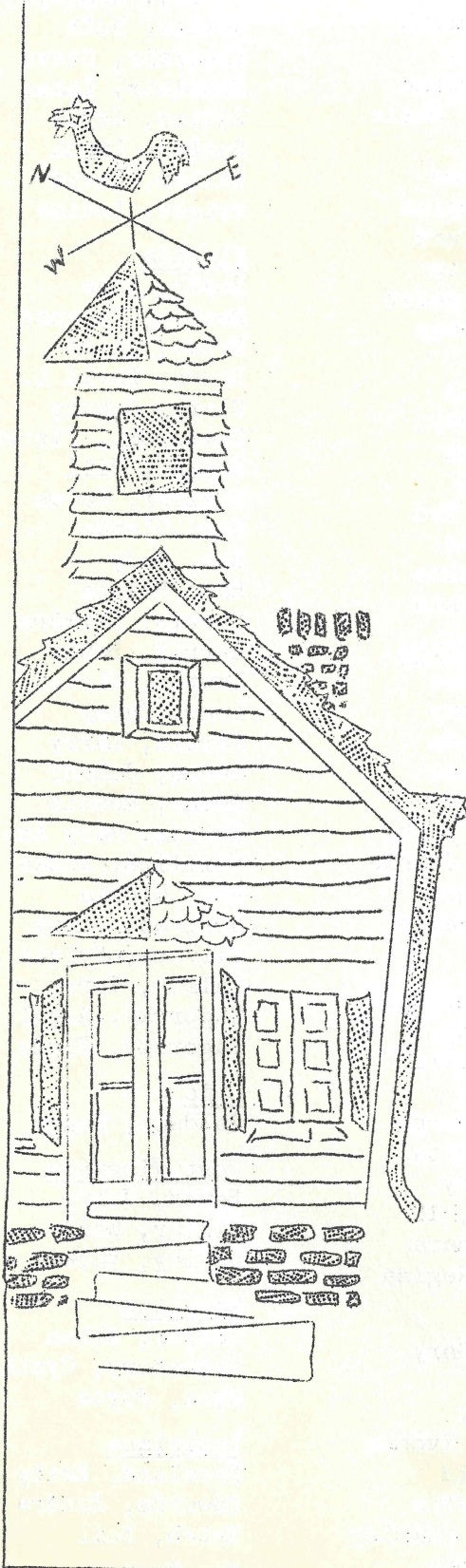


# FLETCHER NEWS LETTER

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## THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Walls freshly painted,  
And polished floors;  
A shiny varnish  
On desks and doors.

Window shades lowered  
Or raised just so;  
Strange faces around me,  
And ones that I know.

New books and pencils  
Pads not yet used;  
Everyone seems just  
A little confused.

Eager faces and  
Smiling ones, too;  
September is here--  
There are lessons to do.

--Vera May Baldwin

# THE ANNUAL HAND SHAKE

There was excitement everywhere the first Saturday night of the new school year. This was the night of the "Hand Shake"! The new students were eager to see what this type of program was all about, and the old students, having memories of the year before, were enthusiastic about going again to the program. When the bell rang at a quarter till eight, everyone hurried to Pearson Hall, where Jeannie Hawkes soon announced the first speaker, Mr. Wilson. Miss Keith's reading, "The Highwayman", held everyone on tension, eager to learn the fate of the lovers. No program would be complete without music, so Mr. Peel, accompanied by his wife, sang "Bird Song at Eventide". The Liberator of Fletcher Academy, Carl Koester, played "Malaguana" to conclude the formal section of the program.

Cathy Dickinson welcomed the new academy girls and Regina Townsend, on their behalf, accepted the welcome. Ted Schoonard accepted Lamar Sinclair's welcome to the new boys. Lorraine Johnson gave the welcome for nurses and Phyllis Moore accepted the welcome for the nurses.

The highlight of the evening, the annual hand shake came next, and all had opportunity to meet old friends and get acquainted with new comers. Refreshments, cookies and punch, preceded the showing of a film "The Old North State". All sang our school song, "Fletcher, Our School!" to conclude the program.

--Glenda Ham

## ACADEMY ENROLLS 162

### North Carolina

Anderson, Judy  
Anderson, Norman  
Anderson, Sharon  
Bean, Brenda  
Benson, Jimmy  
Bischoff, Carolyn  
Black, Nena  
Bloomfield, Teddy  
Branch, Wanda  
Brown, David F.  
Brown, Marion  
Brummett, Shirley  
Brummett, Jimmy  
Buchanan, Carolyn  
Carswell, Barbara  
Carswell, Doris  
Cates, Alyce  
Cates, Brenda  
Chandler, Carol  
Cook, Brenda  
Cross, Hervey  
Dennis, Eddie  
DeRosia, Sharon

