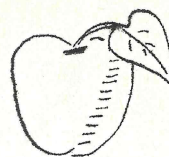


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NEWSLETTER



MOUNTAIN SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL AND FLETCHER ACADEMY
Fletcher, North Carolina 28732

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Taking A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE CAMPUS, we find that many changes have taken or are taking place. The changes are a welcomed sight to the students and workers here at Fletcher.

As we glance over the campus, our eyes rest upon the lake. It has had a few new attractions added this summer such as the swing, the slide, and the stairs that lead into the water. I know that the lake has provided a number of students with many hours of enjoyment.

Up above the lake is the new Science and Library building. The Library is in use now which any student in Mr. Hunt's English classes well knows. The new Science laboratory is still in the last stages of desk installation and supply storage. This building is a boost to our morale.

Just below the south side of the new Science and Library building we can hear the saws buzzing and the hammers banging. This is a welcome noise to our dear boys here at Fletcher Academy.

Nothing new in the girls' department--but wait a minute, is that Mrs. Turner? Yes, she is the school nurse for this year. A welcome thought to deans, faculty members, and students (ha! ha!) Well it looks like we can't play sick anymore; if we do, in goes the thermometer, the needle, and the pills!! It has been many years since Fletcher has had a school nurse, and she has already proved beneficial and effective.

According to Mr. Cross, a building program will soon take place at the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital. An expansion project that will almost double the bed number at M.S.H. will begin around March of 1967. It will provide for patients who need "long-term" care and for geriatrics. The architectural design will emphasize a "homey" type atmosphere. The building will have two floors.

With all these changes, present and future, Fletcher is no longer looking like the "Old Model-T-Ford" days but is gradually taking on a new face.

Diane Wiegand
Associate Editor

"The pursuit of happiness is an endless quest; in it no one can deliver the goods to the individual, though the environment can be vastly improved. He must seek it for himself."

NOTES FROM WHITFORD HALL

Whitford Hall has been full of excitement as the new and old girls arrived for the beginning of school. The first couple of weeks were like an earthquake had hit the place. Everyone was getting settled and making new friends. This year we have a girl from Cuba with us. She knows very little English, so all of us are having fun teaching her. We have 68 girls this year.

Saturday night, September 24, the Girls' Club had a "PAJAMA PARTY" at Pearson Hall. We had games, stories, refreshments, and enjoyed the beautiful fire in the fireplace. The Girls' Club has some real exciting plans for the rest of the year. You will hear more about them in the future.

Patti Worden

OPENING OF THE NEW YEAR

School opened with registration on Sunday and Monday of the last week in August. Classwork began on Tuesday, August 30. The Registrar's Office showed 180 enrolled at the beginning of the term.

After getting classes under way and a thousand and one other things incidental to the beginning of school, time has been taken to look over this new 1966-67 crowd of students. I think these observations might be sized up by saying that the group is a jolly, good-natured crowd, somewhat ignorant of how much they have to learn.

One other observation--those students who were fed up with school work before the term was out last spring were among the first to be back for more. (Including teachers) Such is human!

As we face another year serious thought has been given to what we should accomplish. It is doubtful if the ultimate goals of the Christian education have changed. The sobering thing is that the time we have to do it in may be shorter. If the great Cecil Rhodes would say in his time "So much to do, so little time", how about us who are living so much later in the stream of time?

In terms of this, the speaker at the first School Assembly urged teachers and students alike to make this year the best year we've ever had.

We have moved into the new Library. Desk connections and the arrival of new chairs are holding up use of the new Science Building. The sound of hammers and electric saws at the sight of the new Boys' Dormitory is music to the ears of the writer.

I am happy to introduce to our Fletcher friends the new teachers on the staff this year.

