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GOD'S GIFTS AND YOURS

Theodore Lucas *

No matter what your age or job in life, you are more mature if you have found a "cause" in which to invest your time and money for some social good. Through it you can achieve an outstanding characteristic of emotional maturity — the ability to find satisfaction in giving.

To find continuing satisfaction in any aspect of living, a person has to be involved with it: a happy marriage, a successful career, a growing business — all require constant intensive effort.

One must continue to refuel in his giving capacity.

There is nothing wrong with wanting to be appreciated or in wanting to see the fruits of one's efforts.

A person must build — and maintain satisfying relations with others or he will have no **human** relations, whether friends or family.

You are given the opportunity for a consistent relationship, particularly if you go to see the work being done and talk with the people you are supporting you can share directly the excitement of pioneering research, of helping sick children to recover, of building a much-needed institution. You help make possible the smile, the new leases on life, the scientific papers. You are a welcome partner in the collective effort and treated as such. You get directly the psychological rewards of giving.

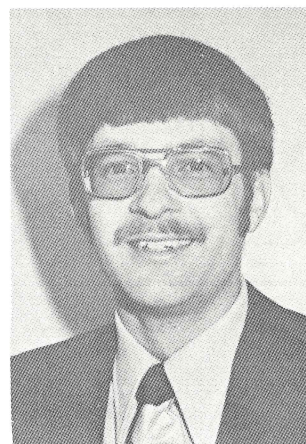
Talk over their problems with the front-line workers when you can. Hold the hands of the staff, psychologically speaking. But be extremely careful not to make people feel subservient, dependent and resentful that they are being manipulated rather than supported.

Every imaginative man has a drawerful of dreams. If there are no dreams, then the future is past.

*Former World Director of the SDA Youth Movement, Pastor Theodore Lucas, still very active, lives near our campus.

Our Cover

Institutional President, Herbert Coolidge, and Hospital Administrator, Bob Harris, examine part of the new monitoring equipment in ICU which was a gift of the Cranston Print Works located at Fletcher, NC.



Norman L. Anderson, a graduate of the Southern Methodist School of Law has been appointed the institutional controller. Anderson is a former Fletcher Academy student. Prior to the appointment here he was Assistant Professor of Business Administration at Southwestern Union College at Keene, Texas. He also is a certified public accountant. He and his wife, Norma, have three children, Sonya, Artie and Austin. They make their home on the campus.

I. T. Parker Makes \$50,000 Donation

Some eight years ago a spry, alert, dignified and well-dressed gentleman entered my office and smilingly handed me a check for something less than a thousand dollars. We had discussed our hospital needs before and he had helped before, but this time he had something special on his mind. "You know, you people have saved my life. Many years ago I met your Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and started following his teachings. Later I met Dr. John Brownsberger and he helped me. More recently I dealt with Dr. Joyner and Dr. Pearson. I also enjoyed knowing Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Miss Patterson, Mrs. Rittie Smith, Miss Morrow and Mrs. Witt. You people have been friends to me. I have good health because of you and I plan to help you in a little more substantial way." And he did! The other day Mr. I. T. Parker now 89, had his lawyer call President Coolidge to inform him that he was selling \$50,000 worth of bank stock and presenting the proceeds to the hospital. This philanthropic gift was not only generous it was the largest single donation by an individual, other than a foundation, that the hospital has received to date! Our most profound thanks goes to Mr. I. T. Parker and we believe an equal vote of thanks goes to those above-mentioned godly individuals who influenced the life of this very fine Christian gentleman.

We believe there are others out there like Mr. I. T. Parker who appreciate the hospital, its doctors, nurses and other personnel. May we hear from you?

Signed,

Paul A. Witt, Director of Development



From the pen of the President

Welcome Back!

I would personally like to welcome you back as a reader of the **Mountain Memos**. Really we at Fletcher are delighted to again be sending you this quarterly. Hopefully we can keep you informed on the happenings of our institution. We are a dynamic institution, with a number of things taking place.