Drake, Beth  
Drake, Marsha  
Fletcher, Laura  
Fletcher, Nancy  
Garey, Clyde  
Good, Harryette  
Hansen, Diane  
Hardy, Candy  
Hawkes, Bill  
Hawkes, Jeannie  
Hawkes, Joyce  
Heatherly, Clifton  
Heatherly, Keith  
Hester, Kay  
Hester, Lynn  
Hewitt, Gail  
Hodges, Mike  
Holmes, Myron  
Houck, Kenneth  
Hudson, Arthur  
Jenks, Paul  
Johnson, David  
Johnson, Grace

### N. C. Cont'd.

Keppler, Lenny  
King, Sue Ann  
Leggett, Hugh  
Lewis, Bill  
Lewis, Brenda  
Longshore, Janice  
Maples, Karen  
Maples, Marilyn  
Martone, Arlene  
Messer, Judy  
Mitchell, Norma  
Muckenfuss, Susie  
Neff, John  
Orders, Wilma  
Pearson, Sharon  
Port, Clifford  
Pruitt, Betty  
Pruitt, Margaret  
Ramsey, Norman  
Ray, Linda  
Reese, Ileta  
Reese, Johnny  
Rhoney, Beth  
Rowe, David  
Schoonard, Ted  
Wagner, Gene  
Watkins, Diane  
Whitley, Donna

### South Carolina

Carney, Irene  
Carson, Tommy  
Cherry, Linda  
Dailey, Robert  
Dees, Dottie  
Dickinson, Cathy  
Dickinson, Jeanie  
Hudson, James  
Marchant, Wayne

### Tennessee

Bremson, Carlene  
Erwin, Jimmy  
Haney, Phyllis  
Hunley, Joy  
Kendall, George  
Kunau, Juanita  
Miller, Gary  
Muderspach, Ib  
Nease, Barbara  
Townsend, Regina

### Georgia

Anderson, Gary  
Byrd, Kaye  
Byrd, Kerry  
Cartledge, Yvonne  
Davis, David  
Duncan, Yvette  
Earlywine, Shirley  
Fuller, Steve  
Glover, Eugene

### Georgia Cont'd.

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Hollomon, Vivian  
Irby, Frank  
Jackson, Elizabeth  
Jackson, Tommy  
Johnson, Larry  
Lambeth, Jeff  
Lambeth, Joe  
Mosley, Wesley  
Newlon, Ruth  
Sinclair, Steve  
Sinclair, Lamar  
Sutton, Joyce  
Sutton, Linda  
Walker, David  
Wright, Louise

### Florida

Beaty, Jane  
Berkey, Joyanne  
Brown, Alice  
Brown, David L.  
Clark, Johnny  
Davenport, Florence  
Dumont, Bill  
Frazier, Karen  
Ham, Glenda  
Ham, Judy  
Ham, Helena  
Harris, Barbara  
Harris, Betty  
Lawton, Vivian  
Long, Danny  
Martin, Larry  
Owens, Johnny  
Owens, Ronnie  
Pervis, Mary Ann  
Phillips, Susan  
Roe, Gloria  
Scriven, Jimmy  
Silvers, Sylvia  
Talley, Terry  
Zagorsky, Angel  
Zagorsky, Rissa

### Ohio

Baldwin, Peggy

### West Virginia

Bentz, Jerry  
Sigler, Neil  
Worley, Vickie

### Maryland

Cooper, Allen  
Palmatory, Cynthia  
Wynn, Joyce

### Louisiana

Breeland, Betty  
Edwards, Sandra  
Esteb, Neil

### New York

Tornlov, Birgitta

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## EDITORIAL

Think for a moment why you came to Fletcher Academy. Was it because you were prompted by friends to attend this school? Did you like the location, the climate, the work program, or did some special friendship bring you here? Perhaps you came seeking an education worthy of God's service. No matter why you came, your goals should all be high.

If your aims for this year are merely to enjoy yourself, perhaps you had better face the facts. The standards set before each student are high and perhaps hard to attain. Only through diligent study and willing work may high goals be reached. Given a chance, this school year can become a happy memory.

This campus is one of which to be proud. The facilities may not be like those at home, but the effort put forth to obtain happiness here is repaid by contentment. As the year progresses students will change very decidedly as education proceeds. Sometimes they may find themselves bewildered by changes in themselves or in their environment. But through all his experiences a student's aims will be his guide.

The first six weeks' period has hurriedly gone by. Reset your purposes if they are not what they should be; put forth a real effort to do your level best. Let not the words, "I can't", "I want to go home", or "I give up", be heard from you.

I wish for each student here a successful year, studying and working with true friends and with God.

--Susan Muckenfuss

Enrolls 162 Cont'd.Pennsylvania

Koester, Carl  
 Koester, Richard

Virginia

Kidd, Carol

Texas

Feagin, Linda

Alabama

Peterson, Frank  
 Tucker, Jimmie Nell

Kentucky

Kitchens, Linda

Arkansas

Griffin, Betty Ann

We were sorry when four of our girls had to change plans shortly after school began and left the school. Sandy Edwards' parents were called to teach at Bass Memorial

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Academy, so we couldn't blame Sandy for wanting to be with them. Juanita Kunau returned to her home at Madison College, and Susan Phillips and Sue Ann King each returned to their homes. We hope that Susan and Sue Ann will be back with us next year, however. Juanita is a senior, so unless she should plan to enter our school of nursing, we know we can't have her back with us.

