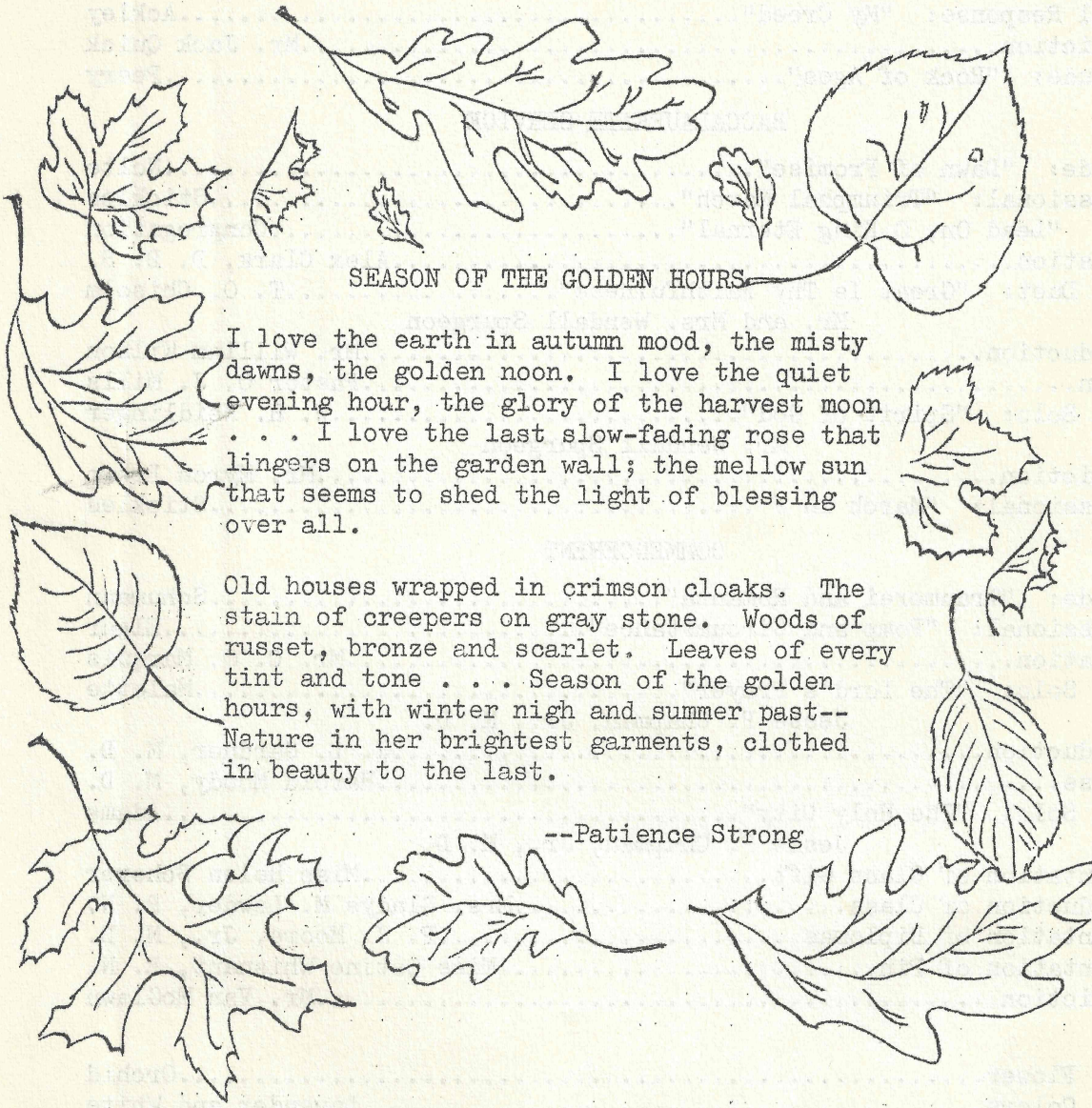


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## SEASON OF THE GOLDEN HOURS

I love the earth in autumn mood, the misty  
dawns, the golden noon. I love the quiet  
evening hour, the glory of the harvest moon  
. . . . I love the last slow-fading rose that  
lingers on the garden wall; the mellow sun  
that seems to shed the light of blessing  
over all.

Old houses wrapped in crimson cloaks. The  
stain of creepers on gray stone. Woods of  
russet, bronze and scarlet. Leaves of every  
tint and tone . . . . Season of the golden  
hours, with winter nigh and summer past--  
Nature in her brightest garments, clothed  
in beauty to the last.

