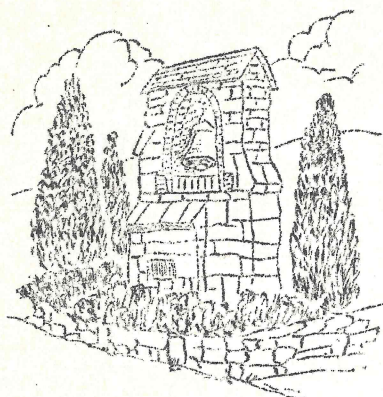


# FLETCHER NEWS LETTER

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Crossroads of civilization  
Refuge of Art and Science  
Against the ravages of time,  
Armory of fearless truth,  
Builder of worth-while character,  
Incessant triumph of the age.

From this place men and women go,  
Confident of success in their efforts,  
The Word of Truth engraven  
In the heart and head and hand.

Friend, you stand on holy ground:  
THIS IS A SCHOOL.

--John Howell

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## CLASS NIGHT

A band concert preceeding the class night program on the evening of May 22, ushered in graduation weekend activities. Quietness prevailed throughout the audience as Class Pastor Tommy Straight lead out in the devotions. Twenty-eight seniors joined in singing "Bless This School" an adaptation of the song "Bless This Home." President Eddie Straight, in his address, paid tribute to parents and teachers and urged the graduates to repay their efforts through service to the world. Florence Fox, valedictorian, made an earnest plea to her fellow classmates to resist the temptation presented in the acquiring of wealth and fame, and to follow Jesus in lowly service. The skit, "With '58 in '68" given by the entire class, was a humorous and lively review of their four years at Fletcher with a hint of what the members of the class expect to become after finishing their training.

Don Lowe presented the class gift, a turn table and amplifying system for the recreation hall.



Principal L. E. Nestell made the following awards:

Danforth Award, the book, I DARE YOU: Eddie Straight and Ruth Neff.

The twenty-five-dollar scholarship awards, given by Mr. L. C. Youngblood and the American Oil Company, Fletcher, North Carolina: Freshman, Lester Clark; Sophomore, Louise Lambeth; Junior, Max Moffitt; Senior, Harold Smith.

Temperance award: Billy Hudson

Southern Missionary College Scholarship awards: Glenn Anderson and Annette Perkins.

Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow pin: Betty Reese.

Reader's Digest awards: Tommy Straight, George Mascunana, Eunice Davis.

Pen League awards (Honorable mention): Instructor, Carol Ledbetter and Nolan Darnell. Junior Guide, Billy Hudson and Herbert Marchant.

#### CONSECRATION SERVICE

Each year as we gather for the Consecration Service on Friday evening, it seems that a special quiet and sacredness settles over the campus. The school year is ended with its triumphs and failures, and for the last time we meet as a school family to witness the consecration of the seniors as a class and with them to renew our own dedication to service for God.

Professor Gordon Brown, our Bible instructor and speaker for our '58 consecration service, in his address to the graduating class gave us a clearer meaning of the class motto, "Launching With God to Anchor in Heaven," He emphasized how important it is for us to "be diligent" continually if we wish to attain the goal set forth in this motto. He showed us how it is possible to anchor just outside the heavenly city unless we are diligent in the course we pursue.

The class response was simple and sincere. Principal L. E. Nestell in his prayer of consecration asked that the class not be spared temptation, but be given strength to meet and overcome it.

Mrs. Gordon Brown's vocal solo "I'd Rather Walk With Jesus" added to the sacredness of the hour.

#### BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Elder G. R. Nash, in his sermon to the graduating class on Sabbath morning, May 24, challenged them to submit to God's plan for their lives in order that they might be instruments in carrying out His purpose in the world. Citing Esther's queenship as ordained of God for the salvation of Israel, Elder Nash stated that perhaps they like Esther were raised up in this, the most glorious age of earth's history, to humbly witness in high places. He gave a quick review of the lives of Enoch, Noah, Moses, Daniel, Luther, pioneers in the S.D.A. denomination, and others to demonstrate how God has used consecrated individuals straight through the line of history to work out and keep in continuity His plan for redemption of mankind.

