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TO MAKE LIFE BEAUTIFUL

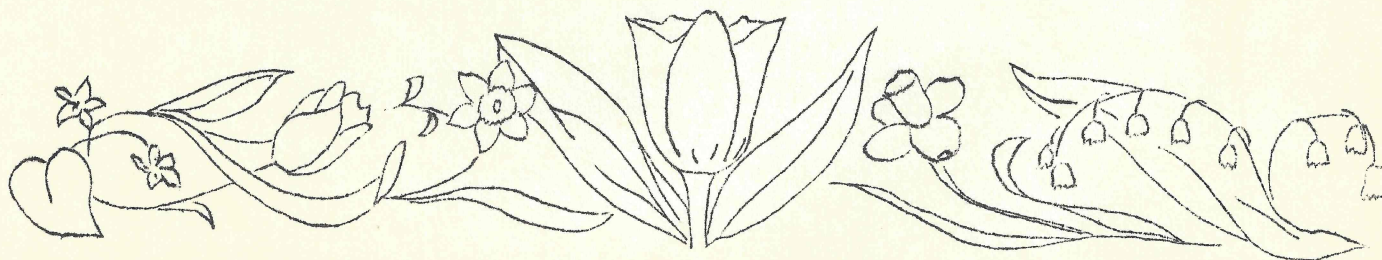
If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbors' faults. Forget all the slander and unkind remarks you hear each day. Forget the temptations, forget the faultfinding, and give a thought to the cause which provoked it.

Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good which makes you fond of them. Forget all the personal quarrels of histories you may have heard by accident, and which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they really are.

Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life. They will come, but will only grow larger when you remember them. And the constant thought of acts of meanness or malace will only tend to make you more familiar with them.

Obliterate everything that yesterday was disagreeable; start today with a clean sheet, writing upon it for memory's sake only those things which are lovable. Remember that some day we must give an account of our words and deeds and thoughts. Therefore let us try to make life beautiful for ourselves and for others.

--From War Cry, Toronto, Canada



TYPING ACTIVITIES

On April 14, the typing class presented the academy chapel program. Several typing students demonstrated their skill by taking one-minute timings. Others gave short talks about the invention of the typewriter, ways of obtaining and holding position, and the part good grooming plays in the career of a secretary. A short story illustrating how one can learn to type successfully despite severe physical handicaps was told to encourage those who think they just don't have the ability to operate the typewriter.

A short comedy skit presented the contrast between the effects of the influence of a lazy and that of the efficient secretary on the success of the employer's business.

Then came the moment for which the students had worked so long--time for presentation of awards. The Junior O.A.T. Awards (Order of Artistic Typists), given to those students who are able to type a given piece of material perfectly, was awarded the following students: Frank Brown, Nolan Darnell, George Mascunana, Timothy Otto, Gail Vance, Mary Boley, Janice Braddock, Steve Cherron, Anita Cook, Donna Reagan, D. H. Rowe, Ina Dean Shepherd, Nancy Stevens, Dolores Ham, Dana Ulloth, Mary Davenport, Max Moffitt, Harry Branson, and Janet Powell.

Those receiving Senior O.A.T. Certificates, awarded any students able to type for ten minutes at the rate of forty correct words per minute with a minimum of five errors and to type perfectly a given piece of work, were: J. B. Lane, Annette Perkins, Lela Johann, Mary Stinson, Barbara Cramer, JoAnn Ricks, Nancy Bean, and Betty Bishop.

Typing Progress Certificates, which can be obtained by typing thirty to thirty-nine correct words per minute with not more than five errors, were awarded the following: Frank Brown, Nolan Darnell, Lela Johann, J. B. Lane, George Mascunana, Timothy Otto, Mary Stinson, Gayle Vance, Annette Perkins, Melvin Blanchard, Mary Boley, Nancy Bean, Betty Bishop, Steve Cherron, Anita Cook, Janet Powell, JoAnn Ricks, Donna Reagan, D. H. Rowe, Ina Dean Shepherd, Nancy Stevens, Dolores Ham, Dana Ulloth, and Barbara Cramer.