Ira M. Gish, Ph.D.--French, Virginia

Donald C. Hunt, M.A.--English, North Carolina and Africa

Winifred Martone, M.A.--Home Economics, Local Conference

Donald G. Turner, B.A.--Math, California

Nancy Turner, B.A. R.N.--School Nurse, California

Stanley Vera Cruz, B.S.--Boys' Dean, Illinois

These teachers are welcomed to our group and their spirit in service is much appreciated.

To our friends near and far, we extend our best wishes and in turn invite your continued interest, support, and your prayers.

L. E. Nestell, PRINCIPAL

 YOUTH FOR YOUTH

"We", Fletcher Academy, are on the air at WHKP with our speakers, choir, and special musical numbers. Our listening audience, if everyone listened in, could be over 30,000 people.

In our county alone (Henderson) there are 15,000 homes, and the broadcasting covers 20 more counties. When Mr. Lee steps up to you and says "You're On" that means a talk will be prepared for you, and you will have the privilege of representing "Good Ole Fletcher Academy."

OPENING OF GRADE SCHOOL

Twenty-two lively first and second graders came into Mrs. Peel's classroom on August 28. Some were wondering, others were a little afraid of what school would be like. However, the second graders soon made the newcomers feel at home. All the first graders are making remarkable progress learning to read, and the crooked lines and backward letters are getting straightened out and are beginning to look like words. Both grades are working on attractive folders in which to put some of their work. They are looking forward to having mom and dad come to visit their room.

The third and fourth graders have started the school year with lots of enthusiasm! One of their first projects is building a miniature village. The buildings are cut-down milk cartons covered with colored construction paper and landscaped. They are working hard in hopes of completing it soon.

Their teacher, Miss Smith, keeps their room attractive and as quiet as you can keep youngsters that age! This is an essential part of a well organized room. The children are assigned jobs which they attend to regularly. They include feeding the goldfish, emptying the trash-cans, changing the assignments on the board, and others. Don't you think they've started out well?

The fifth and sixth graders are an energetic group of students. Wednesday, September 28, they came to school excited and ready to go. Why? They were going Ingathering. Eighteen students in four cars went out and brought back \$125.00!!

Mrs. Kenyon, their teacher, keeps the school room interesting and makes their class work stimulating. They are taught that "Silence is golden" and that "There is a time and place for everything under the heavens" but not necessarily needed in the classroom.

Like all students they are somewhat mischievous but are usually well behaved.

Mr. Wuttke's 7th and 8th graders are anticipating an interesting school year. They are proud of the brand new library right next door to them. Much hard work preceded the opening on Thursday, September 27. Any day you would like to stop in and visit, Captain, one of the eight graders, will be glad to show you around.

"With all the teachers and students working together we anticipate one of the best school years in the history of the school," says Sharon Pendleton.

