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GIFT FOR WORTHY STUDENT FUND



Craig Willis with Helen Smith.

Mrs. Helen J. (Nita) Smith from Berrien Springs, Michigan, recently presented Craig Willis principal of Fletcher Academy, a check for \$1,000.00 to be used for the Worthy Student Fund. The gift was made possible by the sale of a mahogany grandfather clock which was handcrafted by her husband, the late Leslie Smith. Mr. Smith used select Peruvian mahogany, which retiring missionary friends had given him, to construct a clock.

Retirement did not lessen a desire to help in the education of young people, so he constructed the original furniture for Captain Gilmer Elementary School. Because Mrs. Smith shared this interest in young people, she was willing to sell a treasured possession to make this gift to the Worthy Student Fund.

Homestead

The architect is now drawing plans for a new health-food store, Homestead Farms, to replace the one on campus. The new store will be located near the corner of the orchard that is bounded by Naples Road and I-26, and will deal exclusively with natural and vegetarian foods, and baked goods from the Fletcher Academy Bakery. In conjunction with the food store will be a gift shop featuring ceramics, hand-crafted items, greeting cards, glassware, novelties, and film. As you wait for the complimentary gift-wrapping service, you can relax in the customers' lounge/reading room while listening to soft music.

If you would like to be a part of this business venture, 12% loans are invited. Contact John Lew, 684-8501, ext. 263 or H. E. Coolidge, Ext. 231.

ACTIVITIES

Charlotte Taylor, Personnel Director, announced the creation of a Personnel Advisory Committee consisting of ten members each representing approximately 40 employees from different geographic locations on campus.

The purpose of the committee is to get information about programs and activities which are requested by employees, and to receive and deal with criticism. The representatives selected to date are David Bryant, Anne Carey, Don Hazelton, Karen Jacobs, Debbie Reynolds, Barbara Shockey, James Whitmore, Ann Whitehurst, Jean Wiggins.

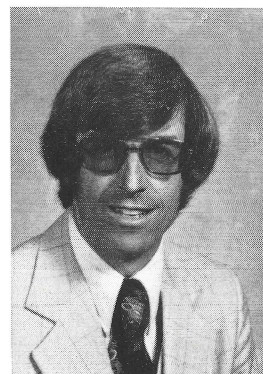
NEW PRINCIPAL

The Board of Trustees of the Fletcher Hospital and Academy has appointed Roy Albert Dunn as Principal, to succeed Craig Willis, who is leaving to complete his doctoral dissertation.

Roy Dunn was born in Kankakee, Illinois, and moved with his parents at an early age to Jackson, Mississippi. There he completed his elementary education, then attended Bass Memorial Academy for his high school years. He received his bachelor's degree from Southern Missionary College, and his master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he is currently enrolled in the doctoral program.

His wife is Theresa Diann Butler Dunn who has a BS in Music Education. The Dunn's have two children, Brigett and Jeanett.

Mr. Dunn assumed his new duties on May 23, although scholastic requirements necessitate his absence from campus until early July.



Roy Dunn.

Back to School

School starts August 16.

Registration for Captain Gilmer Elementary School is scheduled for July 18, 1982, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration for Fletcher Academy is scheduled for August 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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CHapel MEMORIES

Visitors to Fletcher Hospital and Academy see many fine buildings on the campus, but perhaps the most outstanding is the chapel, nestled into a wooded alcove beside the road. To those who have worshipped and studied here, the chapel is a symbol of their memorable experience.

Construction of the chapel building began in 1932 and was finished in the fall of 1933. To those who first worshipped in the chapel, it was as awe inspiring as a cathedral. The solemnity of the edifice enhanced the dignity of the weekly church services and prayer meetings. The first wedding in the chapel was that of a graduate of the Academy and the School of Nursing, Novella Orenduff Hall. Since then many other weddings, nurses and academy graduations, programs, and recitals have been held there.