Two girls have enrolled since school started. From Alabama came Patsy Tucker, Jimmie Nell's sister, and Sue Snyder came down from West Virginia.

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

This year the Captain Gilmer Elementary School boasts not only sixty-five lively students but also a new teacher for the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. A person of much teaching experience, Miss Helen Crouse has spent the last seven years teaching in Illinois. Her last year was in Aurora. She was originally from Nova Scotia and has taught in both church and public schools in the Canadian Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Miss Crouse loves teaching a places it second to nothing. We hope that she likes Captain Gilmer better than any other school taught during her teaching career.

Grades one through three have the same teacher as last year, but during the summer the former Mrs. Verna Beck became Mrs. Call Prevatt. Congratulations to her!

By the way, Mr. Ferdi Wuttke still holds the title of principal, along with his role of teacher for the seventh and eighth grades. He reports that school has started nicely and so far, he has no complaints.

Although everyone at the grade school seemed to settle down quite nicely, the first graders had quite a time coming to realize that they had to stay seated for longer than ever before in their lives. Now they are learning to read the adventures of Dick, Jane, and Sally for themselves.

--Harryette Good

## ENROLLMENT

Grade 1

Anderson, Arnold  
 Anderson, Mark  
 Bagwell, Bobby  
 Bloomfield, Peter  
 Garey, Delphia  
 Hansen, Carol  
 Hodson, Colleen  
 Johnson, Barbara  
 Mull, Angelo  
 Schroader, Terry  
 Walterhouse, Becky

Grade 2

Cantrell, Deborah  
 Hodges, Stephen  
 Lance, Teressa  
 Marmet, Edward  
 Moore, Lucretia  
 Wagstaff, Glenn  
 Wedel, Connie

Grade 3

Anderson, Clara  
 Anderson, Lonnie  
 Johnson, John R.

Captain Cont'd.Grade 3 Cont'd

Pendergrass, Alice  
Wuttke, Judy

Grade 4

Anderson, Susan  
Bryant, David  
Esberner, Judith  
Fowler, Tony  
Jenks, Carolyn  
Leggett, Vernon  
Livingston, Darrell  
Marquis, Sue  
Moore, Bobby  
McDonald, Keith  
McDonald, Neal  
Rowe, Edward  
Wilson, Candy

Grade 5

Anderson, Clarence  
Bischoff, Tommy  
Brummett, Ronnie  
Cantrell, Darrell  
Lance, Deborah  
Marquis, Judy  
Pressley, Tom  
Strickler, Linda  
Wagstaff, Gerald

Grade 6

Hansen, Judy  
Livingston, Raymond  
Moore, Billy  
Wagstaff, Gene

Grade 7

Bischoff, Fred  
Bryant, Barbara Jean  
Chandler, Gail  
Craig, Brenda  
Jenks, Lowell  
Johnson, Danny  
Livingston, Paula  
Martone, Brenda  
Moore, Jones

Grade 8

Cantrell, Sharon  
Cooper, Robin  
Craig, Sharyl  
Esberner, Ellen  
Johnson, Deborah  
Martone, Linda  
Mills, Donald

NURSES GRADUATE

August 24 and 25 were important dates in the lives of fourteen student nurses. These were the dates for their graduation exercises, following three years of studying toward the nursing profession. Commencement began with strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" as the underclassmen filed down the aisle, leading the graduates, who carried black orchids, their chosen flower. Doctor Leslie A. Smart of Asheville offered the invocation which was preceded by a vocal solo, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" by Mrs. Eldine Smith. Introduction of the guest speaker, Elder H. V. Reed, president of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was given by Mr. W. H. Wilson. Mrs. Smith then sang "This Day Is Mine". Presentation of the class gift, money toward purchasing a new projector for the nurses' dormitory, was made by Faye Conner, class president. Doctor P. J. Moore, medical director; Mrs. Gladys Lowder, director of the school of nursing; Miss Ostine Whisnant, educational director; Mrs. Cora Chandler, medical supervisor, awarded the diplomas and pins. Doctor Lewis C. Sommerville of Asheville offered the benediction.

Mr. W. H. Wilson, president and business manager of the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital and Fletcher Academy, gave the consecration message. Doctor W. H. Taylor,

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professor of journalism at Southern Missionary College, gave the baccalaureate sermon.