STUDENTS OF CAPTAIN GILMER ELEMENTARY

Grade 1--Mrs. Peel

Fredrick Allen
Freida Flerl
Tommy Haney

Deanna Hanson
Suzanne Harrell
Tommy Hunt

Gerald Peel
Ricky Speed
Paul Wuttke
Valen VeraCruz

Grade 2

Lois Allman
Christine Beard
Bobby Broyles
Bill Flerl

Pamela Haney
Janice Harrell
Gussie Hilderbrandt
Judy Hodges

Linda Kuist
Delmar Livingston
David Moore
Ronny Speed

Grade 3--Miss Smith

Tommy Bryant
Mike Clark
Debbie Davis
Oral Eubanks

Chuck Garey
JoAnne Judson
Bobby Kenyon
Dennis Leggett

Cindy McClung
Anita Mull
Brian Pendleton
Joe Williams

Grade 4

Harold Allman
Alex Clark
Ted Clark
Ernie Drake

Tim Clark
Bobby Davis
Stoney Hilderbrandt

Patricia Johnson
Dinal Livingston
Jerry McClung

Grade 5--Mrs. Kenyon

Peter Bloomfield
Patsy Cumbie
Pansey Eubanks
Delphia Garey

Carol Hansen
Steve Hodges
Donald Hunt
Barbara Johnson

Danny Kenyon
Angels Mull
Wanda Jacobs

Grade 6

Corliss Barber
Jim Cherry
Debra Livingston

Charles Marmot
Lucretia Moore

Marcia Pendleton
Herbert Segur

Grade 7--Mr. Wuttke

Clara Anderson
Lonnie Anderson

John Johnson
Ellen Lancaster

Alice Pendergrass
Judy Wuttke

Grade 8

Glenn Allman
Susan Anderson
David Bryant
Sue Collins
Georgia Curbie

Cheryl Englebert
Tony Fowler
Wayne Gish
Susan Hughes
Vernon Leggett

Donnie Livingston
Darrell Livingston
Sue Marquis
Keith McDonald
Neal McDonald
Robert Moore

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Freshmen

Anderson, Clarence
Barber, Doug
Beard, Sharron
Bischoff, Torry
Bremson, Nancy
Cabral, Coral
Cantrell, Darrell
Coffee, Hanna
Crawford, Mike
Dover, Donna
Eberhardt, Jake
Gillin, Odette
Gillin, Sharon
Grimsley, Steven
Heeb, Bruce

Huskins, Gary
Jensen, J. R.
Joiner, Wanda
Johnson, Debra
Jones, Glenda
Jones, Linda
Kendall, John
Kessell, Paul
Lawter, Gae
Marquis, Judy
Meinhardt, Ronald
Moncrieff, George
Phillips, Kathy
Ramsey, Linda
Reason, Curtis

Robinson, Linda
Robinson, Susie
Roland, Buddy
Rudd, Joe
Ryals, Karen
Satterfield, Kay
Satterfield, Pam
Sheckler, Jesse
Schrock, Linda
Staver, Susie
Stefko, Carla
Tolson, Ronda
Uzzle, Ruth
Wagner, Marshall

Allman, Becky
 Baldridge, Fay
 Baldridge, Kay
 Baldwin, Roger
 Barber, Weston
 Beard, Patty
 Biddix, Billy
 Bumgardner, Laurea
 Cole, Bettie
 Crawford, Ray
 Creed, Carol
 Crowe, Charlotte
 Dierker, Glenda
 Flerl, Judy
 Foley, John
 Fortune, Ronnie
 Haney, Sharon

Hansen, Judy
 Harvey, Buddy
 Harvey, Ginger
 Hodges, Larry
 Hughes, Barbara
 Hunt, Donella
 Jones, Carl
 Kennedy, Allen
 Koester, Ronald
 Largin, Michael
 Largin, Regina
 Livingston, Raymond
 Millard, Mike
 Miller, Carolyn
 Moore, Bill
 Munoz, Mailin
 Myers, Danny

Norwood, Billy
 Oliver, Cheryl
 Pendleton, David
 Pressley, Tom
 Rakes, Diane
 Rebman, Renee
 Richards, Larry
 Santini, Jerre
 Schrock, Linda
 Stinchcomb, Mary
 Sweezy, Clyde
 Taylor, Robert
 Tornlov, Lars
 Treadwell, Jeanette
 Williams, Ellen
 Winter, June

Juniors

Allman, Shirley
 Ansari, Hehrdad
 Ashlock, Tina
 Bischoff, Fred
 Brooker, Wayne
 Bryant, Barbara Jean
 Callicott, James
 Chandler, Gail
 Cox, Danny
 Crawford, John
 Dobbs, Judy
 Falls, Peggy
 Fleming, Alice
 Flerl, Jimmy
 Gaertner, Linda
 Gillin, Walter

Hair, Gladdys
 Houck, Shera
 Idol, Terry
 Jackson, Melvin
 Jenks, Lowell
 Jestes, Peggy
 Johnson, Stanley
 Joiner, Donna
 Kelly, Jim
 Kennedy, Brenda
 Kessel, Paulette
 King, Martha
 Larson, Bob
 Livingston, Paula
 Meisner, Susan
 Millard, Pat