A pipe organ was installed in 1977 under the direction of Alfred

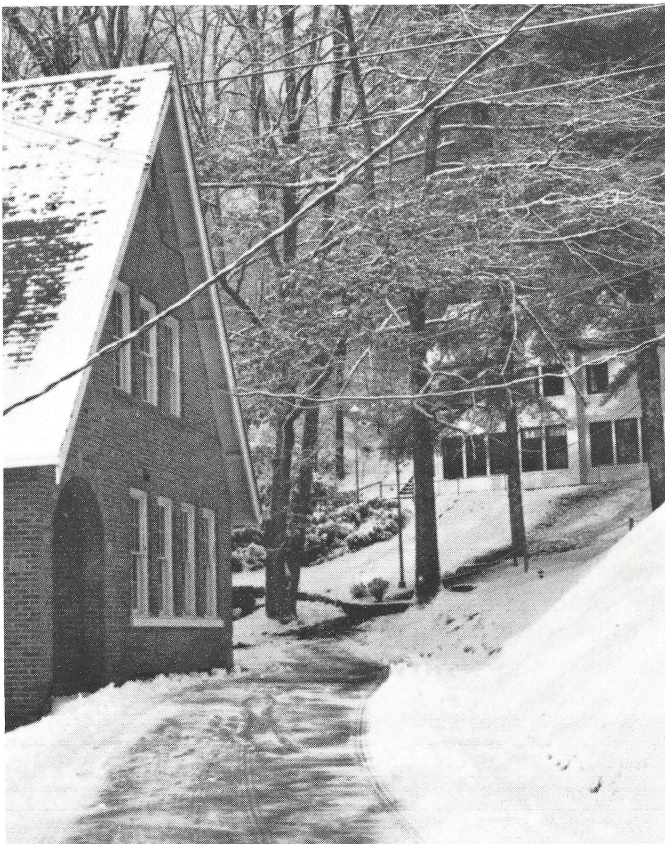
Jorgensen (the son of Dr. Roy Jorgensen, one of the early academy teachers). Since then, the strains of organ music are heard during *Candlelight*, the weekly Sabbath vesper service.

Increased enrollment of the student body and rapid growth of the church family demanded greater space, therefore the chapel became too small for many of the larger programs, but smaller groups still meet there.

Because meaningful chapel services are very much a part of the growing-up process, the chapel and pleasant memories of it are enshrined in the hearts of the students, patients, and community citizens who have attended programs and services sponsored by the institution.

Myrtle Hutchinson Fletcher shares the following memories with us. "Along with the foundation and erecting of the walls, was the talk of what to do for the cover-

ing of the roof. So my dad, along with his brother, Fred, and my two brothers, Paul and Raymond, began the job of splitting the shingles to cover the chapel. They split, hauled and stacked over forty-five thousand shingles. They were really proud of their work. Now, it is a joy for me to look at this lovely old building and say, 'My dad helped build this chapel.' Many of the neighbors helped with this project, the Watkins family, the McMinns, and Mr. Marion Miller. Many are the memories of the beautiful Christmas programs Dorothy Boggs directed in the chapel. I can hear the singing now and see the girls decking the halls as they sang "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly." I think the prettiest scenes of the chapel are mental pictures I have of it covered with snow, but, in the spring time it is also beautiful surrounded with white dogwood blossoms."