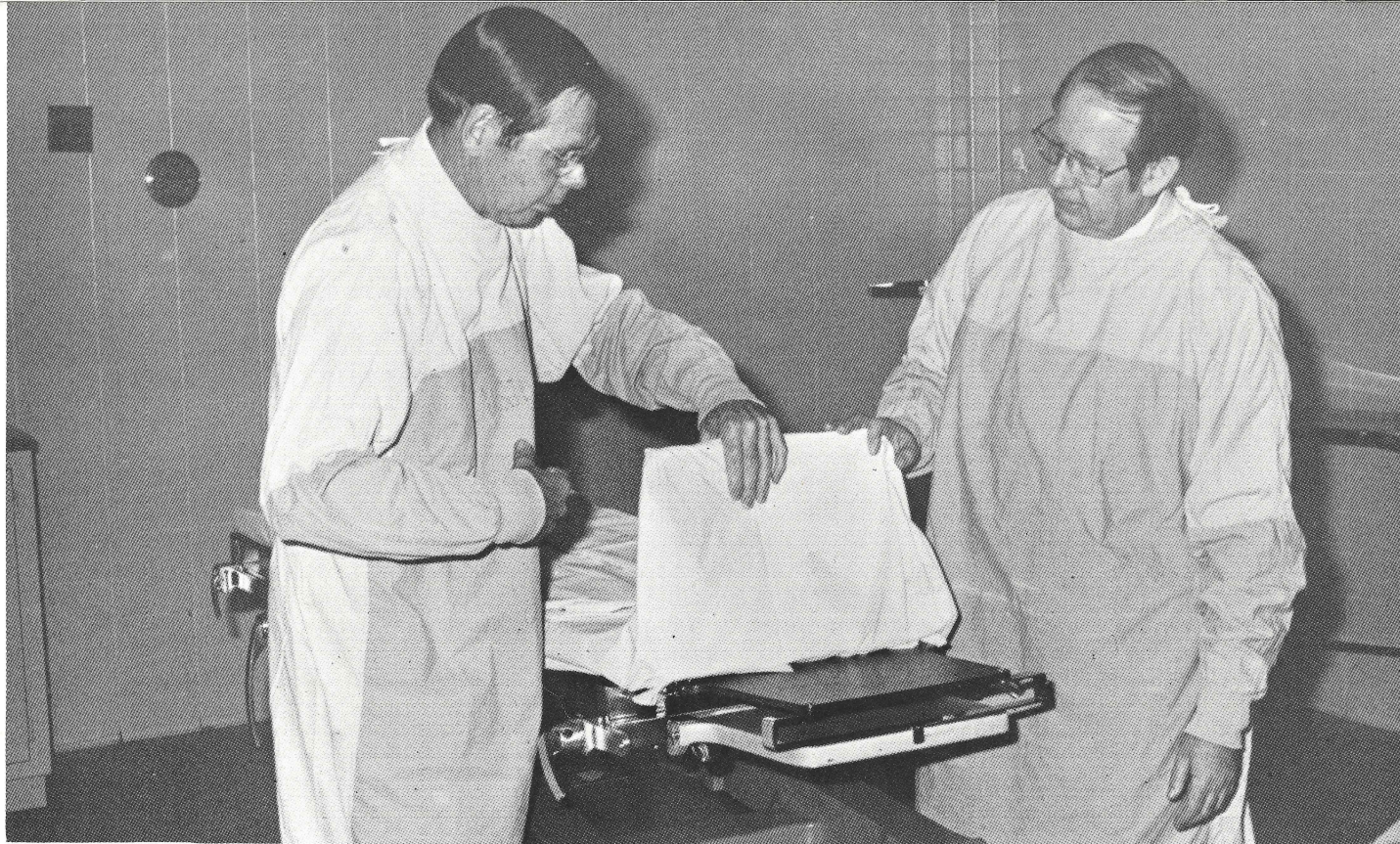
This issue is trying to highlight some of the new items that have been added here. Especially those items that have come from the generosity of our friends. You and I recognize that there is no end to wants and almost none to needs. Needs do remain with us as we strive to carry out our institutional purposes in the areas of health care and education.