Elder Nash's appeal was for entire surrender, thorough preparation, and a strong faith in the face of doubt and sense of failure. He reminded the students that even the patriarchs of old were often tested severely without knowing God's ultimate aim for their lives. Triumph over any feeling of discouragement, according to Nash, always comes when Jesus is one's partner in life. Concluding his sermon the minister said "God calls you to consecrate your plans to His plans. May God help you to realize the meaning of your motto."

Musical selections for the baccalaureate service were the choir number "Lost in the Night", by Christiansen, and a vocal duet, "When I Look in His Face", sung by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bagwell.



## COMMENCEMENT

Just as the accent on a word affects its meaning so emphasis in life determines one's future course. These words express the sentiments of the commencement address delivered by Elder Andrew G. Fearing on the evening of May 24. Reminding them that the privilege of placing the accent according to choice made one the architect of his own future, Elder Fearing told the graduates that even in the tragic experiences of life God will do for them what he did for Paul if they, like him, will concentrate on progress "toward the high calling of Jesus Christ."

In revealing to the students the secret of promotion as they pass from one phase to the next in their education, the speaker gave four principles to be followed. Number one on his list was faithfulness in little things. God, he said, is looking for men who are faithful in little things; and Satan in his subtlety is undermining men and women who unwittingly yield on the minor details. "Watch carefully," was his advice.

Number two he described as an unwearying care for details in contrast to the slovenly performance by the happy-go-lucky. "Meticulous attention to detail is the mark of genius," Elder Fearing explained, "while the lackadaisical attitude of the amateur causes him to say, 'It doesn't matter.'" A thing well done gives satisfaction that makes carefulness well worth effort expended.

Persistence was next on the list. If one considers the man he wants to be, according to Elder Fearing, he will be stimulated to press toward the goal set, despite the discouragement incidental to life's activities.

Graciousness of disposition was the last point emphasized in the discourse. To be preferred as was Daniel, a Christian must show that same excellent spirit which was manifested by the prophet when thrust among heathen companions to witness for God.

In conclusion Elder Fearing made a most stirring appeal to the candidates to look well to their future course in order that they might be included in that final graduating class when the judge of earth will give the address, saying to those who have attained through Christ, "Come, ye blessed of my Father. Inherit the kingdom which is prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

The traditional flower presentation to their mothers by the seniors followed awarding of diplomas by Principal L. E. Nestell.

Doctor Bayard Goodge of Little Creek Sanitarium, Concord, Tennessee rendered two vocal numbers.

## CLASS ROLL

Eddie Straight.....President  
 Winona Reece.....Vice-President  
 Jane Behre.....Secretary  
 Don Lowe.....Treasurer  
 Tommy Straight.....Class Pastor  
 Harold Smith.....Sergeant-at-Arms  
 Florence Fox.....Valedictorian

Glenn Anderson  
 Melvin Blanchard  
 Mary Boley  
 Glenda Brantley  
 Lewis Bush  
 Eunice David  
 Ardyce Draper

Juda Franklin  
 Ernestine Heatherly  
 Billy Hudson  
 J. B. Lane  
 George Mascunana  
 Herbert Marchant  
 Margaret Melven

Mary Lou Murray  
 Ruth Neff  
 Margaret Payne  
 Annette Perkins  
 Betty Reese  
 Cathy Rowe  
 Dorothy Smith



CLASS FLOWER.....Red Rose  
CLASS COLORS.....Blue and Gold  
CLASS MOTTO.....Launching With God To Anchor In Heaven

#### NEWS FROM A FORMER TEACHER

Maluti Hospital  
Ficksburg, O.F.S.  
South Africa

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am sure you enjoyed Marthine Bliss's visit. We saw her once, when she spent one night here at Maluti Hospital about three years ago.

