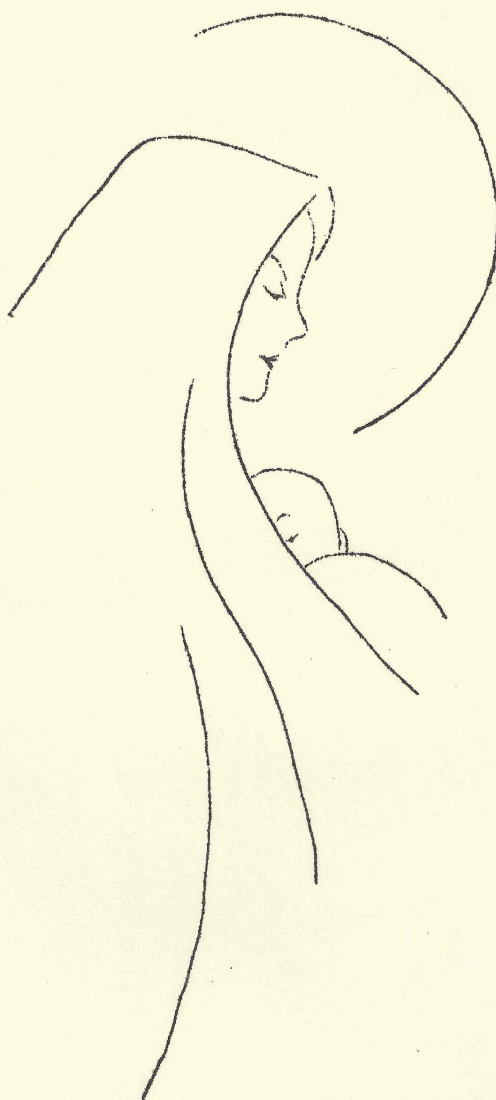


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"Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace, good will toward men."

--Luke 2: 14

Tribute to a Friend

It was in 1924 that Mrs. Annie Witt came to Fletcher, with her three small fatherless children, to teach in the community school. During the four years spent in teaching the children, she won their love; and the influence she exerted is still felt and talked about as the children have grown to men and women.

To broaden her usefulness to humanity, Mrs. Witt took nurses training; then worked in the Out-Patient Department for five years with Doctors Brownsberger and Bliss. After that she worked for many years as supervisor in the hospital on the seven to three shift. For twenty-two years she helped with the teaching in the Nurses Training School.

The way was not easy for Mrs. Witt with her three children to rear, train, support and educate; but with her faith and trust in God as her Guide and Helper she persevered so now they endeavor to show their love and appreciation for her efforts in their behalf.

During the years spent in connection with her teaching and hospital work "Mama Witt" won the hearts of those on the campus and in the community. She loved and served the people of the community and thought of them as "my people". In return they have responded by their interest and expressions of appreciation for her helpful kindness to them through the years she was here.

In May, 1956, Mrs. Witt found that her heart must have rest from such a full program. After an enforced rest she retired from her work at Fletcher. Surely we miss her in many ways, but her influence lives on in our lives and in the work of our Institution of which she was so much a part. We are thankful she has regained her health so she can help with the teaching in the Church School at Morris, Pa. where she is making her home with her son, Paul, and his family.

She would love to hear from her friends-Address:

Mrs. Annie Witt
Route 1
Morris, Pennsylvania

Inside the Nurses Dorm

Still lingering in the minds of the fourteen new "probies" is the memory of the hay-ride and picnic supper given to them as a welcome to our school of nursing. Welcome again, we're glad you are here!

The senior class was glad to gain a member, Mrs. Mary MacDonnell and the junior class was sorry to lose Miss Dottie Carrier.

We miss Miss Ruth Behner, who has gone to Georgia. We hope she will have some fond memories of her life in the nurses' dorm.

We are sorry that Mrs. Gill, our house-mother, has been in the hospital so long. We hope that she will be back with us soon. We all appreciate Miss Whisnant taking the responsibility of both dean and teacher during Mrs. Gill's absence.

Mrs. Lowder seems to enjoy her Ethics class very much this year because now she doesn't have to do all of the talking. We have a new series of Patient-Nurse Situation records. These records show the true value of patience and understanding on the part of the nurse in the recovery of the patient. Thank you faculty for getting these records for us.