--Patience Strong



## Twenty-Fourth Annual

## C O M M E N C E M E N T

MOUNTAIN SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL  
SCHOOL OF NURSING

August 29--30, 1958

## CONSECRATION SERVICE

Prelude: "Thanks Be To Thee".....Handel  
 Invocation.....Mr. Harry Branson  
 Vocal Duet: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings".....Liddle  
                     Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown  
 Introduction.....P. J. Moore, Jr., M. D.  
 Consecration Message.....Louis C. Waller, M. D.  
 Consecration Prayer.....Pastor L. A. Wynn  
 Choral Response: "My Creed".....Ackley  
 Benediction.....Mr. Jack Quick  
 Postlude: "Rock of Ages".....Peery

## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Prelude: "Dawn of Promise".....Nolte  
 Processional: "Triumphal March".....Stickles  
 Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal".....Congregation  
 Invocation.....Alex Clark, D. D. S.  
 Vocal Duet: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness".....T. O. Chisolm  
                     Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Spurgeon  
 Introduction.....Mr. William Wilson  
 Sermon.....Pastor O. J. Mills  
 Vocal Solo: "Spirit of God".....W. H. Neidlinger  
                     Mr. Wendall Spurgeon  
 Benediction.....Mr. Myron Brown  
 Processional: "March in F".....Stickles

## COMMENCEMENT

Prelude: "Traumerei and Romanza".....Schumann  
 Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance".....Elgar  
 Invocation.....Mr. C. G. Marquis  
 Vocal Solo: "The Lord's Prayer".....Malotte  
                     Jesse P. Chapman, Jr., M. D.  
 Introduction.....J. L. Gardner, M. D.  
 Address.....Harold Moody, M. D.  
 Vocal Solo: "The Holy City".....Adams  
                     Jesse P. Chapman, Jr., M. D.  
 Presentation of Class Gift.....Miss Helen Scherer  
 Introduction of Class.....Mrs. Gladys M. Lowder, R. N.  
 Presentation of Diplomas.....P. J. Moore, Jr., M. D.  
 Presentation of Pin.....Miss Ostine Whisnant, R. N.  
 Benediction.....Mr. Van McGlawn  
 Class Flower.....Orchid  
 Class Colors.....Lavender and White  
 Class Motto.....Service To Man  
 Class Aim.....Heaven, Our Reward

## CLASS ROLL

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# OPENING OF OUR SCHOOLS

I never saw so many people in all my life. They were running in all directions. There were elementary school children climbing the hill to their school. There were student nurses looking for their dorm and wondering if they still had to go to school with academy students, and there were academy students just everywhere. Some were from all parts of the South and a handful came down from the North.

Many folk were shy and bashful; but they were soon cured because they had to ask questions constantly like "Where do I go next?", "What will I do when I get there?", "Where is the registrar?", "Where is Mrs. Lowder?", "Where is the dean?", "When can I go to the store?" Oh dear! There are so many things to learn and people to find. Don't you remember? School opened and there were thousands--well not thousands, but at least 150 new students trying to get oriented.

## ENROLLMENTS

### Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing

#### Freshmen

Adams, Harry--Pennsylvania  
Albright, Shirley--Texas  
Behre, Jane--North Carolina  
Carey, Mrs. Helen--North Carolina  
Craven, Jean--Washington, D. C.  
Heatherly, Ernestine--Tennessee  
Henderson, Yvonne--South Carolina  
Keppler, Judith--Florida  
Lowe, Don--Tennessee

Melven, Margaret--Florida  
Murphy, Carolyn--North Carolina  
Neff, Ruth--North Carolina  
Steele, Eileen--Florida  
Turner, Virginia--Florida  
Weatherman, Frances--New Mexico  
Williams, Jo Ann--North Carolina  
Williams, Winona--Maryland  
Williams, Vernie--North Carolina

Wilson, Mrs. Maeona--West Virginia

#### Juniors

Cummings, Donna--West Virginia  
Dunagin, Gayle--South Carolina  
Elds, Mildred--Florida  
Halverstott, Florence--Virginia  
Just, Peggy--South Carolina  
Lawrence, Alice--Maryland

Lowder, Mrs. Ieda--North Carolina  
Lynes, Edith--South Carolina  
Messer, Jeanette--Florida  
Parker, Carol--Pennsylvania  
Parsons, Rita--Virginia  
Pearson, Frances--Maryland