Competent Typist Certificates were given to those students who could type forty correct words per minute with only five errors. Those listed under Senior O.A.T. qualified for this award.

Those receiving 50 WPM Competent Typist Gold pins were Lela Johann and Hobart Lowe. Steve Charron was awarded the Junior O.A.T. pin for having the neatest paper.

Out of the class of thirty-four students only ten have not qualified for at least one award, but they will soon catch up with the rest--that is, if they don't follow Karen Hodges's example. We just hope that she had already completed her requirements before she and poison ivy got mixed!

--Dolores Ham

IN MEMORIAM

Everyone was saddened and shocked by the sudden death of Mrs. Norcom Richardson on January 21, 1958. She was truly a "Southern Lady", and students, nurses, workers and patients miss her friendship and graciousness.

We said good-bye with regret, but we will have many happy memories of the time she spent with us. We are happy that her daughter, Mary Ellen Chapman--"Chappie"--is here with us and that she will continue to be a part of our big family.

PATHFINDERS

Crepe paper and balloons festooned here and there added a note of gaiety to the setting of the Pathfinder Fair, held in Pearson Hall on the evening of April 16. Booths displayed birdhouses, sewing, bread, and pastries made by various club members. Wearing the standard uniforms, Pathfinders moved among the people, answering their questions and directing them to the several points of interest.

Mrs. Bessie Powell is director of the Fletcher Pathfinder Club.

The Carolina Pathfinder fair, held on April 27, at the Asheville City Auditorium, was the finale of the Carolina Youth's Congress. Exhibits at the many booths indicated lively activity among the members of the various clubs throughout the Carolinas. Special mention should be given those Pathfinders in the Fletcher Club who entered items for the exhibits. They are Karen Brown, Clara Ramsey, Mary Garey, Patsy Turner, Ileta Reesé, Marion Brown, Johnny Reese, Arlene Martone, Linda Martone, and Carol Chandler. Ileta's pie won first award. Marion's cake, Johnny's cookies, Arlene's pie, and Carol's bread won second awards; and Linda won a third award with her cookies. The Fletcher booth was awarded third prize.

To end a perfect day Sam Campbell brought to us movies of the animals of the northwoods. We loved them everyone, and Sam and Giny will be our fast friends forever.

MASTER GUIDE CLUB

Are you a member of the Master Guide Club? If not, you had better join. We have loads of fun learning how to be better youth and better leaders of tomorrow. A five-day course in leadership helped us in our Master Guide work.

The reward for completing this course was a weekend camping trip to Pearson's farm about seventy-five miles from the school. It had snowed all night Thursday night, and we were doubtful as to whether or not we would get to go. But we checked the roads and the report was O.K.: so Friday afternoon, January 24, found us at our destination. After preparing for the Sabbath, we had a big snow ball fight. We all looked rumpled! Oh, well, who cared? We were on a camping trip in the mountains, and no one would see us because we were going to have Sabbath School in Pearson's farmhouse. Or were we? Just before sundown a family who belonged to the small S.D.A. church there came over and invited us to attend their services. Next morning we went, wearing boots, socks, shoes, and the same clothes we had had our fight in. The worst part was that we had to get up front and take charge of the Sabbath School!

On Sabbath afternoon we hiked three miles up a big mountain and viewed below the deepest wooded gorge in the United States. What an inspiring conclusion to our weekend in the mountains! Those who went on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Entz, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, Hobart Lowe, Nancy Bean, Annette Perkins, Ellen Sweeney, Tommy Straight, Eddie Straight, Martha Young, Ernestine Heatherly, Barbara Cramer, and Louise Lambeth.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Elder Logan from Spartanburg came up for the first weekend of our Week of Prayer. It was good to have him back with us again and to listen to the messages he brought. Elder L. A. Wynn, district pastor, conducted the evening meetings, and our own students led out in the morning worship periods. The week was one of blessings and victories gained. We appreciated the help of our ministers and the efforts of our students in making this week a success.