Moore, Jones
 Newgard, Mickie
 Rakes, Gary
 Ricks, John
 Rush, Donna
 Ryals, Linda
 Spurlin, Judy
 Smith, John
 Smith, Marty
 Stinchcomb, Kathy
 Swilley, Sharon
 Taylor, Cheri
 Thore, Connie
 Thoreson, Nelson
 Worden, Patti
 Hales, Robert

Seniors

Barber, Kent
 Blanchard, Clarence
 Cantrell, Sharon
 Carswell, Janet
 Collins, Gary
 Conway, Vicki
 Cooper, Robin
 Curran, Jean
 Curran, Joan
 Davenport, Billie Jo
 Deland, Kenneth
 Denton, Dollena
 Gardner, Susan

Gillin, Bill
 Harvey, Frances
 Heatherly, Doris
 Ingram, Sharon
 Joiner, Darlene
 Johnson, Debbie
 Kendall, Martha
 Kincart, Diane
 Lenz, Cindy
 Lenz, Gary
 Lowe, Dora
 Martone, Brenda
 Mills, Don

Nowfel, Ronnie
 O'Brien, Nancy
 Pendleton, Sharon
 Satterfield, Sandy
 Silva, Dennis
 Seeley, Mary
 Segur, Rosemary
 Sherer, Elaine
 Sutton, Jean
 Wiegand, Diane
 Underwood, Jimmy
 Loudon, Linda

TUMBLING TEAM

We have a boys' tumbling team in the making. Some of the boys can do somersaults both forward and backward. They also do high leaps.

"Sorry gals, only a boys' team."

Brothers

Crawford, John
 Crawford, Mike
 Crawford, Ray
 Millard, Mike
 Millard, Pat
 Gillin, Bill
 Gillin, Walter
 Bischoff, Fred
 Bischoff, Tom
 Moore, Bill
 Moore, Jones

Twins

Glenda Jones
 Linda Jones

 Jean Curran
 Joean Curran

 Fay Baldrige
 Kay Baldrige

Sisters

Carswell, Janet
 Heatherly, Doris
 Gillin, Sharon
 Gillin, Odette
 Joiner, Donna
 Joiner, Darlene
 Joiner, Wanda
 Ryals, Linda
 Ryals, Karen
 Satterfield, Kay
 Satterfield, Pam
 Satterfield, Sandy
 Shrock, Cecilia
 Shrock, Linda
 Allman, Rebecca
 Allman, Shirley
 Beard, Sharon
 Beard, Patti
 Stinchcomb, Kathy
 Stinchcomb, Mary
 O'Brien, Nancy
 Segur, Rosemary

Brothers and Sisters

Paul Kessel
 Paulette Kessel

 Bobby Taylor
 Cheri Taylor

 Gary Rakes
 Diane Rakes

 Jimmy Flerl
 Judy Flerl

 Gary Lenz
 Cindy Lenz

 Darrell Cantrell
 Sharon Cantrell

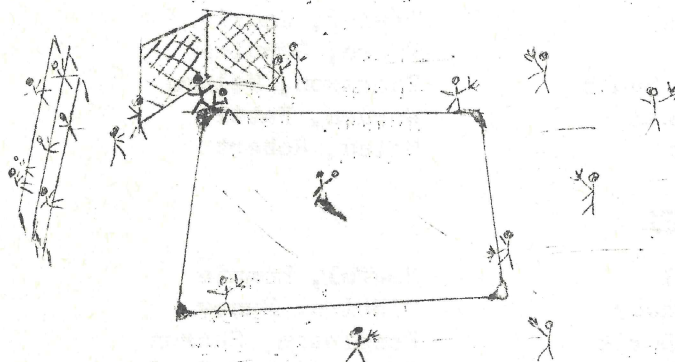
 David Pendleton
 Sharon Pendleton

Mike Largin
 Regina Largin

John Kendall
 Martha Kendall

Buddy Harvey
 Frances Harvey
 Ginger Harvey

Raymond Livingston
 Paula Livingston

NEWS FROM THE CABIN SHACKS

Greetings once again from the "Cabin Shacks and the Old House."