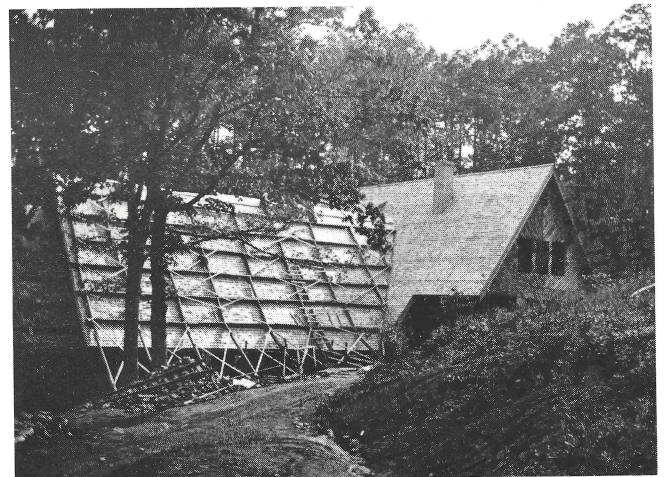


Editorial note: In the tradition of a professional, Paul A. Witt has contributed to the article about the chapel, which is a part of the institution that has had much meaning to him - having spent many happy years in this area.

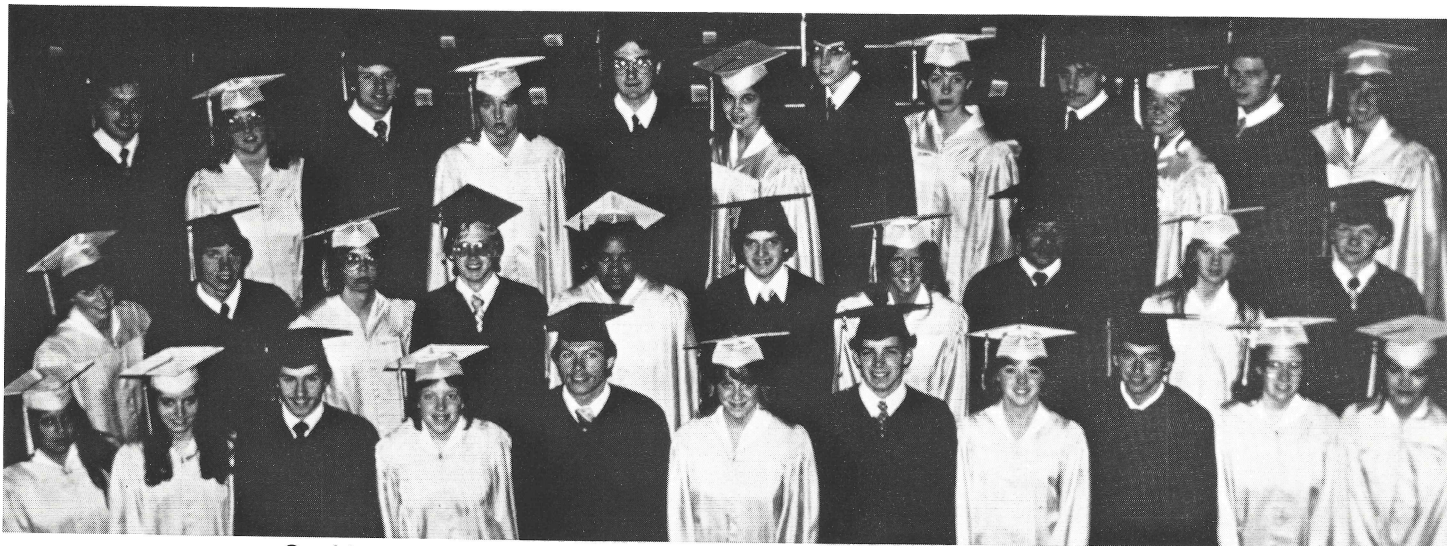
He leaves his position as Director of Development with the knowledge and satisfaction that many fine services and projects were made available to the patients, students, and civic community because of his efforts.

Mr. Witt is now working on several new projects with Rhena Schweitzer, daughter of Albert Schweitzer, and for the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville.

His many friends and associates wish him God-speed as he takes on new challenges and opportunities.



39 Graduate at Fletcher



On May 21-23, 1982, 39 seniors at Fletcher Academy, finished their high school education. The graduation exercises began on Friday evening, May 21, with a Consecration service in the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church, with guest speaker Louis Canosa, Educational Superintendant of the Carolina Conference, who spoke on the importance of a Christ centered life.