Class Motto and Aim: "A Cap of Service for a Crown of Life"

Class flower: Black Orchid

Class colors: Blue and White

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Mary Ellen Chapman

CLASS ROLL

Faye Conner.....President  
Nancy Stevens.....Vice-President  
Betty Morrell.....Secretary  
Nancy Bean.....Treasurer  
Fern Wheeler-Anderson

Mary Jo Blankenship

Ruth Neff-Bradley

Angelia Darville

\*Judy Keppler-King

\*Don Lowe

Grethe Munderspach

Annette Perkins

Carol Parker-Turner

\*In absentia

Lilburn Underhill

NURSING ENROLLMENT-1962-1963Seniors

Brown, Sharon  
Bullock, Ann  
Burke, Betty  
Carter, Kitty  
Fletcher, Judy  
Gustin, Bonnie  
Hansen, Dennis  
Kendall, Bonnie  
Lambeth, Burnese  
Lambeth, Louise  
McIntosh, Karen  
Nestell, Anna  
Reynolds, Evelyn  
Shaffer, Donna  
Yoakam, Shirley

Juniors

Beaver, Joyce  
Bishop, Sandra  
Brockman, Vera Mae  
Cook, Anita  
Hammond, Sally  
Johnson, Lorraine  
Maddy, Marlene  
Marchant, Janelle  
Martin, Donna  
Mondice, Nancy  
Neff, Rose

Juniors Cont'd.

Pons, Faye  
Roberts, Pat  
Rudisaile, Betty  
Rust, Sandra  
Schwerin, Karyl  
Freshmen  
Baldwin, David  
Beale, Esther  
Bender, Retta  
Bond, Geraldine  
Brantley, Judy  
Burrhus, Carolyn  
Dickey, Vermell  
Garey, Mary  
Haviland, Alice  
Haviland, Charlotte  
Hawkins, Barbara  
Hummel, Garnet  
Lauer, Margaret  
Moore, Phyllis  
Norris, Kathleen  
Peterson, Mary  
Pomeroy, Lynda  
Redman, Lorraine  
Roberts, Sue  
Sink, Janie  
Stover, Mary E.  
Wagner, Janet  
Wilson, Carolyn



Dear Alumni Members:

Summer has come and gone. Another school year has begun. What did you do during the summer? Vacation? Work? Go to school? Loaf? We would be so happy if you would write and tell us so that we will have first-hand news to pass along to your fellow alumni. Won't you send a card or a letter today? Send pictures too. We would like to have some for the annual. The boys' dormitory project has not been forgotten. The alumni committee has met and will have more definite plans to give you in our next News Letter.

--Mary Dee Pearson

#### DORM FUND PLANNING COMMITTEE

On September 30 the Alumni Boys' Dormitory Fund Planning Committee met to work on definite plans for continuing their drive for funds for the boys' new dormitory. The long-range building plan for the sanitarium and school is to be completed soon. Definite plans for location and type of construction are to be settled as soon as these plans are complete so that the institution, along with the alumni committee, can bring into board meeting in November definite figures and plans for this building.

#### COBLE, DURICHEK, GOOD JOIN ACADEMY STAFF

Mr. John Coble, new dean of boys came to Fletcher Academy from Roan Mountain, Tennessee, where he was an elementary school teacher. He, his wife, and their three children, two boys and a girl, arrived on the campus on August 21, only a week before school started; but he immediately set to work, getting things ready for school.

He has taught school for six years, five of them in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. His wife, Tula Mae, is a former nursing student of Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital. In fact, that is where he met her. The Cobles spent the summer at their farm on Sand Mountain, near Trenton, Georgia.

--Steve Fuller

Mrs. Elizabeth Durichek arrived at Fletcher Academy August 24, the Friday before school started. I am sure all the girls will agree that she has taken over her role as dean of girls charmingly and efficiently.

Mrs. Durichek was born in Chicago, Illinois. When about six years old she was taken by her parents to their home city, Budapest, Hungary. While there she attended a Catholic school. She remained a Catholic when she returned to America. Then at the age of seventeen she became a Seventh-day Adventist.

#### Staff Cont'd.

One of Mrs. Durichek's hobbies, helping and meeting people, aided in selecting her to be dean of girls at Fletcher. Others of her hobbies are sewing, cooking, and hiking. She likes classic and semi-classic music and even plays the piano "for my own amusement", says the dean. Also she likes to drive her Volkswagen. Lately Mrs. Durichek has gotten her first taste of camping out and likes it very much. Her pet peeve is people who can look you straight in the eye and lie to you.

One of Mrs. Durichek's main assets is her good sense of humor. Listen to her, and I am sure you cannot fail to notice it.

Now, at last, after arriving at Fletcher, Mrs. Durichek's lifetime ambition has been fulfilled. She has always wanted a large family.

--Phyllis Haney

This year we have a librarian, Mrs. Emma Good, from Chickasha, Oklahoma. A graduate of Oklahoma College for Women, Mrs. Good has been librarian at both Decatur and Sulphur Springs, Arkansas. Among her favorite pastimes are sewing, traveling, and listening to good music. Fletcher Academy is fortunate to have a librarian with such a background of interests and experience. The Goods have purchased property just a few miles from our campus, where Mr. Good is engaged in private business. Harryette is a senior at our academy.