After a summer full of fun and games, we are all glad to be back in the swing of school. Meeting new friends and finding our old ones back is all part of the fun.

We have 46 boys in the dorm and in the cabins. They come from as far away as Persia and Sweden and from as near as Fletcher and Hendersonville.

Talking about having luck and being fortunate! We were all lucky and fortunate in finding the new dean of boys all the way from Hawaii. Mr. Vera Cruz and his family are the greatest! Mr. Vera Cruz is getting things in tip-top shape around the dorm. Mrs. Vera Cruz is finishing up her nurse's training here at Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital. She only has a few more weeks to finish. The Vera Cruzes have three children.

Our Boys' Club has been really active with ball games, tumbling, car washes, films, and making plans for boys' reception.

We feel that this year will be one of the best Fletcher has ever had. After all, with our dean and us boys, we couldn't go wrong!!!!

SCHOOL OF NURSING

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Enrollment

Freshmen

Boston, Velda Lorraine
Gill, Deborah Elaine
Lavender, Elizabeth Ann
Lesi, Judith Ann
McAlexander, David
McCloud, Frankie Ann
Oswald, Gladys Ann

Pierce, Nancy Sharon
Powser, Cynthia Diane
Philbrook, Marsha Leath
Randall, Marsha Mae
Reese, John Leslie, Jr.
Smith, Barbara Ann

Stockberger, Sue
Stump, Velda Jean
Treadwell, Treadene
McClung, Jack
Keller, Carol
Wright, Linda

Juniors

Brady, Brenda
Burbank, Janine
Crumley, Judy
Dietz, Bonnie
Estep, Mildred
Everett, Ruth
Fitzgerald, Jerry
Howell, Sheryal

Hicks, Glynis
Johnson, Norma
Keller, Linda
Lackey, Douglas
MacDonald, Deborah
Nichols, Zina
Pennington, Carol

Ross, Bonnie
Tignor, Cheri
Underwood, Shirley
Weatherman, Robert
Wilkes, Cathy
Worley, Nancy
Stone, Donna

Seniors

Burton, Cheryl
Comer, Charlotte
Gregory, Cherry
Griffin, Betty
Lauren, Annie

Ontko, Elaine
Phillips, Janice
Roberts, Florence
Roe, Gloria
Rebman, Martha

Simmons, Morrell
Wolf, Karen
Yates, Sibyl
Rumsey, Phyllis
Qualls, Gilbert

School of Nursing News

The School of Nursing of Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital graduated twenty-two students August 27. The following day nineteen new students entered the dormitory. All of them seem to be happy and are adjusting well.

The Student Association elected new officers for the coming year as follows:

President: Carol Pennington
Vice-President: Morrell Simmons
Secretary: Zina Nichols
Treasurer: Jack McClung
Parliamentarian: Douglas Lackey
Pastor: Terry McAlexander
Faculty Advisor: Mr. Don Lowe

We had our annual school picnic Sunday, September 28 at Lake Lure. All had a good time and enjoyed the day very much.

We have two new instructors with us this year. They are Mrs. Ira M. Gish, who is our new pediactrics instructor. She is a graduate of Madison College School of Nursing with a B.S. She has done graduate work toward her Masters in nursing education.

Mrs. Nancy Turner has her B.S. and an associate degree in nursing from Pacific Union College.

The Student Association is looking forward to a good year with new interests, and we believe we can make this year one of the best and the most successful.

--Zina Nichols, Secretary

NURSES' GRADUATION 1966--22 SENIORS

The weekend of August 27 was the end of the count down for Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital largest graduation class of nurses and the beginning of a new era in the lives of the graduates.