Oh yes, and we really appreciate the thoughtfulness of our faculty taking us to the Smoky Mountains to see the beautiful autumn colors. The hike and picnic supper were enjoyed by everyone.

Everyone was complaining of boredom so Mrs. Carol Craig, a former student and now a member of our nursing staff and faculty, suggested that we form a "Nurses' Club" which we did. The officers elected are:

President - Vickie Stinson
Vice-Pres. - Frances Pearson
Sec.-Treas. - Donese Johnson
Assist. " - Rita Parsons
Pastorette - Mary Livingston
Parliamentarian Laruetta Sisson

Case History

An elderly man approached the receptionist at a hospital and asked if E. C. Jones could have visitors.

"No," replied the receptionist.

"Well, how is Mr. Jones getting along,"

"His condition is much improved."

"I'm glad to hear it," the man said, "I've been here 10 days and couldn't get that much information out of any of the doctors or nurses. I'm E. C. Jones."

Our Lake

What is better on a hot day in July or August or anytime the weather permits than the "'ole swimmin hole". Well, we are very fortunate that we now have our own lake. This lake covers about an acre and a tenth, complete with rafts, inner tubes and life preservers! It is now a part of our campus and there is no admission charge. Children, students, parents and workers all took advantage of this fine lake during the summer months. It's really fun! Come join us for a swim!

Ingathering

Ingathering! October 3, was the scene of much activity as sixteen carloads of students and workers gathered to start the field day. Many of the students who did not go on the field trip worked and gave their earnings of that day toward the Ingathering Goal. Our goal of \$3600 seemed quite a lot, but with everyone working together I'm sure we will reach it. (We are now over the top).

Some of the girls went ingathering on Saturday nights and again in the singing band. The students really enjoyed ingathering and many of them had interesting experiences to report. The Lord richly blessed us for our work.

First Hand Reports From The Mission Fields

During the month of August we were privileged to have Elder Frazee on our campus. He presented a series of meetings on "Coming Events". He helped us realize how important it is that we be ready every day for Jesus to come. He emphasized that personal, daily prayer and Bible study are essential to each of us.

Mexico is a land of extremes. The pictures shown by Bro. Ray Comstock revealed lavish wealth in the cities and lack of even the simplest sanitation and education in many areas. The Comstock family have established a self-supporting unit in the southern most part of Mexico. They are teaching the natives how to farm and care for their bodies as well as telling them the story of salvation.

Mr. & Mrs. Colburn, missionaries from the West Indies and Bahamas also visited with us during the month of August. They told us of adventures unlimited for Christ. They travel via boat to visit their island churches; sometime arriving salty and wet. They helped us to realize that a missionary sacrifices far more than we in the homeland. We certainly could do more by giving larger offerings. Shirley, the daughter of the Colburns, stayed with us and is making her home with Mr. & Mrs. Chandler while she attends Church school. We think she is pretty plucky to be so far away from home, but we hope she will be happy with us.

Music

Did you know that Fletcher Academy has both a fine choir and band? Let me tell you a little about them.

The choir is directed by our music teacher, Mrs. Helen Rust. We meet every Thursday night and again on Friday night to practice on the responses and songs for Sabbath. We have about forty-two members. A fifty cent fine is charged if we are absent from choir without permission, but why would anyone want to miss when it is so much fun. Along toward the end of the school year the choir is much envied by many of the students that do not belong because we have choir trips to many of the other churches in nearby towns.

If you are around the campus on Wednesday or Sunday nights you will know that we also have a very active band under the direction of Prof. Gordon Brown. The band has about twenty-five members and this year they are planning to take some band trips.

The girls' and boys' quartet, as well as the triple trio do their share too in furnishing special music for special occasions.

A few of the more advanced students are fortunate enough to be taking organ lessons under the guidance of Mrs. David Entz, but to really hear practicing at all stages you must go up to the music studio. Mrs. Rust has at least fifty pupils ranging in age from six years on through the academy. She really doesn't have many spare moments.

