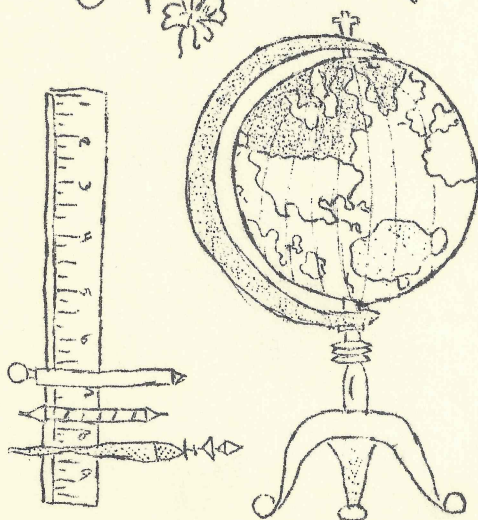
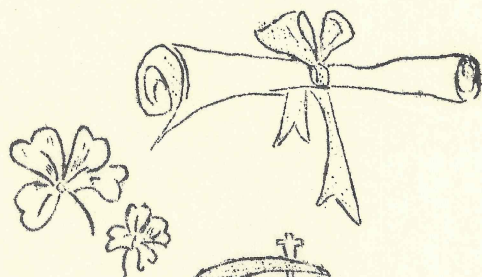
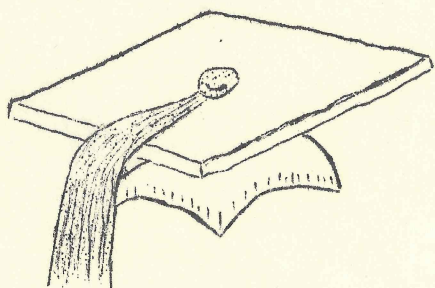
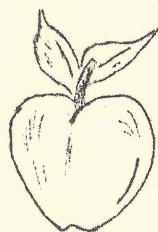


# FLETCHER NEWS LETTER

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## TO THE GRADUATE

This treasured goal you have attained,  
A shining door swung wide,  
Through which you pass, your head held high,  
With so much joy and pride.

The wisdom gained these busy years  
In search of knowledge true,  
Is well worth while as you will find  
All your lifetime through.

You're wished a world of happiness,  
Success along life's way,  
You are tomorrow's golden hope  
On Graduation Day.

--Larson

## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

May 24-26, 1956

## Class Night

How the hours of the school year slipped by so quickly and Class night came we hardly know, but 8 o'clock Thursday evening, May 24, the Seniors were ready with their program

"The Happy Wanderer".....	Ades
The Senior Singers	
Devotional.....	Class Pastor
William Wolters, Jr.	
Introduction of Class.....	Prof. Lewis E. Nestell
"Bless This School".....	Adapted
Class	
President's Address.....	Alex Couch
"I Had a Vision".....	Class
Granting of Awards.....	Prof. Lewis E. Nestell
"Minuet in E Flat".....	Mozart
Norma Googe	
Presentation of Class Gift.....	Jean Stine
Valedictory.....	Lauretta Sisson
School Song.....	Congregation

Seniors, we hope that you will not lose sight of the Vision of what the seven cardinal principles of education--health, good citizenship, command of the fundamentally, worthy home membership, good use of leisure time, selection of a vocation, good character--coupled with a Christian life can do for you. Those of us who remain at Fletcher want to keep our Vision clear so that one day we, with you, may meet Life's call gladly and well prepared.

## Consecration Service

Of all the graduation exercises the Consecration service seems just a little more precious than the others. We were so glad Elder L. M. Nelson could give the Consecration Message for us. He made us realize more fully the real meaning of our Motto. The duet by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Boggs renewed our determination to reach our home "Far Beyond the Sun."

"Meditation".....	Sheppard
Hymn: "All the Way my Saviour Leads".....	Congregation
Invocation.....	Mr. Gordon L. Brown
Consecration Message.....	Elder L. M. Nelson
Missionary Volunteer Secretary	
Southern Union Conference	
Response.....	Class
Consecration Prayer.....	Mr. J. O. Carey
"Far Beyond the Sun".....	Mrs. Gordon Brown, Mrs. Frank Boggs
Benediction.....	Prof. Lewis E. Nestell
Postlude: "Hymn of Peace".....	Nolte

## Baccalaureate Service

Elder C. H. Lauda took time from his busy campmeeting schedule to give our Baccalaureate Sermon. His earnest words touched us deeply. We simply must not fail our God in this life, and if we do not fail Him we will not fail each other.

The music with Mrs. Everett and the Choir seemed especially sweet.

Prelude: "Melodie".....	Nolte
Processional: "March Pontifical".....	Gounod

Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee".....Congregation  
 Prayer.....Elder J. L. Everett  
 Choral Response.....Choir  
 "Seek Ye the Lord".....Roberts  
                                 Mrs. J. L. Everett and Choir  
 Baccalaureate Sermon.....Elder C. H. Lauda  
                                 President of Carolina Conference  
 "Give of Your Best".....Barnard  
                                 Choir  
 Benediction.....Dr. P. J. Moore  
 Choral Benediction.....Choir  
 Recessional: "Postlude in B Flat".....Otis

#### Commencement

When we found Elder Bunch could give our Commencement address we were very happy.  
 We want to thank Elder Lauda for making it possible for him to be with us.