--Brenda Bean

#### CRESS, PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS MANAGER

Over in the accounting office a graduate from the business administrators' course at Emmanuel Missionary College manages patients' accounts for the sanitarium and hospital. His name is V. L. Cress. He came to our Carolina Hills from Galeon, Ohio. Previously Mr. Cress spent two years in the United States Army.

The Cresses have a family of two boys, the elder being four years old and the other five months. Among Mr. Cress's interests, for which he finds little time, are woodworking, photography, and nature study.

In addition to his work in the office Mr. Cress is teaching bookkeeping in the academy. In giving advice to the students, Mr. Cress remarks how he failed to take the advice given him but realizes its importance now. He closes with these statements, "The high school years are important, but they are not taken seriously enough. Study as you should because college is not easier."

--Susan Muckenfuss



Nearly two hundred students and staff members of Fletcher Academy boarded the bus, trucks, and cars bound for Mills River, the scene of the annual school picnic on September 18. Because of an increased enrollment this picnic was the largest in Fletcher's history.

The first event was the boys' hundred-yard dash. Wayne Marchant, a senior and one of this year's new students, won. The girls' hundred-yard dash was won by Louise Wright, a junior. After the races there were some tugs-of-war, in which sophomore boys and girls and junior boys showed some superiority.

Besides the contests, there were games, such as softball, volleyball, and football, in which anyone could participate. The balloon throw was really humorous, as many of the students got drenched with burst balloons, which were filled with water.

The supper menu included stew, sandwiches, potato salad, apples, milk (sweet and chocolate), and fried pies.

The picnic was arranged and sponsored by the Students' Association.

--Steve Fuller

#### FEATURE AND LOCAL TALENT FILM SHOWN

The eighth grade of the Captain Gilmer Elementary School sponsored a feature film, TOM BROWN'S SCHOOL DAYS, Saturday evening, September 29, in Pearson Hall to raise money for their class gift to the school. Tom, it was shown, was a courageous and honest boy at a boarding school for boys. These traits enabled him to stand the trials and torturing the school's bully inflicted upon him. He not only aroused God's sympathy for a dying boy, his roommate, by praying for him, but also sowed the seed of belief in an Infinite Helper in the heart of a friend when the sick child suddenly recovered.

Before the showing of the feature film, Elder Leggett narrated a film of the seventh and eighth graders' trip to Washington, D. C. In this film Mrs. Bischoff met a very good friend of hers, and they couldn't seem to get over the joy of seeing one another. Mrs. Bessie Powell saw the Ghost and retreated backwards up the steps from whence she had come. A kink in her back, caused by her crawling into a sleeping bag for the night, added to her miseries. Brenda Lewis, as big as she is, wiggled through a small hole in the wall. Carol Chandler gave Elder Leggett the "up one side and down the other" as he took her picture. Does anyone know whether or not Mr. Geisinger ever finished lunch?

Mr. Wuttke, principal, reported that the class collected a good profit on the movie.

--Arlene Martone

Time: six years ago. Place: Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital. What was happening? A meeting was in progress. What was the reason for this meeting? The purpose was to discuss the possibility of a new hospital; then two years later the possibility was becoming a reality.

A fifty-five percent bonus from the government, whereby it paid fifty-five percent of the cost of the hospital, while the institution had the expense for only forty-five percent and the hospital-fund-raising campaign, begun in February of 1960, helped the institution raise enough money to go forward with the building program.

A year ago the plan for a hospital was submitted to Medical Care for contract bids. It was estimated that the initial cost would be approximately \$835,000. On February 23 of this year the sealed bids were opened. Expecting a high bid, the institution was surprised but very pleased with the results. The amount came to only \$735,000.

March 26, 1962, was the big day. Construction began on the new hospital. The contract calls for 430 days or June 1963. We are a little behind schedule now but hope to be in the new building early in the summer of 1963.

--James Erwin

#### HERE AND THERE ON THE CAMPUS--

As more and more students attend school each year, there is a greater need for new equipment. Since last year the cafeteria has purchased forty-eight new chairs for the dining room; a new milk dispenser has been added to their serving equipment; and Kalmia Dairy in Hendersonville has lent them a small freezer in which to keep ice cream.

The cafeteria furnishes twenty students with employment during the school year, and this summer the students, together with Miss Jennie Covey and Mrs. Ollene Cantrell, prepared for freezing 1100 gallons of vegetables and fruits.

Just recently the laundry purchased a washer and an extractor to launder sixteen to eighteen hundred pieces of student clothing and seven to eight thousand articles from the sanitarium and hospital per month. The laundry employs sixteen students and three supervisors for this work.

With winter ahead the farm crew is working steadily to cut its 600 tons of silage, which will feed the school's seventy-five Jersey cows during the winter. They have just recently painted the three barns and built new fences around them.

A number of the workers went west to the General Conference Session, held in San Francisco, California. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Lowder, who went also to Denver, Colorado, to see Mrs. Lowder's sister, and then to visit Canadian Union College in Alberta.