Turbyfill, Elizabeth--North Carolina

#### Seniors

Flyte, Marilyn--Illinois  
Foster, Joanne--Michigan  
Heck, Virginia--Pennsylvania  
Johnson, Doniese--North Carolina

Livingstone, Mary Katherine--Maryland  
McCorkle, Nancy--Tennessee  
Sisson, Lauretta--Virginia  
Stein, Shelba Jean--Tennessee

Stinson, Vickie--Alabama

### Fletcher Academy

#### Alabama

Bonner, Diane  
Huggins, Buster  
Johann, Lela  
Sweeney, Ellen  
Vance, Donnie  
Vance, Gail

#### Colorado

Nestell, Clifford

#### Florida

Bishop, Betty  
Bishop, Sandra  
Braddock, Janice  
Brown, Sharon  
Carnley, Gertrude  
Carson, Barry  
Clark, Dwight

#### Florida--Continued

Clark, Lester  
Cramer, B. J.  
Davenport, Mary  
Ham, Dolores  
Inman, Naomi  
King, Bill  
Lambeth, Burnese  
Lambeth, Louise  
Lawson, Jamie  
Long, Loraye  
Matson, Charles  
Mosley, Dick  
Otto, Tim  
Padgett, Dan  
Padgett, Ruth  
Poole, Zelma  
Schwartz, Dennis

Schwartz, George  
Shipman, Bobby  
Smart, Judy  
Tompkins, Ann  
Walter, Tommy  
Weech, Nancy

#### Georgia

Deverell, Catherine  
Griffis, Charles  
Huston, Connie  
McCarty, David  
Reagan, Donna  
Rowe, D. H.

#### Kentucky

Rairden, Karen  
Meinken, Norma

#### Maryland

Stevens, Nancy

#### North Carolina

Anderson, Elaine  
Anderson, Kenneth  
Bean, Nancy  
Bloomfield, Steve  
Branch, Mary Sue  
Branson, Harry  
Briesmister, Illene  
Brown, Frank  
Brown, Scotty  
Cagle, Garland  
Carey, Jack, Jr.  
Charron, Dorothy  
Charron, Steve  
Cobb, Gary  
Cook, Anita



North Carolina--Cont'd.

Doollittle, Sharlene	Moffitt, Max
Farrington, Bethelée	Neff, Rose
Fletcher, Judy	Ray, Danny
Gardner, Roger	Rhoney, Delores
Garey, James	Robertson, Wanda
Garey, Mary	Rowe, Betty
Hansen, Dennis	Rust, John
Hodges, Karen	Rust, Sandra
Hodges, Lester	Shepherd, Ina Dean
Jenkins, Janice	Turner, Patsy
Johnson, Lorraine	Ulloth, Barry
Johnston, Lloyd	Ulloth, Dana
Lewis, James	Ulloth, Sharon
Messer, James	Umstead, Dee
	Wagner, Janet

South Carolina

Bagshaw, Dannie  
 Perry, Carl  
 Lynes, Conner  
 Hagan, Frances  
 Hagan, Walter

Tennessee

Blankenship, Mary Jo  
 Boynton, Sue Anne  
 Coffey, Renee  
 Cox, Glenn  
 Crittenden, Rebecca  
 Darnell, Nolan  
 Haney, Mary  
 Hill, Pauline  
 Keith, Carolyn

Tennessee--Cont'd.

Leukert, Klaus  
 Lowe, Hobart  
 Lundstrom, Margit  
 Phillips, Richard  
 Tillman, James  
 Womack, Pat  
 Young, Martha

Virginia

Wolters, George  
 Ricks, Jo Ann  
 Ricks, Peggy  
 Powell, Janet

West Virginia

Hileman, Nancy  
 Hileman, Walter

Captain Gilmer Elementary School

First Grade

Anderson, Clarence  
 Huskins, Johnny  
 Grace, Jeanie  
 Marquis, Judy  
 Rowe, Edward  
 Wagstaff, Gerald

Second Grade

Beck, Tommy  
 Carey, Kevin  
 Chandler, Gail  
 Hansen, Judy  
 Livingston, Raymond  
 Moore, Billy  
 Wagstaff, Gene  
 Wynn, Velton

Teachers

Grades 1-4--Mrs. Verna Beck  
 Grades 5-6--Mrs. L. H. Wynn  
 Grades 7-8--Mr. Ferdi Wuttke