It isn't every class whose president has a sister with a "bird in her throat." To  
 Mrs. Gene Couch-Williams we say "Thank you for your lovely song."

Processional: "March from Athalia".....Mendelssohn  
 Invocation.....Mr. Kent Griffin  
 Solo.....Mrs. Gene Couch-Williams  
 Address.....Elder Taylor Bunch  
                                 Pastor, Sligo Church, Washington, D. C.  
 Presentation of Diplomas.....Prof. Lewis E. Nestell  
 Flower Presentation.....Class  
 Solo.....Mrs. Gene Couch-Williams  
 Benediction.....Mr. C. G. Marquis  
 Recessional: "Festival March".....Braynard

#### Class Roll

Alex Couch.....	President	
Lauretta Sisson.....	Vice-President	
Peggy Haney.....	Secretary	
Jean Stine.....	Treasurer	
William Wolters, Jr. ....	Class Pastor	
Robert Hansen.....	Sergeant-at-Arms	
Charles Batchelor	Rebecca Danner	Nancy McCorkle
Cynthia Bowen	Patsy Felder	Vickie Stinson
Frank Brantley	Norma Googe	Patricia Wilson
Leonard Brown	Parnell Hudson	Raymond Wynn
Louella Byers	Larry Haney	Ann Wallace
Lucy Courter	Phyllis Johann	Georgetta Zerbee

Class Flower.....White Rose  
 Class Colors.....Green and White  
 Class Motto.....Each for Others, All for God

#### Alumni

The Sabbath School commencement Sabbath, May 26, was conducted by the Alumni of the academy. The program was as follows:

Meditation: "Be Silent, Be Silent".....Congregation  
 Welcome: Superintendent.....Vernon Lewis '36  
 Opening Song: "O Day of Rest and Gladness".....Congregation  
 Scripture Reading.....Walter Settlemyre '55  
 Prayer.....Robert Marquis '41

Welcome.....	Mary Donovan-Pearson '36
Special Music	
Mary Shafer '55, Ieda Rhoney '55, Kay Cooper '55	
Mission Story.....	Marthine Bliss '42
Offering.....	Trumpet Solo
Lee Kuist '53	
Review.....	Dr. John Gilbert '37
Lesson Study.....	Charles Arnold '43
Closing Song: "Closer to Thee, My Father Draw me".....	
Prayer.....	Don Pennington '55

We were so glad to have Marthine Bliss, class of '42 home from Africa. In her mission appeal Marthine reminded us of the real need "now", to give to our Master. The last quarter of this year the offering will go to Marthine's particular field of labor. Let's not only be generous now but plan to be extra generous at that time so that adequate workers' homes may be built for those carrying on the work in Africa.

Sunday morning, May 27 at 8 o'clock an alumni breakfast was enjoyed at White Oak Park. The annual business meeting was held and the Seniors properly initiated. Mr. Vernon Lewis was the presiding president. Mary Donovan-Pearson called the roll and read the report of the last meeting. New officers were elected as follows: President: Bill Nestell; Vice-President: Sara Smith; Second Vice-President: Bob Lowder; Secretary: Inez Beck-Nestell; Assistant Secretary and Alumni Editor: Mary Donovan-Pearson

### Captain Gilmer Elementary School Graduation May 17, 1956

Piano Solo.....	Koelling
Karen Hodges	
"The Reorganization of the Graduation Class".....	Class
Welcome.....	Wanda Robertson
Class Gift.....	Marcia Pearson
Valedictory.....	Dana Ulloth
Organ Solo: "Berceuse from Jocelyn".....	Godard
Marcia Pearson	
Class President's Address.....	Scotty Brown
Solo.....	Mrs. J. L. Everett
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Prof. Lewis E. Nestell
Benediction.....	Mr. Gordon L. Brown

### Graduates

Scotty L. Brown--Class President  
Wanda M. Robertson--Vice-President  
Karen Hodges--Secretary  
Marcia Pearson--Treasurer  
Ray Whitehead--Class Pastor  
Dana R. Ulloth--Sergeant-At-Arms

Class Motto.....	"Others"
Aim.....	"We Would see Jesus"

For the parent-teacher's meeting in May, Grades 1-4 of the Captain Gilmer Elementary School gave a Mother and Father's Day Program. We enjoyed it very much as you will know by looking over the following program.