WEDDINGS

It's fun to have two brides on our campus. Mr. and Mrs. Ferdi Wuttke, who were married in the late fall, moved into the Pearson apartment during Christmas vacation. Mr. Wuttke teaches grades five to eight. Mrs. Wuttke is the former Mrs. Marlene Marsh.

In March, Miss Sara Smith became the bride of Mr. Jack Quick, our farm manager. Sara is a senior nurse and a graduate of our academy. Mr. Quick is a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College.

On Thursday night, March 27, the ladies of the community gathered at the Pearson home to give a shower for Marlene and Sara. Showers are such happy occasions. We enjoyed every minute, from the cookies and punch to the opening of the last gift, a lovely blanket. Yes, we are happy to have two brides on our campus. (Mr. Quick would put in a correction. He would say, "We shall be happy when Sara returns to our campus." Right now she is affiliating at Sykesville, Maryland, and won't be home for three long months.

SAM CAMPBELL

Sam Campbell, "The Philosopher of the Forest"--author, lecturer, naturalist, and photographer--one of the most versatile lyceum lecturers ever to come to Fletcher, presented an inspiring motion picture in natural color, entitled "The North Country--Land of the Voyageur," here on March 28. Through movie and lecture Mr. Campbell took his audience through the north woods of Wisconsin lake country and on up into Canada's wilderness. He shared with them his intimate knowledge of the habits of wild animals in their natural setting and his keen appreciation of the natural beauty untainted by the inroads of civilization.

Sam Campbell majored in animal psychology in college, and for about thirty years he and wife "Giny" have spent their time observing and photographing wild life for personal pleasure and for the purpose of bringing to the public a wider knowledge of their natural environment. This was the Campbells' first trip to Fletcher campus, and both students and workers anticipate more of his programs in the coming years.

CAROLINA YOUTH'S CONGRESS

The Carolina Youth's Congress, under the direction of Elder George Yost, M.V. and educational leader of this conference, convened in Asheville, April 25-27. Elder T. E. Lucas of the young people's department of the General Conference was the principal speaker. His Sabbath morning sermon helped the youth to sense their responsibility as modern Josephs and Daniels that will witness in the momentous crisis of the last hour of conflict between Christ and Satan. The Sabbath afternoon symposium demonstrated how that already the missionary activities of both junior and senior youth in the Carolinas had given impetus to the great Advent Movement toward its close. A thrilling picture of missions around the world, shown by Elder Lucas on Saturday night, reminded Carolina youth that fellow young people in the less favored mission lands were not slack in carrying their share of the burden. Truly, the Carolina Youth's Congress was a real stimulus to youth endeavor in the cause of Jesus.

Fletcher Academy Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Rust, rendered several numbers, among which was a concert of sacred music to open the initial service on Friday night.

Student reporters:

School of Nursing

Jean Stine

Helen Scherer

Academy

Sharlene Doolittle

Martha Young

Billy Hudson

Dolores Ham

How excited the Captain Gilmer Elementary School music students were Monday, March 24! That night they were to take us on a musical trip around the world in eighty minutes. We enjoyed every note of their numbers, and their costumes were lovely. One thing is sure, Billy Lewis is a grandson of "Uncle Jimmy". He measured and measured some more to be sure that the bench was just where it belonged. It made one think of "Uncle Jimmy" and his special care of that sweet corn or those potatoes. Everything has to be just right, you know.

April 7, was the night of the academy music recital. Trembling limbs did not hinder the flying fingers, and every one did well. Thanks to the music department for another lovely evening of music. Mrs. Helen Rust, our piano teacher, and Mrs. Marguerite Entz, instructor in organ, are to be commended for the marked progress of their students.

CAMPUS NEWS

Six-thirty Sunday morning, April 13, found the Fletcher seniors on their way to Southern Missionary and Madison Colleges for College Day activities. The thoughtful juniors sent us along our way with bags of popcorn to supplement our breakfast. The next five days were filled to overflowing with programs designed to acquaint prospective students with college life. We wouldn't have missed those days for anything, but how good it was to arrive home!