The Baccalaureate address was given by Carl Ashlock Academy

chaplain, using the theme of making right choices; and the Commencement speaker, was John Garner, Personnel Director of San Joaquin Hospital, Bakersfield, California, whose topic was "To meet Him there, To know Him here."

The class officers were:

President Jeff Eytcheson
Vice-President . . Annette Whitmill
Secretary Marla Ayers
Treasurer Melanie Jackson

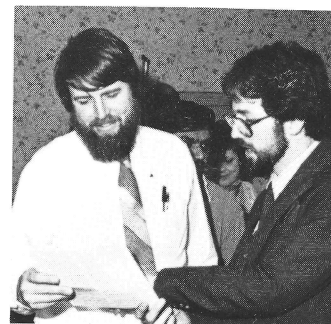
HEALTH FAIR 1982

Twenty-seven student nurses and six faculty members from Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing participated in Health Fair '82 at four different locations, Arden Medical Center, Asheville YMCA, Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church, and VFW Post 5206, Hendersonville.

Public response increased this year over last year, according to Norma Anderson, Director of the Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing. At the Hendersonville location the response was so great that the resources could not meet the demand, and many were turned away.

The purpose of the Health Fair was to discover abnormalities in blood pressure, hearing, vision, and weight. Special tests for anemia and glaucoma were available at two of the centers. Participants also received health counseling in such areas as exercise and weight control.

Preliminary evaluation by participants indicates that 96% rated the Health Fair good to excellent, 98% would recommend a Fair to a friend, and 99% were satisfied with the tests they received. Evaluation of the specific areas tested indicated that weight is the greatest problem area, followed by vision difficulties. The evaluators recommended that proper nutrition and exercise under the direction of the individual's personal physician would control weight, and they recommended that all vision problems be further evaluated by a physician.



Gary Garner and Phil Collins, Ph.D., discuss the merits of the Health evaluation form used for the Health Fair.

GYMNASTICS

The Fletcher Academy Gymnastics Team has had a wonderful year visiting many schools, getting to know teammates and learning to get along with them, even when under pressure.

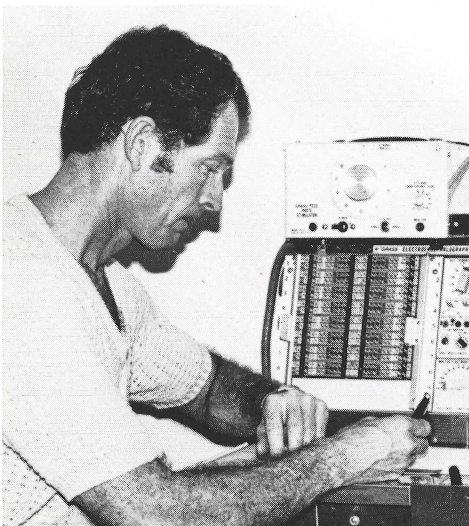
The team had several performances out of town, and some in this area. The first out-of-town "show" was in Charlotte, NC; and our longest trip was to Florida, during spring break. We arrived in Tampa about midnight (and our performance fortunately wasn't until 10:00 that morning) so we had a few hours rest. Performing in warm weather was quite a new experience.

Our next stop was at Newport Richey (where one of our teammates almost broke ten toes doing a flip), then on to Sarasota. On the way back to Fletcher, we stopped at Daytona Beach for a swim and rest.

It was a great year and all on the team are really thankful to our excellent coaches, Mr. and Mrs. Mathis, for all the time they spent coaching us; and to the faculty for permitting us to travel; and to the school for sponsoring us. - Eric Benson (Student)



EEG Now Available at Fletcher



Paul Brock explains the use of the new EEG machine.

Paul Brock, department head of Respiratory Therapy, reports the acquisition of an electroencephalogram (EEG) machine that records the electrical activity of the brain. Readings of brain activity are obtained by attaching electrodes to the head. The various areas of the head can be examined by moving the electrodes to a specific location under examination. The purchase of this equipment enables the patient to get EEG examinations locally.