We have big needs such as a girls' dormitory for Fletcher Academy, we have small needs such as micro-instruments for surgical procedures. We welcome your interest. I hope you will give me the opportunity to become personally acquainted, for I deeply value your concern for Fletcher.

Herbert E. Coolidge
President



Paul Eldridge, lecturer, author and administrator, recently conducted a week's spiritual workshop in the assembly hall of the hospital's north wing. The well attended lectures which were presented twice daily were under the auspices of the hospital administrator and the chaplain and were part of a program called "Love in Action". Each lecture pertained to "doors" (i.e. Doors of Service) and were excerpts from his most recently published book entitled "Seeing the Real Me."



Surgeon, P. J. Moore, M.D. left, demonstrates the intricacies of a new operating table to hospital administrator, Bob Harris. The \$7,000 surgical table by Champaine which features an x-ray permeable top is a gift to the hospital by Walter S. Hoiles, Jr. of Hendersonville.

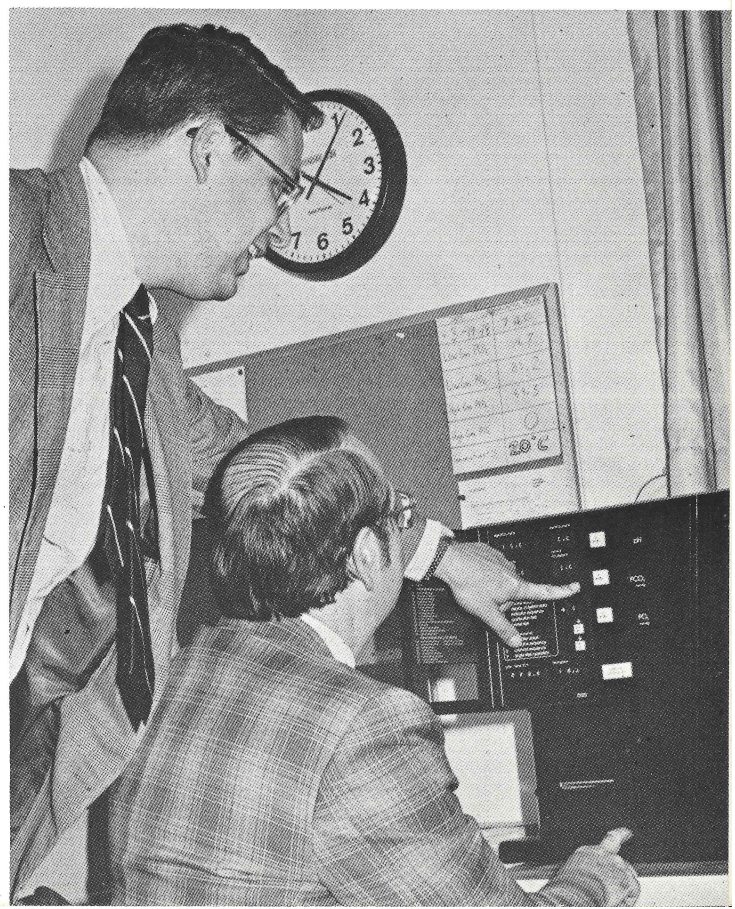
Dr. Herbert Coolidge, left, shows Paul Witt, recently appointed Director of Development, a \$60,000 gamma camera recently installed in the Radiology Department. The machine which is used for Nuclear Medicine is being used far more than anticipated. A substantial portion of the cost for this service has been contributed by the hospital-based radiologists.



Chief Physical Therapist, Jackie Horsley, a Loma Linda graduate demonstrates ultra sound therapy on student employee, Ken Hodges. The new machine replacing older equipment is just one of several similar pieces of equipment in daily use in the physical therapy department.



Hospital Administrator, Bob Harris, watches as Dr. Herbert Coolidge, Institutional President, operates a control of the new \$18,000 automatic blood-gas analyzer which has been recently added to the Respiratory Therapy Department.