If 1957 keeps on as it has begun we shall have a record year. Yesterday we admitted our 500th patient for the year. At this time in 1956 we had admitted 465 (which was also a record). A new enterprise, which brings us more patients, is a trip each month which comes from a town about 130 miles from here. They come on a Saturday night, sleep all night here, then are examined by the doctor on Sunday; some are admitted to the hospital, and the rest return on the bus on Sunday afternoon. They have made three such trips now. The first time they came there were eighteen of them--two were blind and rather infirm so they slept on mattresses on the floor in the hospital. The others I led by flashlight down to our garden where we have a place where they could sleep. I wish you could have been along with me as we walked down. Then yesterday, Sunday, besides this month's bus load from that place, another bus brought a load from another town about 50 miles from here--and when they were all together in the clinic waiting room, it was quite a crowd. These natives like to come here because they know they will get good attention and treatment. Many European doctors don't try to help them--they just take their money, and give them very little help. We are glad the work is growing. I feel it is a real privilege to be working here. Not long ago, on my birthday, I delivered a pair of twins. I have delivered well over 300 babies since coming back here.

Give my love to everybody.

Martha (Hansen)

Note: Miss Martha Hansen was an instructor in our school of nursing for about ten years and served as director of nurses for the two years before she left for the mission field in 1947. The above are excerpts from a letter to a campus member.

#### NEW BUSINESS MANAGER ARRIVES

Mr. William Wilson with his wife and three children arrived on the campus June 17, to serve as business manager of our institution. Mr. Wilson was born and reared at Madison College and received his B.A. degree there. He obtained his master's from Peabody Teachers' College in Nashville, Tennessee. He has spent two years as principal and dean of boys at Pine Forest Academy, Chunky Mississippi and immediately prior to his coming to Fletcher served as principal of Madison College Academy. A hearty welcome to the Wilsons!

#### CAROLINA HILLS COMMUNITY CLUB

On June 2, "The Carolina Hills Community Club" met at Pearson Hall for supper and a business meeting. The community, as well as the sanitarium group, was well represented. President John Black conducted the business session. A sketch of our beautifully designed community sign, which we hope will soon be



placed at several different locations in the community, was presented by Mr. From. To raise money for these signs as well as for other projects light bulbs are being sold. Plans are also being made for a booth at the county fair, which will be held in August. There is a real spirit of willingness and cooperation. Working with this club gives us all an opportunity to help beautify our community and get better acquainted with our neighbors. Mr. Bensen, the county farm agent, and his assistant, Mr. Dwight W. Bennett, were guests at the meeting.

#### TEACHER OF TOMORROW CLUB ACTIVITIES

Through the year the "Teachers of Tomorrow Club" has been quite active. The club was organized during the first semester and chose as their name "The Marguerite Millar-Jasperson Teachers of Tomorrow Chapter". On January 13, a short program was given in the chapel, and Elder George Yost presented the nineteen members their TOT pins. The club met twice a month. A number of guest speakers gave good advice and materials for further study. Among the speakers were Mrs. C. G. Marquis, Mr. L. E. Nestell, and Mrs. Marion Simmons of Madison College. Club members also looked up material and gave reports.

In checking through the club scrap book one finds interesting data on teaching, favorite poems selected by the members, and a picture of the group made at their dinner party, which marked the last meeting of the year. At this meeting it was decided that the club would leave a book for the professional shelf in the library. On graduation night, Club President J. B. Lane, on behalf of the "Teachers of Tomorrow Club", presented the school with Dr. Ambrose Suhrie's recent book, TEACHER OF TEACHERS.

#### PATHFINDERS

On the weekend of June 6, twenty-two Pathfinders went camping at White Pines Camp Ground. Following an afternoon of swimming, they ate supper around a campfire. Sabbath morning all were up at daybreak ready for the pancake breakfast which Director J. L. McDonald and Counselor Don Lowe cooked. Sabbath school at nine-thirty, a hike up the mountains, a tasty lunch prepared by Director Bessie Powell and Counselor Lois McDonald filled the morning. After a lively sing the group returned home.

Swimming, hiking, and a three-day camporee are on the agenda of the Pathfinder summer activities.