Opening Prayer.....Mr. Kent Griffin  
 Welcome.....Linda Marie Martone  
 Rhythm Band.....Grades one through four  
     Chasing Butterflies  
     Little Lead General  
     Dutch Shoes on Vienna Street  
 "Frere Jacques".....Grades one through four  
 "The Rarest and Best"...Sharon, Marian, Carol, Illeta, Brenda  
     and Doris  
 "Father".....Mike, Ralph, Norman, Keith, John, David  
 "A Mother's Prayer".....Sharon Pearson  
 "When is Mother's Day?".....Mike Hodges and Billy Lewis  
 "My Mother's Bible".....Sharon Pearson  
 "At Singing Time".....Arlene Martone  
 "Guiding Hands".....Billy Lewis  
 "Flowers for Mother".....Teresa Justice  
 "When I'm a Man".....Johnny Reese  
 "Tell Her Today".....Grades one through four  
 A talk.....Mrs. Kent  
 Closing Prayer.....Dr. Moore

Our last "News Letter" went out in January. A quick check shows that many things happened since then. Our Temperance contests were completed. Alex Couch represented us in the Oratorical Contest at Collegedale and won third place. Here at home our students helped with the Temperance issue in Henderson County by speaking on the radio and helping give out literature.

The first of April for the first time in our history brought a Spring Vacation. It was wonderful while it lasted, but when the middle of May came along we felt we could have done without that vacation and closed our school books a week earlier. Wonder how we will feel about this next April?

Our recreational program was varied. The Community sing was a lot of fun. We enjoyed the progressive group recreations, the girls' reception was really a highlight. We thoroughly enjoyed the dinner by candle light in the recreation area of Whitford Hall. The lovely corsages from the boys just put the finishing touch to the evening. Thanks girls, for a wonderful time!

In April and May we went very musical. There was the Band Concert (It was good too) and a special "Thank you" to Dr. Stanley Sturgis from Spartanburg, S. C. who came up and played with us and gave some solo numbers on his trombone. The Spring Festival with its variety program we wouldn't have missed for anything, although we didn't see how it could possibly be squeezed in. Southern Missionary College sent over their Collegians to sing for us one Saturday night. We enjoyed every note. The Piano Recital came along and all our little Mozarts did a grand job. Mrs. Dorothy Ackerman brought a trio of young ladies from Madison College. The program given by this group assisted by Mrs. Donald Vollmer, Mrs. Ackerman's sister, was one of our best. Oh, we did so many things it's hard to remember them all. Some of us attended the North Carolina Symphony both in Hendersonville and Asheville. The Seniors went on College Day trips to Southern Missionary College and Madison College.

We enjoyed listening to many guest speakers in our church services and chapel exercises. Among these were Prof. Lloyd Strickland from Mount Pisgah Academy, President Walters from Southern Missionary College, Col. E. V. Dick who represents our M.C.C. work, Elder J. M. Ackerman from Madison College, Dr. Sturgis from Spartanburg, S. C., Elder Walter Strickland who lives not too far from us now, and others.

Master Guides invested: Mrs. Cora Chandler, Mrs. Marguerite Entz, Mrs. Verna Beck, Mr. William Nestell, Charles Phillips, Bruce Gallman.

We must not forget the choir. They have done much to make our Church services more beautiful through the year. In March the choir presented "Melody Boulevard." The program was pronounced a success and we had fun doing it. The choir trips started in April and how the home church missed it during the next few weeks!

March 3 was a mile stone on our campus. At that time 22 young women and 3 young men, members of the freshmen nurses class took their pledge and the girls received their caps. Capping is such a solemn program and such an important step in the making of a nurse that we always look forward to it with much anticipation.

In January a workshop sponsored by the North Carolina League of Nursing was held in Charlotte, N. C. to discuss "Evolution of Student Performance in the Clinical Area." Worthy Lewis, Cora Chandler, Dell Nestell, Dorothy Kulisek and Gladys Lowder attended.

The Sanitarium and Hospital nurses' offices have been given a bit of face-lifting. New floors and lights have taken the place of old ones and the cabinets and walls have been repainted. We are proud of the new wall to wall carpet in the sanitarium parlor and runner for the hall and sun parlor. The operating room boasts a new operating room table. These items were made possible by contributions from patients and friends.

It just doesn't seem right not to see the faces of Helen and Fenton Hibben on our campus anymore. We miss them so much since they left us to join the group of workers in the Clinic at Oneida, Kentucky. We wish for them much success in their new work.

Mrs. Gladys Lowder was elected 2nd Vice-President of District No. I of the N. C. State of Nurses Association last spring. Congratulations, Mrs. Lowder!

A change in psychiatric affiliation for our student nurses became necessary since the first of the year. The girls now have their affiliation at Springfield State Hospital in Sykesville, Maryland.

Another face we miss on the campus these days is that of Mrs. Annie Witt. Those of you who are away from the campus may not have heard that Mrs. Witt suffered a heart attack last spring and spent long weeks in the sanitarium. The past few weeks she has been with her daughter, Jean Witt-Harris in Nashville. Just this past week she returned here to meet son Paul and has gone to Pennsylvania to make her home with Paul and his family. The place just isn't the same without Mrs. Witt's smile and cheery greetings to help us through the days.

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I wish to express appreciation for the response I have had from the Nurses' Alumni in sending contributions for the new assembly building. I am anticipating hearing soon from those of you who have not yet responded. You should see the Pearson Assembly Hall today. For the past weeks groups of volunteers and others have put in long hours of hard work. Our nurses' graduation will be held there this coming week-end. It is time for that Maple floor. Remember our goal is \$1600. Incidentally if any of you high school alumni wish to help we will be most grateful.

--G.M.L.