Third Grade

Beck, Harry  
 Carig, Brenda  
 Dockery, Pat  
 Ingersoll, Jimmy  
 Livingston, Paula  
 Martone, Brenda  
 Moore, Jones

Fourth Grade

Craig, Sheryl  
 Justice, Teresa  
 MaGruder, Gene  
 Martone, Linda  
 Ricker, Doris

Fifth Grade

Anderson, Sharron  
 Black, Nena  
 Brown, David  
 Chandler, Carol Ann  
 Drake, Marsha  
 Ingersoll, Tommy  
 Lewis, Brenda  
 Ray, Linda  
 Reese, Ileta  
 Reese, Johnny  
 Rowe, David  
 Watkins, Diane

Sixth Grade

Bloomfield, Teddy  
 Brown, Marian  
 Drake, Beth  
 Heatherly, Keith  
 Martone, Arlene  
 Robertson, Ralph  
 Wynn, Marcia

Seventh Grade

Anderson, Norman  
 Colburn, Shirley  
 Fletcher, Laura  
 Garey, Clyde  
 Hodges, Mike  
 Holmes, Myron  
 Hudson, Arthur  
 Lewis, Billy  
 Pearson, Sharon  
 Tooley, Judy

Eighth Grade

Brown, Karen  
 Fletcher, Nancy  
 Hansen, Diane  
 Heatherly, Clifton  
 Neff, Johnny  
 Robertson, Stanley  
 Schroader, June

Student-Faculty Reception

The Student-Faculty reception was simply planned but very entertaining and made us all feel at home. I am sure we were surprised to find out the names that went with some of the faces.

After the handshake Max Moffitt gave a speech welcoming the new students, and incidentally, Max warned us to not wear out Prof's green carpet.

Margit Lundstrom gave the response in behalf of the new students. A film on North Carolina scenery was shown, after which we were introduced, some for the first time, to Fletcher's school song.

New Academy Faculty Members

At the first chapel program of the year the following new faculty members were introduced: Mr. Carey, who comes to us from the Potomac University, teaches world history, general math, New Testament History, and the Bible classes for the school of nursing. Miss Keith, who teaches English, came here from Pittsburgh Junior Academy. Mr. Wilson, the new business manager coming here from Madison College, teaches Old Testament History. Miss Keith and Mr. Carey have both taught in our school before so really are not new to our campus. These new members together with our old ones present a faculty of which, I'm sure, any school would be proud.



### School Picnic

September 23, 1958, was the day of an event to which all of us had looked forward with anticipation. It was the day of the school picnic! But to our dismay when we woke up it was cloudy and rainy. Nevertheless, by 1:30 o'clock, the time when we all met to go over to the ball field, the sun was shining, and we all had a very enjoyable afternoon. We had some exciting ball games. Some played volley ball or horse shoes, and there were also various types of races and contests.

Several interesting things happened. For instance--what's this about our dignified girls' dean being trundled around in a wheel barrow pushed by none other than our energetic Max Moffitt? and who's the highest jumpin' boy in the school? Clifford Nestell seems to possess the best pair of frog legs in this section of the country. "Judge, Judge, who's a Judge?" It seems that a certain senior girl was dissatisfied with Mr. Brown's decisions in the standing broad-jump contest. Giving him a gentle but firm shove toward the exit, she got on "all fours" and judged the contestants herself. Sophisticated seniors, they call them!

To top it all off we were given a delicious supper. Now we are looking forward to picnic time again!

### Dairy Show

October 9, 1958, the Buncombe County Dairy Show was held at Enka, North Carolina. The Fletcher Academy farm boys took their heifers over Wednesday night to enter them. The boys spent the night in a stall, (they slept in the hay). We are proud of these boys, as Jimmy Lewis won a red ribbon, second place; Carl Perry won a blue ribbon, fifth place; Buster Huggins won a blue ribbon, first place; and Mike Hodges won a blue ribbon, first place.

### T.O.T. Club

Monday night, October 13, 1958, was a big night for the members of the T.O.T. Club. (Teachers of Tomorrow) They had charge of our chapel program. Max Moffitt was the master of ceremonies. Scripture was given by Donnie Vance and prayer by Barry Ulloth. A pantomime, entitled "Education", was given by Tim Otto as Mark Hopkins, Barry Carson as James Garfield, and Sue Anne Boynton, the narrator. Special music was a saxophone duet by Mary Ann Davenport and Gary Cobb, accompanied by Margit Lundstrom at the piano. "Did You Know You Changed Her Life?" (a letter written by a former student, now an adult, to the teacher of her youth) was read by Ellen Sweeney.