Mrs. R. J. Smith drove west with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beadle. They spent some time at the General Conference Session and visited relatives and friends before returning. Mrs. Smith's son, Ernest, sent regards to his friends "back home". Since the Beadles were spending more time on their vacation than Mrs. Smith wished to spend, she came back by train.

Elder H. V. Leggett, our pastor, and his family visited relatives in Los Angeles, as well as attending the General Conference Session.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Vollmer went to Loma Linda for four weeks before attending the General Conference Session. On their way back they stopped at Andrews University in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jorgensen went from the session to visit relatives living in California, then to Pacific Union College, and to Elmhaven, near Saint Helena, the country home of Ellen G. White.

Mr. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. T. C. Lowder, and Mrs. R. J. Smith recently attended two hospital conventions, one, the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Association Convention, September 13 through 16 and the other, the American Hospital Association Convention, September 17 through 20, both held in Chicago. One of the groups main purposes was to examine hospital furnishings displayed by the American Hospital Association and to possibly decide on purchase of equipment for the new hospital.

Sunday, September 30, Mrs. Helen Rust, choir director, and Mr. Gordon Brown, band director, went to Atlanta to confer with the leaders of other academies from the Southern Union to outline the events to take place at the annual music festival, which will take place in Miami, Florida, April 5, 6.

--Bill Dumont

#### FLETCHER ACADEMY ELECTS SA OFFICERS

The Student Association of Fletcher Academy have elected the following officers for the school year: president, Ib Muderspad; first vice-president, Jeanne Hawkes; second vice-president, James Erwin; secretary, Jeanie Dickinson; parliamentarian, Linda Cherry. The SA sponsors are Mr. Bernard DeVasher and Mr. John Coble.

--Joy Hunley

#### "GRANDPA" PEARSON

There are many landmarks about our campus, including the steps to Pearson Hall, that will bring to many students and workers memories of "Grandpa" Pearson. He loved to do things for others and labored with love at the work he knew best. He came to this country from Sweden when a young man. He worked at various jobs and after a time became a plasterer and followed that line of work all the years he worked. He learned to love the Lord and gave unselfishly of his time and labor to many schools and churches.

Martin Pearson went to sleep in Jesus June 13, 1962, just a few days after his eighty-sixth birthday (June 8). If he could have had any last words, they would have been as Paul's, "I have run the race, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

#### SUMMER TIME

The members of the academy faculty were engaged in various activities during the summer.

Mr. Bernard DeVasher, the science and mathematics teacher, attended an Association of Self Supporting Institutions (A.S.I.) meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, with Mr. W. H. Wilson in June. He then went to summer school at William and Mary University, in Williamsburg, Virginia. While there he took a field trip to the N.A.S.A. experimental headquarters at Langley Air Force Base at Newport News, Virginia. After summer school was out, he, with Doctor Forest Port and son Clifford, drove out to Seattle, Washington, to the World's Fair.

Miss Beatrice Keith, the English teacher, wrote her thesis at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She will receive her Master's degree in English in June.

Mrs. Lois McDonald, the typing teacher, and her family went to a family reunion, where she saw brothers and sisters she hadn't seen in ten years. She also caught up on her reading of the Spirit of Prophecy books while she wasn't so busy teaching.

Mr. Lewis Nestell, principal, spent his summer in the print shop and in looking after the boys until the new dean came.

Mr. Gordon Brown, band director and assistant principal, assisted Mr. Nestell as dean of boys during the summer and repainted the chapel and did other repair jobs that needed to be done.

Mr. James Peel Jr., Bible teacher, did summer school work on graduate level at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. He will finish his Master of Arts degree next summer.

--Jeff Lambeth

## WELCOME FOR MARILYN ELIZABETH McDONALD

Darling pink baby blankets, soft, furry sweaters, dainty dresses, and tiny booties were among the baby gifts at the shower given in the school library, September 17, for Marilyn Elizabeth, new baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McDonald. Marilyn, born September 8, weighed six pounds, seven ounces, and was eighteen inches long. Hostesses at the shower were Mrs. Beverly Wilson, Mrs. Marie Kuist, Mrs. Marlene Wuttke, Mrs. Nancy Walterhouse, Mrs. Joyce Marquis, and Mrs. Inez Nestell.

--Susan Muckenfuss

## GIRLS' CLUB CAMPOUT

Thursday night, September 27, at Camp Pine Breeze, the freshmen and sophomore girls had an all night camp out. On October 4 the junior and senior girls went for a campout. Both groups reported that hiking before supper certainly whets one's appetite. Spaghetti, vegetarian hot dogs, chocolate and sweet milk, and doughnuts never tasted so good before. After worship Jane Beaty led the girls in a song fest, after which they scattered over the campgrounds to crawl into their sleeping bags for the night.

--Beth Rhoney

## JANE'S JOTTINGS

Without our realizing it, the first six weeks of school have passed, and examinations have floored some of us.