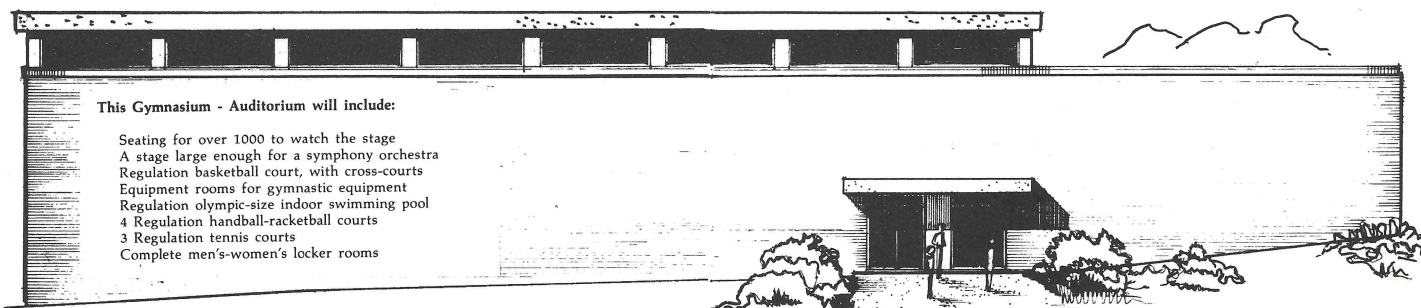
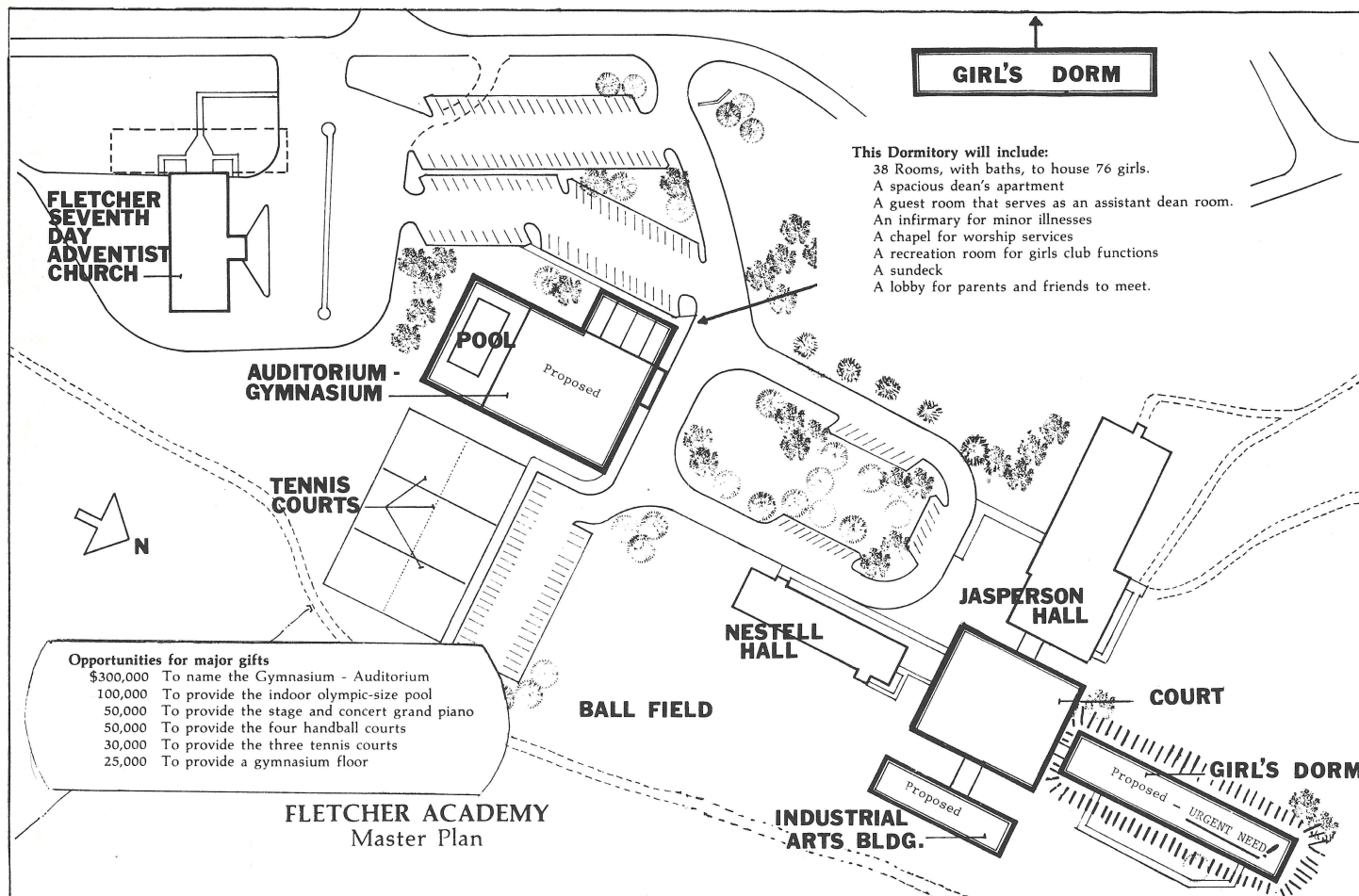
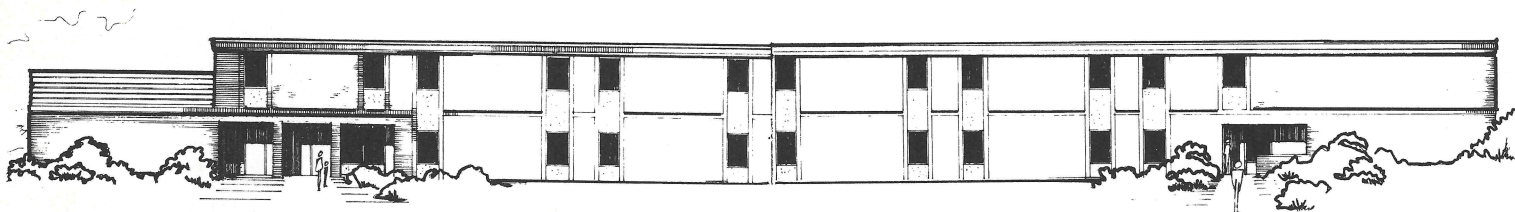