#### CAMPING

"Scattered thundershowers?" "Ah, but there's a patch of blue sky in the northwest." "Let's go anyway! The weatherman might be wrong." Thirty academy girls and their dean accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown rode amid boxes and blankets to Bent Creek for an overnight camping trip.

"No paper cups!" "Forgot them?" "That's all right, you can drink your punch from your ice cream dish." "Any more bread?" "No you'll have to put your tomato between two lettuce leaves this time." "Whose next on the ice cream line?" "Oh, I'm tired of cranking! Let's eat it half frozen." "Um good."

2:00 A.M. Disturbance in Jenkins' quarters. "Did some one say 'Kitty?'" "Will he never stop perfuming?" Maybe he has by the time you read these lines but he didn't stop that night. Neither did the frog stop ker-chunking. But it was all worth it to awaken to the call of the whippoorwill summoning his bird friends to present a "Dawn Serenade".

#### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pearson, parents of Dr. A. A. Pearson, were recent visitors on our campus. They were on their way to General Conference. On their return they plan to spend some time on the campus. It is always good to have the Martin Pearsons visit us.



Elder and Mrs. Harold Colburn of Nassau, Bahama Islands, visited our school in June and Elder Colburn spoke at the eleven o'clock hour on Sabbath, June 14. The Colburn's daughter, Shirley, attended our grade school this year and made her home with the Nelson Chandlers.

Mrs. David Entz and Mr. David Kulisek were happy to have their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kulisek and sister Dorothy visit them recently. Miss Dorothy Kulisek has joined our staff for the summer months, serving as sanitarium dining room hostess and teaching occupational therapy to the patients. The girls at Gilliland Cottage especially appreciate her presence because in addition to her duties at the sanitarium she is acting as house mother to them.

Anyone who happens to wander over our campus in the vicinity of the lake almost any afternoon or evening will be greeted by the happy shouts of swimmers who are splashing about. Almost everyone "swims"---old and young alike! If you don't know how to swim on your own power, you may float gaily atop one of the numerous inner tubes kept at the lake; or you may choose to do nothing but acquire a lovely suntan. Our students, workers, and children have spent many happy hours of recreation and relaxation at our campus lake since its construction last year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Marquis vacationed in Florida recently, and the J. E. Lewises also went down for a few days.

Several in our community attended the General Conference session in Cleveland, Ohio: Mr. and Mrs. Coy Lowder, Mrs. Carlton Hunt and children; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bagwell; Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Nelson; Mrs. Alex Clark; Mrs. T. H. Joyner; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Vollmer; Miss Beatrice Keith, and her mother Mrs. Irma Keith; Mrs. Joe Beadle; and Miss Carolyn Marquis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jorgensen recently visited their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jorgensen at Berrien Springs, Michigan. Eugene is working on his degree in engineering at Emmanuel Missionary College. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jorgensen of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis joined their relatives in their visit at Berrien Springs. Alfred is teaching at the University of Minnesota and finishing work on his PH.D. in mathematics there.

Eight ladies are enrolled in an adult sewing class this summer conducted by Mrs. Bessie Powell, our high school sewing teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Hunt and family recently returned from a three-thousand-mile tour through the New England states, Michigan, and Canada. While on their trip they visited friends at Emmanuel Missionary College, and Atlantic Union College. Genella will be on our campus this summer, serving as nurses' dean in the absence of Dean Mabel Gill, who is taking courses at the Potomac University in Washington, D. C.

Gladys M. Lowder, director of nurses at the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital, attended a work shop for directors of schools of nursing in April, at the University of North Carolina. This was the first meeting of its kind to be held in North Carolina.

Carol Rottmiller-Craig with her husband and two daughters is vacationing in sunny Florida.

Mrs. Gladys Lowder, director, and Cora Hudson-Chandler, hydrotherapy supervisor of the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing, visited the senior nurses, who are affiliating at Springfield State Hospital at Sykesville, Maryland, recently.

Don Lowe has become the right hand man in the men's treatment room, Ruth Neff is working full time in the credit office, and Billy Hudson is at Collegedale. As far as has been ascertained the other seniors are spending the summer at home.

Gary Pearson is home from Collegedale for the summer and is working full time with Mr. Jack Quick on the farm.