Surprises

Have you every gotten tired of doing the same ol' thing day after day? Work, school, then meetings both morning and afternoon on Sabbath. One afternoon it was beautiful, the sun was shining and all nature seemed to invite to the out-of-doors. Everyone was restless. It was announced that we would go on a real long hike--at least we thought it was going to be long. We had hiked about one-fourth of the way when it didn't just rain--it poured. We were drenched, but we decided to keep on climbing for a time. We turned back before we got to the top of Couch and slid and skidded our way down. It was fun anyway and we do have some surprises at Fletcher that make life more interesting.

Talk about surprises--this one tops the list!! The other night Jane Behre was turning down the covers of her bed and what should she find but a turtle! We wonder if she found the owner.

Picnic Highlights

The day was bright, but not so shiny, as the students of Fletcher Academy piled into the bus and truck as our postponed school picnic was to become a reality. Excitement filled the air. When we arrived at Mills River there was fun for all awaiting us. Almost everyone participated in soft ball, volley ball and relay races. Time flew by while we were taking part in the games. We were having such

a good time we didn't realize it was almost time for supper. A couple of the girls decided they couldn't wait so they went to the creek to catch tadpoles. We were glad for the call to "chow" and thanks to Miss Covey we had a good picnic supper. We returned, weary, tired, but happy students. As we approached the school campus "Down In The Southern Mountains" there was affection in our voices as we sang our school song. I think this was a day enjoyed by all and will be remembered a long time. Truly this is one of the highlights at Fletcher. If you want a good time, in a good way, come on down and join us.

News Notes

Mrs. Love and Miss Covey, please take notice! There are three girls who will never be satisfied with their meals unless they are served live tadpoles--fresh from Mills River--as an appetizer!

Someone got an unexpected--or was it--swim in Mills River. Purpose--To rescue a soft ball. Let's hope Ronnie will be as adept at saving lives some day.

B. J. Cramer--What did you put in the lemonade for the school picnic? At least Dennis had to have something to blame his spill down the log steps at Mills River Park.

So you think you have to get up early! One sophomore girl has to get up before the lights come on and wake up two more girls so usually she is very careful to set the alarm before retiring. But one time she forgot. She got up and awakened the other two girls. All three got dressed and just as they were leaving their rooms to go to work they happened to notice the clock. It was 11:30 P.M.!!!

How about a muffin, Mrs. Entz? Mrs. Entz had her heart set on having some nice corn meal muffins to serve for supper. Upon inquiry she found that they had some new corn meal at the store. When she began to mix her muffins she thought the meal seemed quite like paste, but since it was white instead of yellow maybe it was the normal texture. These muffins did not taste like any she had ever made before, but the family ate them without comment. Upon investigating the next day she found that they had given her potato meal in place of corn meal. Somebody in that store didn't have his mind on his work. Better luck with the next baking!

"Apple pie, hot sandwiches, punch--right this way!!" Because of rain our surprise lawn party for the new girls was transferred to Whitford Hall Parlor. Annette Perkins, summer president of the girls' club, welcomed the new girls. Mrs. Entz now has a family of fifty-five.

Seems like teachers always have a way of finding out what we don't know--every six weeks. Hope those report cards come out pretty soon--in the meantime we'd better renew our vow to do our homework every day. It is no fun sitting in study hall Saturday night you know.

A new baby on the campus! Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowder are the proud parents of a fine baby boy (Robert Michael) born November 7.

November 5 is a date June and Van McGlawn will long remember. Little Vanette took her very first steps alone.

We are happy to welcome Virginia and Edwin Bagwell and their two boys to our campus. Mr. Bagwell is working in the laboratory and assisting Mr. Hansen in x-ray. Mrs. Bagwell is helping Mr. McGlawn part time in the credit office.

Sandra Rust is the proud owner of a brand new cello--a gift from her grandmother. We will be waiting to hear some special music Sandra.

Mrs. Craig and Miss Whisnant deserve a vote of thanks for the delicious pumpkin pie served at the recreation hall October 31. Also Mr. Craig for being the chief pop corn popper for the occasion.

Visiting parents always bring joy among the boys and girls. Among our visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Boley, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Brantley, Mrs. Crammer, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Doolittle, Mr. and Mrs. Johann, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. Reece, Mr. and Mrs. Rhoney, Mr. and Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Crittenden, Mr. and Mrs. Darnell, Mrs. Eunice, Mr. Hodges, Mrs. Judy Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Vance.