Friday night Elder Wycoff, Evangelist for Carolina Conference of S.D.A., gave the Consecration Address. Sabbath morning church service found the 22 seniors along with the congregation listening to a stirring sermon by Elder Euel Atchley of the Listen Magazine, again challenging the nurses to their high calling of finishing the task on this earth.

After many long hours of waiting, Commencement time actually arrived. To begin, the rising Senior Class marched in and lined the aisle with candles in their hands. Seniors followed through the trestle to the the left of the platform with their part of their motto "Enter to Serve" above. The service continued smoothly with special music by J. B. Lane. Dr. J. L. Gardner, one of the class sponsors was the speaker for the night. He, too, encouraged them onward to the task ahead in changing times, ways, and places.

Parents, friends, and relatives of choice were honored in a special way by being presented corsages and boutonnieres respectively by each student. Mrs. J. L. Gardner, one of the class sponsors, called off the names of those so honored, and the student walked down to the audience and presented personally the corsage or boutonniere.

Each year's graduating class, as a tribute to the school, presents a gift to the department of place of their choice. This year a badly needed heated receiving crib, with mattress for use in the delivery room, was presented to Darrell Cross, Hospital Administrator.

Then came the most important moment--Presentation of Diplomas and Pins. Roll call was given by Miss Josephine Clayburn, Director of the School of Nursing. Each senior then received his diploma from Dr. A. A. Pearson, staff doctor. Missionary pins were presented by Fern Anderson, OB instructor. School pins were presented by Miss Ostine Whisnant. The senior trio closed commencement by singing "Give Me a Vision." Mr. Don Lowe gave the benediction.

Graduation for seniors of 1966 has been over now for almost a month. A new life has begun for 22 young people. Each one has gone his separate way to serve in his state or area of choice. One big hurdle lies ahead now, and that is those formidable state boards. Don't forget our new graduates in the next two weeks as they take these exams and don't forget them in the future in your prayers as they continue the course that started three years ago as a student nurse devoted to her choice of work in the medical field.

Class Roll

Mary DeVasher, President
 Frances Green, Vice-President
 Carolyn Shaw, Secretary
 Diane Pritchard, Treasurer
 Barbara Anderson
 Roberta Beaty
 Betty Breeland
 Carole Collins

Sandra Garbers.	Karen Maples
Betty Garey	Sandra Meier
Nancy Hardy	Gail Merz
Bill Hawkes	Ann Noble
Eileen	Betty Rowe
Bonnie Keller	Suzanne Sheneman
Beverly Kilgore	Sharon Underwood

Class Sponsors: Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Gardner

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Welcome Readers, to our monthly summarization of religious meetings!

As you probably don't know, Mrs. Rust is our wonderful pianist and organist. Every Friday evening about a half hour before vespers, she is in the chapel playing beautiful music for people who like to come and meditate. At seven o'clock we have a song service. During the first vespers of this year, Shera Houck led us in a fine song service. Linda Robinson, Linda Ryals, and Jean Curran in trio sang a song that we all enjoyed, "Grateful, O Lord, Am I."

The talk for the evening was given by Brother Rebman. It was real inspiring --a message on the Beatitudes. He opened his talk by saying, "But you know, dear brethern and sisters, we've failed to live up to Christ's words, and unless we correct this, there will be no place in the Kingdom of Heaven for us. Let us diligently live each day the way Jesus would if He were in our situation. Have a pure heart, because the pure in heart will not only see God, but they will want to see God."

The following day was a special day, the Sabbath. Elder Kenyon gave a talk about the Youth of Today. "Brethern and Sisters," he said, "many fearful issues are facing us today, and they are multiplying. Satan bids high for the day's youth. They are in great need of the benefits of Christian Education. We need to establish them in the truth. Parents, be thankfor that you have your son(s) and/or daughter(s) in a Christian Academy. Pray for all of us!"