The junior class picnic was held April 16, at Davidson River near Mount Pisgah. Thirty-four juniors and our sponsor, Mrs. Bessie Powell, played ball, took pictures and hiked. After a good feed we drove over the mountain through Candler and back home. Mr. James Garey took our group in his truck. Max Moffitt, our president, really engineered activities efficiently and helped make our picnic a delightful memory.

Although Neal Robin McDonald has been here only a short time, he has found a place in the heart of everyone on the campus. Neal Robin and his brother, Keith, who arrived a year ahead of Neal, are two little six-year-old Korean children who have been adopted by the McDonalds. Keith already speaks English more fluently than he does the Korean language; and even though Neal Robin doesn't understand English, he can feel the warm welcome of his adopted family and other friends.

We can hardly wait to move into our new dining room. Some of the boys and men have been working there every day and sometimes until around midnight. Dr. Pearson is on the job every minute he can find, and Sundays Mr. Rhoney, from Hickory, is busy working. The dining room is eighty by forty feet. With its terrazo floors and green and white walls, it will be an attractive addition to our campus when completed. The space now used for a cafeteria will probably be converted into a bakery.

In February, Elder I. W. Young held a two-week evangelistic effort at the Mountain Sanitarium Church. Some of the academy students visited homes in the neighborhood and invited people to attend the meetings. This house-to-house visiting constituted just one of the many opportunities afforded Fletcher students for engaging in missionary activities.

Elder and Mrs. Lewis Wynn come to us from Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia, to pastor the churches at Fletcher and Hendersonville. They have two children--a girl Marsha and a boy Velton--both of whom attend Captain Gilmer Elementary School. We welcome the Wynns into our midst and anticipate a deep and enriching spiritual growth in the two churches as a result of their influence.

March 18, the Fletcher Community Program was held in the Fletcher High School Auditorium. Our school was represented by a number of vocal and band selections.

March 30. Investiture. We have told you something of the Master Guide Club and its activities. Leaders of youth, especially Christian youth, are important today. The Master Guide Club's function is to help train such leaders for service in our church. On March 30, Elder Yost was with us and seven Master Guides were invested. We welcome the following into youth leadership: Ellen Sweeney, Annette Perkins, Tommy and Eddie Straight, Peggy Just, Hobart Lowe, Mrs. Harris Geisinger, and Doctor P. J. Moore.

Mrs. Marion Seitz-Simmons, Director of Elementary Teacher Training at Madison College; Miss Elizabeth Cowdrick, Associate Professor of English; and three students, Mr. I. T. Combs, and the Misses Ruby Seibert and Ruth Coulter visited us in March and conducted our chapel service on Sunday night. They met with the Teachers of Tomorrow Club and the seniors on Monday. We appreciated their enthusiasm and the inspiration they gave us to continue our training after finishing high school. Remember, students, what we do today has much to do with what we will become tomorrow. Come again when you can, Mrs. Simmons. You and your group are always welcome!

Professor and Mrs. L. E. Nestell attended the Council for Principals of Senior Academies of the Southern Union, held at Forest Lake Academy in Florida, January 23-25. On their return the Nestells stopped over at St. Augustine to do some sightseeing.

ICE SKATING----in the South! What a wonderful time we had on our frozen lake for several days. (It is surprising how many pairs of ice skates appeared.) In spite of bruises, sore muscles, and cold weather, even the Florida Crackers are hoping that the lake will freeze over again next year.

January 16, 1958, was a red letter day for Mr. Nelson Chandler. The State of N. C. High School Equivalent Diploma was presented to Mr. Chandler by Professor Nestell while about thirty of his friends were gathered to celebrate the occasion. We congratulate you, Mr. Chandler.

GUESS WHAT!!!!

The annuals are here. Yes, they really are. About all we have been able to do since Tuesday night when they were given out is just to sit and look or dash here and there and get signatures. We think these yearbooks are just wonderful. I'm sure you will too, when you receive yours. We hope to get them in the mail very soon.