Just before examinations every night in Whitford Hall, girls could be seen studying, cramming all of the knowledge possible into their heads at the last minute. Sleep and all unnecessary practices, such as hair rolling, were forgotten. We hope the boys forgave us for our straight hair and sleepy looks during those days.

If anyone needs a night light, she should ask Alice Cates or any of the other freshman or sophomore girls that went on the Girls' Club campout. As I remember, Mr. Brown was taking some girls on a walk when they stumbled across a log with glowing mushrooms projecting from it.

Mrs. Durichek went on the campouts with us, the first she had ever been on. We hope that she didn't freeze too terribly stiff because we want her to go with us again.

Ask any of the girls, and they will tell you that we have a wonderful dean. Thank you, Mrs. Durichek, for coming to Fletcher to be our Mother.

It was Hush! Hush! Sunday night, September 30, when the Girls' Club met in the chapel to draw names for secret pals.

--Jane Beaty

## HERVEY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Hail from the boys' corner! We have forty-seven boys and one dean--sort of out-numbered, but he seems to get along fine.

We have a new boy, Ruben Leon from Costa Rica. He is staying in Cabin A with James Erwin and Ib Munderspach. We all hope you feel right at home, Ruben.

The "dorm" is really shining with new paint. The painting is going forward under the expert supervision of Mr. Coble, and I think Neil is there some of the time. According to the dean, some of the boys can't read two little words before they go up freshly painted stairs. Right, Mr. Coble?

I think that room number one is right under room number four and that the civic minded Norman Ramsey is following the trend of the modern world and has a Kennedy rocker, which does not lie in abandonment. He seems to use it quite often when the occupants of room one want to sleep. A minor detail of this activity is a rather loud floor squeak. Ask Lamar Sinclair. Now if the boys in the cabins will keep their rooms clean so they won't have to move down to the dormitory, I'll say good-bye for the boys' quarters.

--Hervey Cross

## NATURE SPEAKS

In the fall here in the mountains of North Carolina, nature bursts forth with beautiful, vivid colors all over the hills and mountains and down in the valleys below. The leaves on the trees start turning from their deep, rich looking green to yellow, amber, red, orange. After we have enjoyed this beautiful scenery for awhile, the color of the leaves turns still again, this time to brown. The wind, so common to the mountains, soon strips the limbs bare to await another spring and a new crop of leaves.

The squirrels and other forest animals are not exactly idle during this time, either. They can be found busily gathering nuts, acorns, and other foods for use in the cold, barren winter months to follow. All during the fall months they are growing new, long fur to protect them against the elements.

Birds will come to spend the winter here, and some that spent the summer will seek homes farther south for the winter. Hundreds upon hundreds of birds in many different flocks may be seen, headed south--cardinals, blue jays, wood thrushes, black winged blackbirds, humming birds, goldfinches, doves, and many others. Those hearty ones which do remain--junks, crows, flickers, chickadees--will usually find enough grub to keep them alive. Bird stations have been set up at different places to help these song

### Nature Speaks Cont'd.

makers that cheer the hearts of many with their songs of joy during the bleak loneliness of winter.

How we, like these feathered friends of the forest, ought to sing songs of praise to our Maker, even in our darkest hour, for just being lent the breath to stay alive!

--Norman Anderson

### HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

Twenty-three girls wanting to take home economics were worried about a teacher. They were not alone in their worrying, for so was our principal. Mrs. Bessie Powell couldn't possibly teach twenty-three girls, and neither could Mrs. Mary Brown take on a cooking class along with her other duties.

Our problem was solved when Mrs. Winifred Martone consented to teach our cooking class. The class was divided so that half of the class will take cooking and half sewing the first semester, then they will switch classes for the second semester. Everyone is happy now. New dresses and blouses are being fashioned in sewing, and the most delicious samples of foods come to you from the cooking class at times if you are lucky enough to be near the door when the class is dismissed.

### PATHFINDERS

Under Mrs. Bessie Powell's direction twenty-five Pathfinders had a camporee at Camp Pine Breeze. Each day the group went to a nearby point of interest such as Recreation Park and Chuckwagon swimming area. They ended each day with a campfire.

October 28 is the planned date for the Pathfinder Fair, which will center around Halloween. The Pathfinders are now finishing work on crafts for the exhibit.

Ground has been broken at Camp Pine Breeze for the girls' cabin, and the boys' cabin foundation is partly laid. Plans are for the cabins to be completed this fall while the autumn colors are still radiant.

--Susan Muckenfuss

### CANTRELLS IN ACCIDENT

The N. B. Cantrell family, while on vacation this summer, were driving late on Sunday night, August 27, in Forrest City, Arkansas, when suddenly a car carrying three drunks swerved into the front left side of their car. Darrel was thrown out the door, and the steering wheel pushed against Mr. Cantrell's chest, breaking a number of his ribs, his pelvis was also broken as well as one of his feet. He remained in the Forrest City hospital until Wednesday, the fifteenth, when he was flown home to Mountain Sanitarium

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and Hospital for a two weeks' stay. Mr. Cantrell is now walking again but is still unable to resume his work.