Another event of great interest was the choir dedication. Elder Kenyon spoke a few words on the uses of music and then offered the dedicatory prayer.

The Sabbath was closed by a wonderful candlelight service.

We have such good meetings here at Fletcher Academy. Drop by sometime and enjoy yourselves spiritually. You are most welcome.

SUMMER WORK

It was hard getting 600 hours in before school started, but finally I have them in! I worked as a nurses' aide most of the day and then in the high school typing, filing, stamping, addressing, and moving library books to the new Library building. If there were nothing else to do in the high school, I was sent to the printing shop or to Mrs. Wilson to help pull weeds in the flower garden all by myself. The dorm always needed cleaning, so I did the bathrooms, floors, etc. The easiest job was running the adding machine in the morning every other week.

Of course work isn't all I did. There were times to get one's mind off work and have fun. The hay rides to the pathfinder camp, the hay truck ride to Hendersonville on the 4th of July to see the fire works. The swirring fun down at the lake, and summer banquet where the students enjoyed the evening while the faculty members did all the work, was indeed a treat.

The day I always looked forward to was Sabbath because that was the day I didn't have to work all day. I could read, go for a walk with the girls, play Bible games, rest, and attend the candle light service in the chapel just before the sun went down.

Diane Kincart.

The summer of 1966 has not been a record year for farm products at Fletcher. There were several hail storms which did damage to the first tomatoes so they had to be replanted, and to some of the apples and grapes. Then, as I understand, because of an abundance of rain at certain times, the corn crop was delayed in maturing. Still we can be very thankful for our Heavenly Father's blessings and kindness to us.

At present there are tomatoes we can serve, green beans, okra, green peppers, potatoes, and fresh garden lettuce.

Of what we have taken care of this summer to date we have:

166 gallons frozen peaches	82 gallons frozen beets
49 gallons grape jam	12 gallons frozen raspberries
18 gallons apricot jam	192 gallons frozen corn
26 gallons apple butter	55 gallons pickles
4 gallons raspberry jam	40 gallons frozen carrots
3 gallons strawberry jam	101 gallons frozen grape juice
25 gallons frozen strawberries	14 gallons frozen acorn squash
1107 ears of frozen corn	

Mr. Lowder reports that besides the apples that can be put in storage for winter use, there will be quite a few gallons of apple juice to freeze.

We hope that with the blessings of the Lord our report for next year will be better.

Jennie Covey

SCHOOL PICNIC

Monday, October 3rd, was a day of great excitement for Fletcher students. At long last (after three weeks of postponement) the day of the school picnic had arrived. Four big trucks piled with hay were supplied to transport us students to beautiful Mills River where the outing was held.

When we arrived, the first thing played was baseball. A rousing game was enjoyed by all who participated. Then other games were enjoyed such as volleyball and tug-of-war. Mr. Vera Cruz suggested that we jump rope. After the students had their fill of it, someone suggested that the deans take turns jumping the rope. First, Mr. Vera Cruz, the boys' dean tried it. He did quite well. Then, Mrs. Wilson, our girls' dean jumped. She really surprised everyone by putting on a spectacular performance. Then there were the races. Jerry Santini was the winner of the boys' relay race, and Peggy Jestes took first place for the girls. Everyone had fun running in the three-legged races.

Supper time finally came, to the joy of everyone. We feasted on vegetable stew, sandwiches, and deliciously-cold apple cider. There were ice cream sandwiches for dessert.

After everyone finished eating, a campfire was built. We all stood around it, warming our hands and feet, and singing songs. Ronald Koester read a short scripture and had prayer after which followed a short and very enjoyable talent program. Buddy Roland and James Callicot favored us with a harmonica and guitar duet. They played "Home on the Range." Debra Johnson played her guitar and sang for us also.