Herbert Johnson was happy to have a visit from his brother, Charles and family.

News from Mission

Davenport: "Counting the days until Christmas."

Smith: "Oh, how I miss the Sun."

Sutter: "Love those crying babies."

Rowe: "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a nurse healthy, wealthy and wise."

Parker: "I'll make the surgical floor or die."

Heaton: "Delivering babies by the dozen."

Cooper: "My favorite floor? Why, Pediatrics of course!"

St. Pierre: "I'll be home for Christmas!"

Branson: "Home Sweet Home."

Hellerud: "Sutdy! Who, me?"

Miss Parker has joined us again at Mission and since her arrival, has been nominated as representative for Mt. San and Hospital by the student council. Miss Kay Cooper is her alternate.

Miss Hellerud was called away to be with her family during her mother's illness. We miss her and hope she will be back with us soon again.

Wedding Bells

August 1--Miss Marie Archer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Archer of Belle Glade, Florida, and Lee Kuist, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Kuist of Hendersonville, N. C., were married in our chapel here at Fletcher.

Elder J. L. Everett officiated and a program of music was presented by Mrs. David Entz, organist; Mrs. Helen Rust, pianist; with vocal numbers by Miss Patty Collins, Mrs. Marlene Marsh, and Mrs. J. L. Everett.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin street length gown with fingertip veil and carried a bouquet of white asters.

Miss Ruth Phillips of Greeneville, Tenn., was bridesmaid and wore a pink taffeta dress trimmed in satin with matching hat, and carried a nosegay bouquet of pink asters.

Mr. Kenneth Wynn of Hendersonville, N. C. served as best man, and ushers were Mr. Bob Hansen and Mr. David Love.

A reception was held in the nurses' home.

Marie and Lee both are graduates of our academy and Marie is also a graduate of our School of Nursing. She has been one of our sanitarium and hospital supervisors since completing her training. Lee attended S.M.C. after completing his academy work here. The Kuists are making their home in our community.

Sunday, October 27, was the occasion of a lovely wedding in our own little chapel of one of our own girls. Patty Collins, daughter of Mrs. Jessie Collins, of Farmington, N. C. became the bride of Mr. Dudley Eastin of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Elder I. W. Young of Charlotte performed the ceremony. Nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Frank Boggs of Jefferson, N. C., organist; Mrs. Spears, aunt of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown. The bride was given in marriage by a friend, Mr. Patrick Hicks of Winston-Salem, N. C. She wore a bridal gown of imported embroidered slipper satin, fashioned with fitted bodice and long pointed sleeves. Her shoulder length veil of illusion fell from a crown of orange blossoms. She carried a white Bible topped with an orchid. The bride's sister, Miss Helen

Collins, was maid of honor; bridesmaids were Mrs. Nancy Faulk, sister of the bride and Mrs. John Coble. The maid of honor wore a dress of green taffeta and net. The bridesmaids wore identical dresses of yellow taffeta and net. All wore matching head dress and carried nosegay bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums.

Mr. Spanos served as best man and Mr. John Coble and Mr. Van McGlawn as ushers.

A wedding reception in the nurses' library followed the ceremony.

After a wedding trip to Florida the couple will make their home in Winston-Salem.

The bride is a graduate of the Fletcher Academy and the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing.

"Shake a Leg Boy, It's Getting Late"

Tension was mounting as the spruced up boys gathered in the parlor of Whitford Hall at 6:00 o'clock November 11 for the reception sponsored by the girls' club.

You can bet your boots each boy was there when his name was called to escort the one he had asked to dinner and then to the chapel afterwards for a wonderful program.

Some of the boys' faces really lit up when different little experiences that happened during their life were told.

Excitement ended at 10:30 when we all went to our rooms for a good night's sleep.

Each one had a wonderful time. Thanks girls for such a good reception.

Youth Institute on Human Relations

As representatives of Fletcher Academy, Hobart Lowe and Dolores Ham attended the Youth Institute on Human Relations the morning of Tuesday, November 19. The meeting was held at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, and was sponsored by the National Council of Christians and Jews and the Greater Asheville Intergroup Youth Congress.