Mr. Brock recently achieved a milestone in professional growth when he passed the written portion of the Registry examination on March 6. He and Nancy Sox will take the second portion, the National Clinical Simulation Examination on December 5, in Atlanta.

Professional growth is also important for the six academy students enrolled in the summer program for Respiratory Therapy assistants. The six are James Buchanan, Glen Cutchens, Mary Heath, Anita Sheer, Helena Smith, and Tim Smith.

Service Recognition Awards

Fletcher Hospital and Academy, Inc., recognized ninety employees for their years of service at an Awards Dinner, May 27, 1982. Lewis E. Nestell, social studies chairman-emeritus of Fletcher Academy, was honored for fifty years of teaching at Fletcher.

Ostine Whisnant, former instructor at Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing, received a service award for forty years of service. Thirty year recipients were Gordon Brown, Bible teacher, and Del Nestell, former surgery supervisor. Twenty-five year awards went to Myron Brown, pharmacist, Edna Justus, East Wing supervisor, and Lexie Robertson, housekeeping. James Peel, Jr., former driver training instructor, received a twenty year pin. Six others, Robert Beard, Donald C. Hunt, Genella M. Hunt, Anne H. Mann, Peggy Powell, and Mary Underwood, received fifteen year recognition.

Ten year service pins were awarded to Ernest Agy, Josephine Agy, Betty Brackett, Ola Brevard, Ollie Bryson, Patricia Case, Doris Cook, Thelma Crews, Diane Fuller, Betty Garey, Jeanette Goldsmith, Melvin Goodrich, Richard Hughes, Nilda Johnson, Robert Johnson, Rachel Millard, Roberta Orser, Marion Witt, and Paul Witt.

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50 years: Roy Dunn presenting award to Lewis Nestell as Herbert Coolidge looks on.



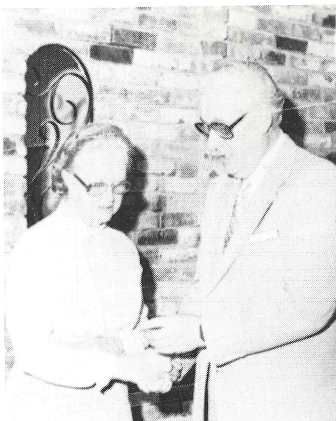
40 years: Norma Anderson presenting award to Ostine Whisnant.



30 years: Gordon Brown receiving award from Roy Dunn.



15 years: Bob Beard, Carlton Hunt, Genella Hunt, Peggy Powell, Anne Mann. (Mary Underwood not available for picture).



30 years: Del Nestell receiving award from Clarence Simmons.



10 years: Richard Hughes, Betty Garey, Doris Cook, Roberta Orser, Josephine Agy, Ernest Agy, Herbert Coolidge, Marion Witt.

NURSE GRAD WEEKEND



Herbert Coolidge Corporation President, with Bell Simmons, Wendy Starr, Greg Cauble, Tammy Wolfe, Kathy Dean, and Norma Anderson, Director of School of Nursing.

The weekend of May 8 and 9 was a high time for the five graduates of the Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing – the culmination of three years of blood, sweat, and yes, tears.

The services began Friday evening with the candlelight consecration service when Elder Elbert L. Anderson, Jr., addressed the graduates on the blessings of success, and also, the good that can come out of human failure. The consecration response, "Thank You, Lord," was sung by Tammy Wolfe.

On Sabbath morning the graduates conducted the Sabbath School based on the theme of service, and how, when God bids us serve Him He provides the ability to perform that service. Elder John Garner, in the Baccalaureate service that

followed, emphasized the unique opportunities for service that belong to the Christian nurse. "Hallelujah, Amen" sung by the Academy Choir beautifully presented honor and glory to God; and the New Life Singers, as they sang "I Could Never, Never Outlove the Lord," expressed the joy of knowing the Lord and His unmeasurable love.