When at last it was time to bid farewell to Mills River and turn our faces homeward, a tired but happy group of students piled back onto the trucks, thankful that they had enjoyed such a wonderful school picnic.

Susie Meisner

INGATHERING FIELD DAY

One hundred twenty-five students and drivers from the academy and the school of nursing went out on the annual Ingathering field day October 11.

There are twenty-one regular territories that the group covers each year. These trips take students in all directions from the campus. Some drive a hundred miles or more, others work closer to the school. When the day is done everyone is tired but happy for having had a part in god's work.

Mr. S. F. Love, treasurer of the Fletcher Church came to the chapel with his adding machine at 5:30 p.m. to begin checking in the groups as they returned. It is thrilling to see the total rise as the cars return from the day's work. At 12:30 the last car came in. This was Elder W. A. Martin's car. They had driven the farthest distance from the school. They also had the most money. \$165.69. The girls in the car were: Susan Gardner, Nancy O'Brien, Dollena Denton, Bettie Jean Cole, Bobbie Jean Bryant. The highest individual solicitor for the day was Diane Kincart with a total of \$79.82.

When all the counting was done the total for the day was \$1553.00 plus more than a hundred dollars in student labor. This amount added to what had already been turned in was sufficient to put the Fletcher church over its Ingathering goal for 1966.

The local church and community appreciate very much the excellent help given by the men who came from the conference office. Their work helped make the day a success.

Elder Don Kenyon

WONDERS OF OUTER-SPACE

On Saturday night, October 1, 1966, the first lyceum number of the year was held. Mr. Carl R. Cauterucci presented "Wonders of Outer Space", a very interesting program on the new and fantastic wonders of the new era of space travel.

Fun, fact and fancy were combined to make this collection of laboratory creations a highly worthwhile presentation. Each display was explained in understandable terms, emphasizing the fact that truth is stranger than fiction. The program was absolutely scientific, but planned to entertain with a flight of fancy into the realm of the future.

Sharon Ingram, a senior was used as a guinea pig in a demonstration to show how man is able to stand the awkwardness of living in cramped quarters for long periods of time. She was put into a tiny space capsule for the entire length of the program, with only a little horn to blow at one minute intervals. No one knew where the sound was coming from until the end of the program when the space hatch was opened and out popped, not a Martin, but Sharon!

Mr. Cauterucci used many very interesting demonstrations to show us the different things that man is doing in outer space. He had little tubes of food that are actually used to feed astronauts while they are flying around in space. With the use of sound effects and a good imagination, one could take off from earth, land on the moon, get out of the spaceship and explore the moon's surface, and come back home---all in a matter of a few short minutes.

How about another trip to the moon, Sharon?

--Susie Meisner

GOD'S COUNTRY

There's a forest of pine trees that tower on high,
In the distance the mountains seem to touch the sky.
There's a valley of beauty that the mountains enfold,
There's a stream through the valley, crystal clear and cold.
There's a meadow of flowers, a hidden dale,
There's the haunting wonder of an old Indian trail.
There's the ashes of a camp fire, cold and gray;
There's a heart that's yearning to return some day.
To once again stroll along the stream,
Where there's peace and beauty and a dreamer can dream.

Where the pine trees whisper
As the winds softly blow;
Where cares are forgotten
In a camp fire's glow
Where unblemished by man,
God's country is blessed;
Where a heart finds peace,
Where a soul finds rest.

--Author Unknown

Benjamin Franklin came to the strange awakening that he was constantly losing friends. He began to realize that he was constantly arguing with people. He just couldn't get along with people. One day he sat down and made a list of all his nasty personality characteristics. Then he decided that he would eliminate these nasty personality characteristics one by one. Each time he found that he had successfully eliminated one, he would cross it off the list, until he had cleaned up the entire list. He developed one of the finest personalities in America.

--Author Unknown

Never before have we been in greater need of people capable
of good hard thinking than we are today.

--Rickover

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