The officers for the Teachers of Tomorrow Club are as follows:

President--Max Moffitt

Secretary-Treasurer--Sue Anne Boynton

Vice-President--Mary Ann Davenport

Librarian-Historian--Donnie Vance

Publicity Secretary--Timothy Otto

### Temperance

Elder James V. Scully, director of youth activities for the American Temperance Society, spoke to the student body of Fletcher Academy Sunday evening, October 26, on the evils of the use of tobacco and alcohol. Speaking of tobacco he emphasized its harmful effects on the lungs and the heart. Alcohol, he stated is a brain depressant and a destroyer of the brain cells. It destroys the reasoning power and subjects its victim to emotional rather than mind control.

Approximately 75% of the deformed and mentally deficient children in our institutions are there as the result of drunkenness of parents according to the speaker. Stressing the financial angle, Elder Scully asserted that in the U. S. alone \$10,000,000,000 is spent yearly for alcohol, drugs, and cigarettes, while \$8,000,000,000 is the total output for education. He urged the students to assume their share of the responsibility of educating people against the use of tobacco and alcohol.

### Ingathering

October 16 was our Ingathering Field Day. Fifty students left the campus early for various assigned areas to work while the rest of us assumed their extra duties left at home. It was a busy and interesting day both in the field and at home. We checked as each car came in and watched the amount rise until after the last car was checked when the total climbed to \$828. This put the church over it's goal of \$3,900.



Weddings

On September 21, Miss Shelva Jean Hodge and Mr. Don Pennington were married in the academy chapel. Miss Mary Frances Pennington, sister of the groom, was the maid of honor and Miss Shirley Parker, bridesmaid. Judy Wuttke was flower girl. Mr. Alex Couch acted as best man, and ushers were Messrs Troy Hodges, Jan Rosenthal, and Ted Burris. Elder Wallace Welch officiated. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the nurses' dormitory of the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital. Shelva Jean is a graduate of Fletcher Academy and the School of Nursing, and Don is a graduate of the academy. They are making their home in Washington, D. C.

The wedding of Miss Patricia Ann Wilson and Mr. Jan Rushing took place in the academy chapel on October 6. Miss Eva Jo Aldrich of Denver, Colorado, served as maid of honor and Mrs. John Dodd of Madison, Tennessee, and Mrs. W. H. Wilson of Fletcher were bridesmaids. Little Candy Wilson was flower girl. Mr. Stuart Crook, instructor of music at Mount Pisgah Academy, was best man; and Messrs Wallace Blair and Walter Howard Wilson acted as ushers. Elder N. C. Wilson, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony. A reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson.

On Saturday evening, October 18, Miss Kay Cooper and Mr. Howard Pallette were married in a quiet ceremony at the home of Elder and Mrs. A.J. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Pallette are both graduates of the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing, and Kay also graduated from our academy.

Miss Alice Rowe, graduate of the academy and the school of nursing, and Mr. James Allen of Hendersonville, North Carolina, were married November 1, at the home of Elder L. A. Wynn. Mr. and Mrs. Allen left immediately after the wedding for Orlando, Florida, where they will make their home.

Music Department

Our music department, headed by Mrs. Helen Rust, is busily launched on its varied program of the year. The choir, which has forty-five members, is organized and renders the special music for the church services; both boys' and girls' choruses have been formed; for the first time a nurses' chorus is organized and boasts a membership of twenty; the boys' double quartet and also the girls' quartet have begun practice; as part of the Girls' Club activities they have a chorus, which is composed of all the girls of the dormitory. There are fifty piano students in the elementary school and academy.

Margit Lundstrom, junior at Fletcher Academy, initiated a music appreciation series with a piano recital Monday evening, October 27, composed of the following numbers:

- Prelude and Fugue No. V  
from the Well-tempered Clavier.....Johann Sebastian Bach
- Sonata in D Major.....Josef Haydn
- Allegro
- Adagio
- Tempo di Menuetto
- Romance.....Jean Sibelius
- Wedding Day at Troldhaugen.....Edvard Grieg

Annual Campaign

Our annual campaign is well under way. If you haven't ordered your 1958-1959 "Whispering Hills" please use the order blank below. Any unpaid subscriptions will be canceled after January 1, 1959.

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