David Love is home from Berrien Springs and will be working in a bakery in Hendersonville during the summer months.

Charles Phillips is living with the Loves and taking laboratory technician's course at a special school in Asheville.



Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jorgensen were called to Florida in April by the death of Mrs. Jorgensen's father, Mr. S. K. Jones.

We wish we could all join Mrs. Hudson, Dr. Joyner and Mr. and Mrs. Crutcher on the wonderful trip overseas they are taking with a group of S.D.A. members. They will visit Ireland, England, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, the Holy Land, and Egypt, as well as the World's Fair. We hope that all the pictures they take turn out to be good ones so that they can at least share that part of their trip with us.

Mrs. Helen Rust has a summer class of thirty-seven piano pupils, and the choir numbers thirty with more to join soon. Plans are also under way for the organization of a boys' chorus.

Tuesday evening, June 19, was the occasion of a house warming for the Bill Nestells, who moved into their new house at Mountain Home, North Carolina, on May 6. They received a variety of gifts from their friends.

Following is a list of interesting contributions to the world's population: Born

To Mr. Lee Kuist and Mrs. Marie Archer-Kuist on May 22, a girl  
Linda Lea.

To Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Moore on June 1, a boy, David Eldon.

To Mr. Dewey Williams and Mrs. Bertie Marchant-Williams, a boy  
Joel Dewey.

To Mr. Eugene Jorgensen and Mrs. Dorothy Shook-Jorgensen a girl,  
Judy Marie.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Evans a girl, Eva Joy, on March 7.

To Dr. Alvin Bales and Mrs. Lola Butler-Bales on May 20, a son  
Jules Pickett.

To Mr. Floyd Hodges and Mrs. Georgia-Evans Hodges on June 3, a girl,  
Julia Ann.

To Mr. Evan Richards and Mrs. Ruth Peterson-Richards, a girl

We were very happy to have Miss Beatrice Keith join our faculty group this spring. She was a very pleasant help in a time of great need, just at graduation time, a time when there is always more than it seems can be done. Miss Keith is to be our instructor in English next year. Her mother, Mrs. Irma Keith, has joined her. After a vacation trip, which will include a visit to the General Conference, Miss Keith plans to take work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Geisinger have returned recently from Florida, where they spent some time with their daughter Barbara and her family.

Mrs. June McGlawn and Vanette have gone to Jacksonville for a month. We are sure it will seem longer than a month to Van before he will be able to join them.

Ten states are represented in our summer student group. Florida and North Carolina tie, there being twenty-four from each state. Florida: Janice Braddock, Sharon Brown, Lester Clark, Barbara Cramer, Mary Davenport, Joyce Buncie, Russell and Troy Hodges, Herbert Johnson, Burnese and Louise Lambeth, Jamie Lawson, Charles Matson, Timothy Otto, Dan and Ruth Padgett, Dennis and George Schwartz, Judith Smart, Tommy Walter, Barry Carson, Catherine Deverell, Bethelce Farrington, Nancy Weech. North Carolina: Garland Cagle, Dorothy and Steve Charron, Sharlene Doolittle, Janice Jenkins, Lorraine Johnson, James Messer, Wanda Robertson, Ina Dean Shepherd, Martha Young, Marcia Pearson, Patsy Turner, Jimmy Lewis, John and Sandra Rust, Betty Rowe, Danna and Barry Ulloth, Judy Fletcher, Danny Ray, Rose Neff, Frank and Scotty Brown, Dennis Hansen. From Tennessee we have Mary Jo Blankenship, Mary Hancy, Brand and Hobart Lowe, Patricia Womack and Klaus Leukert. The Virginians are Jo Ann and Peggy Ricks, Janet Powell, and George Wolters. David McCarty comes from Alabama. Nancy and Walter Hileman from West Virginia; Norma Meinken, Karen Rairden and Diana Shamblin from Kentucky; Doris Miller and Carl Perley from South Carolina; Nancy Stevens from Maryland; and Illene Briesmister from Michigan.



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.

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#### 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

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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.

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