### GRADUATE OF CLASS OF 1960 FATALLY INJURED

Our school family was shocked and saddened by the news on Friday, August 24, that Eugene Slaughter, class of '60, had been fatally injured in a two-car accident near Westward, Oklahoma, the home of Correne Bunch, his fiancée, just three days before their wedding day.

Correne, a graduate of Madison College School of Nursing, was seriously injured, and Wiley, Eugene's younger brother, received a broken arm and other injuries. Both are now well on the road to recovery.

The accident occurred when Eugene, Correne, and Wiley were on their way to town over a country road to take a telephone call, relative to the serious condition of the boys' father. Correne's brother found the victims and wrecked cars sometime after the accident happened while on his way to make a check of his cattle.

Eugene's father died August 26, after a long illness, and a double funeral was held on Monday, August 27, in Macon, Georgia.

### MORE ABOUT OUR WORKERS

Mrs. June Armishaw, who was our dean of girls this summer, is working at Takoma Hospital, Greeneville, Tennessee. We miss Mrs. Armishaw but know she is happy in her work in Greeneville.

Violet Mills, R.N., B.S. has joined the school of nursing staff as an instructor. Her son Donny is an eighth grade student.

Don Lowe, graduate of 1962, is staying with us and working as supervisor. Pauline, his wife, is secretary for the school of nursing.

Mrs. Fern Anderson, another 1962 graduate, is also staying with us and acting as one of the supervisors at the sanitarium and hospital.

Mr. Shirley Anderson, who is looking after the campus department, moved with his family to our neighborhood from Collegedale, Tennessee just before school started. Mrs. Anderson works for the Weather Bureau in Asheville. Their son, Mark, is a first grader. Sophomore daughter, Judy, works down at the nurses' dormitory for Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Keppler have moved to our area from Florida. Mr. Keppler is working in the maintenance department and Mrs. Keppler works in the accounting office. Their son, Lenny, is a sophomore.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wedel came to us shortly before school started. Mr. Wedel heads the maintenance work in the sanitarium and hospital.

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Mrs. Eula Johnson is supervising in the sanitarium kitchen department. Her daughter, Grace, is a sophomore in the academy, and her son Danny, is a student in the seventh grade. Sammy, another son, works in the campus department.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Craig have returned from their leave to California where Mrs. Craig completed work for her masters degree. The laundry crew is happy to have Mr. Craig back to work with them. Mrs. Craig has taken up her duties as educational director of the school of nursing and her teaching. Sheryl and Brenda are in Mr. Wuttke's room at the elementary school.

Mrs. Joyce Marquis, who had been teaching in the school of nursing until Mrs. Craig could return, is continuing to teach pharmacology.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Martin have just arrived on our campus. Mr. Martin is to act as assistant hospital administrator and Mrs. Martin will do part-time work as supervisor at the sanitarium.

## GUESTS

It seems that a guest log is in order. Many of our friends and students return for visits, and then when it's time to complete a News Letter we can't remember all the faces we have seen the past weeks. Was it August or September that we enjoyed Jane's or Joe's visit? Maybe our forgetting is just a sign of age. We hope not, but anyway here is what our memories came up with. (We will perhaps think of more names just after the paper is mailed. Please, won't you forgive us.

Recent guests from Birmingham were Mrs. Frances Hamilton, Mrs. Betty Fricks-Jasperson (class of '41), and junior academy students Vickie, Jane, Jan, Ted, and Wade.

Florence (class of '35) and Metta Hudson, sisters of Mrs. Cora Chandler, were campus visitors this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hare (Mary Willmott, class of '50) and children stopped by for a visit a short time after school started.

Charles Butler ("Sonny" Sego) and family stopped by this summer. Charles has completed graduate work at Harvard, lives near Washington, D. C., and works for the government.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Durst (Annette Bailey, class of '52), children, and Annette's mother, Mrs. Thelma Bailey, stopped for a few minutes while on vacation this summer.

Kenneth (Kayo, class of '36) and Sue Case came by from Worthington, Ohio, to spend some time with old friends.

Roy Jorgensen (Alfred, class of '45) and his family visited Roy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jorgensen this summer.

Bill (class of '49) and Carol (class of '50) were here a short time ago for a visit with Carol's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodner.

Edith Lynes (academy class of '57 and nursing class of '60) is spending some time in the sanitarium as a patient. Her mother, Mrs. Betty Lynes, was also a patient for a few days but has returned to her home in Charleston.

Frank Brown (class of '50), who is a member of Uncle Sam's Air Force crew, was home on leave for a few days this fall.

Marilyn Lowder-Lee (Class of '52) visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lowder.

Bill Bailey (class of '51) and his family were guests over the past week-end.

We have lost count of our Collegedale visitors. N. C. sort of gets in one's blood we have decided. Oh, well, we can understand when we think of Copper Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beaver (Helen Barto, class of '37) and their daughter, Carol, visited their daughter, Joyce, who is a junior nursing student.

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