On Saturday night, again with candlelight (from alternating blue and yellow candles), the student body, friends and loved ones honored Greg Cauble, Kathy Dean, Tammy Wolfe, Wendy Starr, and Bell Simmons, as Dr. Battistone revealed the strengths of character that brought them to this point in their education. The joy and relief of the graduates was sensed as they received their diplomas from

H. E. Coolidge, PhD., and were pinned by Nancy Suelzle, their class sponsor.

June Friedrich

Instructor, School of Nursing

AWARDS

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Fifty-seven received the five year award: Thomas Arany, Bernice Asher, Marian Baldwin, Grace Benson, Beverly Bowden, Jean Boyer, Paul Brock, Dennis Collins, Jean Conner, Herbert Coolidge, Gladys Cox, Sheila Elkins, Ruth Ericson, Susan Folsom, Ruth Guinn, Connie Hayward, Janice Hazelton, Fannie Hennessee, Jodi Higgins, Richard Higgins, Delbert Hornbeck, Jackie Horsley, Pearl Kent, Vonnie Kerr, George Kimbro, Patricia Kingry, Wayne Knittle, Gary Lewis, Sharon Lewis, Jerry Martz, Vicki Mercer, Iris Morgan, Bonny Musgrave, Paul Musgrave, Jane Nielsen, Alice Offrell, Garey Oliver, Nancy Parker, Candace Pearsall, Sara Quick, Ben Ringer, Shirley Roe, Vivian Sheldon, Barbara Shockey, Nancy Suelzle, Mike Thomson, James Wetmore, George Whidden, Mary Ann Whidden, Bessie White, Mary White, Jean Wiggins, Joanne Wilkerson, Carmeleta Williams, Christine Workman, Alice Wortman, and Doris Wright.

Fletcher Hospital & Academy, Inc. will be conducting bus tours to the World's Fair. Five trips are presently scheduled, but if there is enough interest, more trips will be planned.

Price: \$20 – which includes round trip bus fare and admission ticket into the World's Fair.

A \$10 deposit is required at the time a reservation is made to guarantee a ticket and seat on the bus. The balance is due as shown on the schedule below. The World's Fair ticket will be issued upon boarding the bus.

If any tour is not completely booked by employees, their families or guests, two weeks prior to departure date, opportunity will be given to other interested persons.

The tour schedule is as follows:

Date of Departure	Deposit (\$10)	Balance Due
Wednesday, July 14	Upon registration	Monday, July 12
Sunday, August 22	Upon registration	Friday, August 20 (by noon)
Wednesday, September 8	Upon registration	Tuesday, September 7

The bus will leave Fletcher at 7 a.m. and will depart the Fair at 9 p.m. Each bus booking is limited to 40 persons so sign up **NOW** in Personnel. (The deposit is only refundable if a reservation can be resold to someone.)

CAROLINA CANTER

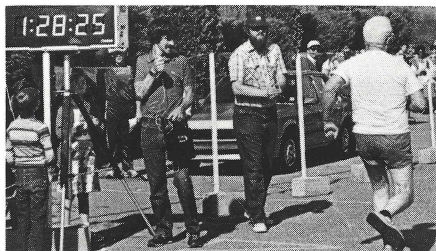


The annual Carolina Canter Road Race consists of a one-mile fun-run to warm up and for those who do not compete; a five-kilometer road race; and, a 15 kilometer road race for the "professionals" and "almost-professionals."

This year more than 200 attended, including whole families, such as that of Martin Manrique, administrative intern from Argentina, and his three children. Young Harold, age three, was the youngest runner of record.

In comparison, Norman Blair, of Arden, won the 15 kilometer race in the men's division; and a gentleman from Tennessee, 63 years old, posted a time of one hour, twenty-eight minutes and 25 seconds. His was a labor of love.

Everyone agreed that "running is healthy"!



Labor of Love



They're Off!

First Place
Award
to
Norman Blair



The
Manriques



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