On the wall of the chapel in the North Wing is affixed this large bronze memorial plaque listing names of deceased relatives and friends who have been memorialized by substantial gifts. Perhaps you too would like to perpetuate a name which has special meaning to you. Your gift of love will help the living.

ORCHESTRA TRIP

Dr. Herbert Coolidge, bus driver in this case, looks on as Fletcher Academy Principal, Jesse Cone, checks the dip stick of the Academy bus which was having alternator trouble. Other onlookers are (left to right) students Paul Wuttke, Dale Kimbro and Academy teacher, Carleton Hunt. Despite this incident on Route 81 in Virginia and ensuing blizzards, the Orchestra trip was a success. The Academy Orchestra performed in Highland View Academy, the Vienna Church, Shenandoah Valley Academy, Mt. Vernon Academy, Battle Creek Academy, the Niles Church in Michigan, Northbrook Illinois Church, and Indianapolis Academy and Church.







Forty-Fourth Annual Nurses' Commencement

Since its inception forty-four years ago the Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing has graduated some 500 nurses who are presently serving humanity around the circle of the earth. On the weekend of May 5, another graduation took place. Pictured here left to right this year's graduates are: Martha King (President), Kathleen Merrill, Roxanne Boyd (Secretary), Patricia Wooten, Yvonne Smith (Pastorette), Vendetta Young, Jean Foreman, Thomas Altemose (Treasurer), Nancy Neaveau (Parliamentarian and Class Representative), Linda Easton (Vice-President), Kimberly Herrick, Deborah Carver, and Thomas Beck. Addresses for Consecration, Baccalaureate and Commencement were given by Pastor Don Vollmer, Dr. Harold Schutte, and Pastor Robert Beck. In the background can be seen the new School of Nursing building that was built as a result of private gifts and a Helene Fuld Health Trust Grant.



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