Mrs. Bernice LaRochelle.

SCHOOL DAYS

The ninth of September found us busy, getting a new school year started. The teachers who had been employed in various ways throughout the summer were happy to ring the bell and gather in our flock. We welcome to our group Miss Margarete Ambs from Berrian Springs, Michigan, who will be with us as our French teacher, and Miss Helen Cambell of Wachita, Kansas, who teaches the first six grades. We give the names of our students, listed by states:

South Carolina

1. LeRoy Adkins
2. John Gilbert
3. Sarah Green
4. Martha Jean McCarter
5. John Bagshaw
6. Gertrude Klaren

Wisconsin

1. Adrian Wright

Louisiana

1. Gertrude Jenks

North Carolina

1. Ruth Byers
2. Ruth Davis
3. Silas Fox
4. Evelyn Gilliland
5. Clayton Hodges
6. Mildred Hodges
7. Robert Hunt
8. Bob Jaspersen
9. Norman Lewis
10. Robert Marquis
11. Mary Medford
12. Verna Moore
13. Lalah Ray
14. Doc Schrehl
15. Cecil Shrock

16. Cordie Lee Smith
17. Ernest Smith
18. Virginia Snow
19. LeRoy Thompson
20. Edith Watkins
21. Charles Young
22. Alma Young

Michigan

1. Estelle McElmurry
2. Howard McPherson
3. Violet McPherson
4. Glenn Nestell
5. Bill Nestell

Tennessee

1. Helen Barto
2. Loren Barto
3. Allie Bennett
4. Lloyd Diggs
5. Cleo Gray
6. Guthrie Gray
7. John Grubbs
8. Beatrice Leach
9. Catholeene McAlexander
10. Helen Miller
11. Ben Mowry
12. Jack Powell
13. Gilbert Snyder
14. Gladys Trivett
15. Jeanette Trivett
16. Ralph Walters

District of Columbia

1. Mary Donovan
2. Margaret Donovan

West Virginia

1. Gladys Rupard

Virginia

1. Ruth Beck
2. Archie Stanton

Missouri

1. Gertrude Osborne

Illinois

1. Kenneth Case

Alabama

1. Glenna Mae Cameron
2. Jack Williams

A NEW INDUSTRY

We are happy to announce to our readers the addition of a new industry in our institution. This new industry is printing. Our equipment consists of a Chandler and Price power press, a 24" paper cutter, two steel type cabinets, over one hundred fonts of type and such other equipment as enables us to begin work at once.

The Fletcher Community Press is already operating. At present we are busy doing our own institutional work, but our plans for doing some commercial work are already under way. We are in hopes that this new venture will be of real value in supplying our own needs and those of our friends. We also hope it will be of interest and practical value to our students.

"Try us once and see."

--Lewis E. Nestell

ARCHIEBALD RUTLEDGE VISITS US

One of the rare treats of the summer was a visit from South Carolina's well-known and much-loved poet laureate, Archibald Rutledge. The lecture Mr. Rutledge gave us was a revelation of the wonderful understanding he has of the ways of nature. Mr. Rutledge is one of the few men who is able to deprive deep spiritual value from his communion with nature. Our group greatly appreciated his sharing with us for an evening his knowledge and love for the wild life of our South.

COME INTO THE LIBRARY

The library, very properly we think, is made the center of our school. The increasing number of books on our shelves from year to year is due in large measure to the generosity of many friends, who have often made a librarian happy by slipping her a bill from some new books, or by sending some much desired work from their own collections.

On our shelves are reference works, books of science, religion, history, nursing education, and literature. The biography section is the largest. The French Department is proud of their collection

of French readers and stories, a small collection but brand new, and we are all pleased with the fine set of The Chronicles of America just in, and also made possible by good friends.

Every day groups of students gather in the sunny, well-lighted library to study, and every day the librarian is kept busy, trying to meet the requests of many young people for "something to read".

Following is a list of books our library needs. Perhaps some friend, a student's mother or father, someone who loves young people, or possibly some student of by gone days would like to pay for a book, or may have some of these books in his library, not in use, that he would like to send to the School:

Rand McNally Bible Atlas	2.78
Desire of Ages	2.25
Pilgrim's Progress	1.00
Patriarchs and Prophets.	2.25
The Butterfly Book - Hollard . . .	5.00
Problems of Citizenship.	2.00
The Hilltop on the Marne	1.60
With Grenfell on the Labrador. . .	1.50
The Blue Flower - Van Dyke	1.00
Little America - Byrd.	2.50
Old Plantation Days - Rutledge . .	2.50
Modern Wonder Workers.	1.00
Tennyson's Poems	2.50
History of Nursing 4 Vol.	7.50
Dic. of Musical Terms.	2.50

--Marguerite M. Jasperson

MISS JENSEN VISITS US

It has been a pleasure to have with us for a few days Miss Katheryn Jensen, of Washington, D. C. Miss Jensen and Professor Weaver inspected our Nurses' Training School. We appreciate Miss Jensen's talks to the group, and counsel and help in educational problems. We enjoyed her too, and hope she will hurry back.

THE TEACHERS GATHER

As the News Letter goes into the mail a group of Carolina Church School teachers is with us for an institution. With them as instructors are Miss Nannie May Smith, Miss Ruby Dell McGee, professor J. E. Weaver, and Professor C. A. Russell.

Always there is much going and coming among us. Last week three nurses attended a meeting of the North Carolina State Nursing Association at Charlotte; the grade and high school teachers went to the Post Graduate Assembly. And still another group, as the News Letter goes out, is on the way to the "adison Convention, taking with them our greetings to the convention friends.