There were representatives from all the schools in the Buncombe County-Asheville area.

The theme was "Living Together in Peace" and was the topic for the six discussion groups. Mrs. Kent Griffin was an observer and visited several discussion groups. The program was ended at three-thirty p.m. and we all agreed that we profited greatly by the program.

<u>Academy Honor Roll--1st period</u>		<u>2nd period</u>	<u>September Citizen of the Month</u>
A	Fox, Florence	A	Fox, Florence
	Lambeth, Louise		Ham, Dolores
	Straight, Tommy		Lambeth, Louise
A-	Anderson, Glenn		Straight, Tommy
B	Anderson, Kenneth	A-	Anderson, Elaine
	Cramer, Barbara	B	Anderson, Glenn
	Garey, James		Anderson, Kenneth
	Ham, Dolores		Cobb, Gary
	Hansen, Dennis		Cramer, Barbara
	Lowe, Hobart		Lowe, Hobart
	Neff, Ruth		Straight, Eddie
	Otto, Timothy		Sweeney, Ellen
	Straight, Eddie		Ulloth, Sharon
	Young, Martha	B	Davenport, Mary
	Hill, Pauline		Garey, James
B	Cobb, Gary		
	Ulloth, Dana		
			<u>October Citizen of the Month</u>
			9th grade
			Lester Clark
			10th grade
			Louise Lambeth
			11th grade
			Gary Cobb
			12th grade
			Harold Smith

Student reporters:

School of Nursing
Jean Stine
Helen Scherer

Academy
Sharlene Doolittle
Martha Young
Billy Hudson
Dolores Ham

PROGRAMS

We have had so many interesting programs this year we would like to tell you all about them. That would be impossible so just a quick check-back on some of the most interesting ones.

November 19. Audubon Program. Mr. Allan Cruickshank presented his program "River of the Crying Bird." "In Florida a beautiful river flows southward to the sea. It is this river of mystery, of wildlife wonders, of the limpkin's wail. . . the Wakulla, that noted naturalist Allan Cruickshank of Florida has photographed in all color motion pictures. From its beginning, twenty miles south of Tallahassee, until it splashes away into the sunny Gulf of Mexico, the Wakulla is a river of drama." And Mr. Cruickshank made us feel the beauty, mystery, and drama all along the river's course. If you missed this program--well don't miss another Audubon lecture.

November 28. The Captain Gilmer Elementary School presented a Thanksgiving program in the chapel. Music, readings, and skits brought back stories of the first Thanksgiving, and memories of Thanksgivings we have enjoyed and of the things we have to be thankful for today. Thanks to our grade school for a profitable evening.

December 14. Band concert time. We had a wonderful surprise. A band practicing sometimes sounds like "here a squeek, there a squeek and everywhere a squeek, squeek." All those squeeks got together and we are just plain proud of them. There will be another concert later in the year and we invite you to come enjoy it with us. A vote of appreciation to Mr. Gordon Brown and the band members for the work they are doing.

December 8-14. Week of Prayer. We were so happy to have Elder R. E. Logan of Spartanburg with us for this week. The morning worship periods were most helpful, and the evening services could not help but draw one closer to his God. We want to say a special "Thank you" to Elder Nash for making it possible for Elder Logan to be with us and to Elder Logan for his faithful service while here.

December 10. Elder James Scully from the Temperance Department spoke. We were surprised at what we can do to help in the Temperance work. Remember, Students, our membership drive closes immediately after vacation. If you haven't turned in your membership dues don't forget to bring 50¢ back after vacation!

Every day is just a bit more crowded than the day before. Where do the minutes go! There are the usual lessons, plus practice, practice, practice for so many things. But Sunday night is the Candlelight program, and Monday noon vacation begins! MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEWS FLASH

Fletcher is trying a new project! This year we are going to have an Annual. It is to include all three schools--the Captain Gilmer Elementary School, Fletcher Academy, and the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing. You will want to help we know. Perhaps you have a snapshot that might be just what we need. We won't promise to use all that are sent in but we would return any that could not be used. We haven't a name for our Annual as yet but the students are having a contest to get this settled. Of course there are more things you can do to help with our project--for instance get your subscription in right away. All subscriptions must be in by the 25th of January. Just fill in the form below and return to

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