--Billy Hudson

Notice to the Fletcher Academy Alumni

The annual meeting and breakfast of the academy alumni will be held Sunday morning, May 25, at 8:00 o'clock in Pearson Hall. If you cannot attend our meeting, why not send along a message to be read? We would be glad to hear from each member. Please check one of the following squares and return at once to

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Mrs. Cora Hudson-Chandler, Secretary
Fletcher Academy Alumni
Fletcher, North Carolina

I will attend the alumni meeting May 25, 1958 ☒

I will not be able to attend ☐

The twenty-fourth annual commencement exercises of the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing will be held on August 30, 1958. Sixteen students are to be awarded their diplomas at that time.

The Shutter Bug Camera Club met as usual at the nurses' home and were honored to have as their guest speaker Mr. Don Barber of the "Barber Studios" in Hendersonville. He gave a very interesting talk and then spent some time in giving constructive criticism to the members on their pictures.

Summer time has finally come again. The farm boys have been busy making hay, the lake has become a very busy place, Mr. Gordon Brown is busy keeping the campus looking beautiful, Dr. Pearson and a group of boys have started work on the tennis court, and the ladies have been busy freezing fruit. "No price is set on the lavish summer, June may be had by the poorest comer."

The annual Fletcher Academy Alumni breakfast and business session were held in Whitford Hall dining room Sunday morning, May 25. The following officers were elected: President, Charles Arnold; executive president, Lee Kuist; vice president, Ruth Neff; secretary-treasurer, John Black; assistant secretary-treasurer, Inez Nestell; alumni editor, Mary Pearson.

A recent letter from Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Boggs brings reports from their new home in Virginia. The Boggs have purchased a home at Luray and are busy getting settled there. The address is Route 2, Box 114, Luray, Virginia.

WHITFORD HALL DINING ROOM

On the evening of May 22 I walked into the dining room amid all the usual noise of machinery and the added confusion caused by chairs being carried out. Even tables were shouldered by some of the boys. I was late for supper but was served my meal, nevertheless, as others had been, in paper plates and cups. I ate my sandwiches and salad while the dining room gradually emptied.

After my evening's work, in company with the principal's wife and some students, I went to the unofficial openhouse at the new dining room. Everybody it seemed was on inspection tour. Cries of delight over new light fixtures, glistening floors, tile walls, and colorful table cloths accented the informal pleasure of the occasion. The steam table had been put in place, and it was being examined. After five years of using makeshift facilities we were about to be ushered into a real sure enough cafeteria.

The dining room is large, approximately 40 feet wide by 80 feet long. The floor is terrazzo and the ceiling is of soundproof Celetex. Speakers to an amplifying system have been secluded among the ceiling squares at regular intervals, making it possible to have soft music at mealtime. The white and green cement tile walls are broken by thirteen large windows, making the room very light and airy and affording a lovely view of the surrounding campus. The picture of a mountain scene covers a large area--4½ feet by 6 feet--on the north wall. This lovely picture was a gift of the high school class of 1956. It is floodlighted by built-in ceiling lights.

Miss Covey no longer needs to worry about serving her "customers" in groups for she now has thirty three dining tables, whereas before, there were only fifteen. A modern steam deck for serving the hot foods was purchased less than two years ago. Now a new cold deck has been ordered and Miss Covey is eagerly awaiting its arrival. She and her hard working kitchen help also have a new ten burner gas stove with automatic oven controls, an automatic steam cooker with 15-20 gallon capacity, and a large automatic, revolving-type bread toaster. These appliances help to lighten the burdens and increase the efficiency of the kitchen crew in serving the public.

--Beatrice Keith

NOTICE: There are only a very few copies of the 1958 yearbook, WHISPERING HILLS left. The cost is \$3.00 plus 25¢ for postage. Send your order to Mrs. L. E. Nestell, Fletcher Academy, Fletcher, North Carolina.