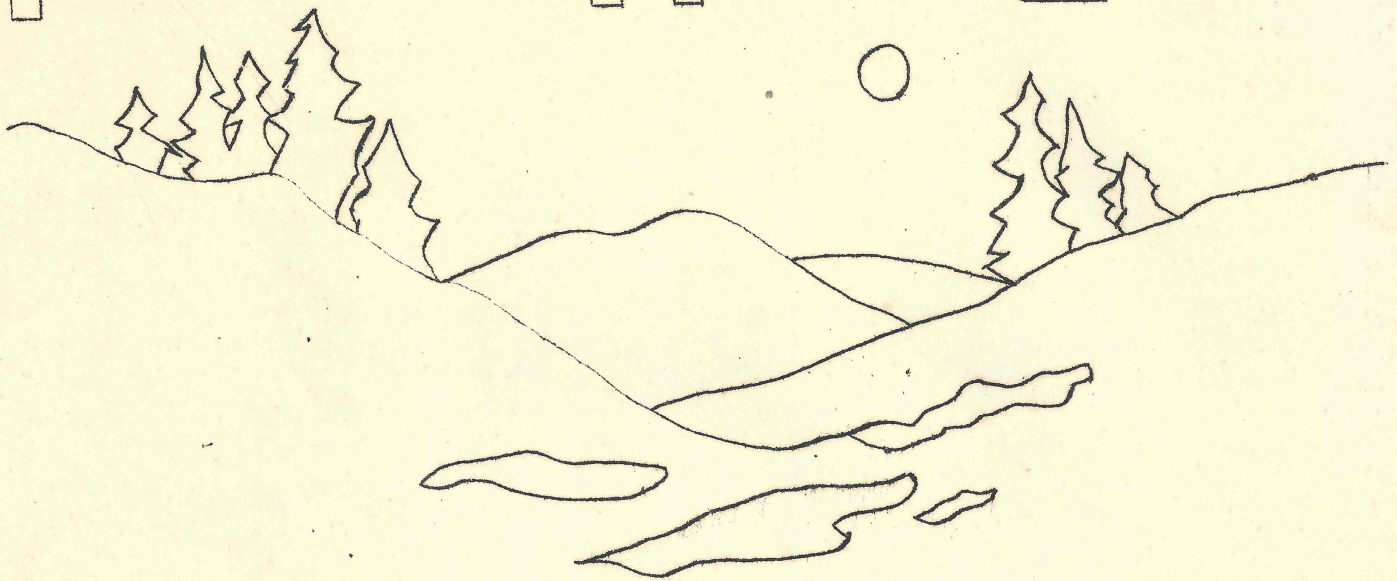


# Fletcher Newsletter



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ASHEVILLE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL  
and  
MOUNTAIN SANITARIUM

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## - WE FINISH THE OLD and BEGIN THE NEW -

Another school year has passed into history. There were very few changes in our group of young people this year. In no sense were they "stony ground" products. As the experiences of school life came to them, few withered, but dug their roots down deeper and grew and developed. And so a year after entrance we had with us the same happy, energetic young people.

The student nurses who enrolled last year have acquired the white cap, the badge of their profession, as well as a certain professional air that is very becoming. The academic students, lacking an outward indication of progress, must content themselves with looking a year older and feeling a year wiser.

Thursday, May 24th, found all the examinations over and the entire school family, with patrons of the school who reside in the neighborhood, assembled for a picnic in our White Oak Park, dear to the memory of Fletcher students for the good times we have had there. The shouts of merriment that reverberated through the hills indicated that we had chosen the right committee to referee the games of the afternoon. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bliss, and Mrs. Jasperson apparently had fed hungry youth before, for they were not in the least dismayed by the long, long line that formed at supper time. Even the boys were forced to admit that they had had enough to eat ere we gathered up the proverbial "fragments".



In the next few days those of our family who were leaving got on their several ways. Miss Ruth Frye, our language teacher, who is responsible for the pure Parisian French that falls so glibly from our tongues, started on her long journey across the continent to spend the summer with her parents at Loma Linda, California. We look for Miss Frye back next year to live and work with us again.

Miss Dorothy Gray, who taught our tiny tots last year, also left us for Washington, D. C., where she is now in summer school. We have a little feeling of envy for the school where Miss Dorothy teaches next year and wish she were to be with us again. A number of students also have gone. We miss them, but already there are new faces to fill their places.

School never closes at Fletcher. The students who will be in the school next year have already entered to work through the summer. They lay aside a certain anxious, studious expression they have worn the last few weeks of the school year, and exchange their text books for broom, spade, and hoe. They believe the summer program is as important a part of their training as the lessons from their books in winter, and tackle their tasks in that spirit. The new students who come are soon taught by the old the ways of the place, and it is not long before they too are busy and happy at their work.

New students who have already enrolled are Dorothy and Kenneth Case from Fountain Head, Tennessee; Silas Fox of Valle Cruces, North Carolina; Misses Helen and Virginia Miller of Banner Elk, North Carolina; Glenna Mae Cameron from Sand Mountain, Alabama; Robert Quail from Glenwood Springs, Colorado; Gertrude Osborne from Sedalia, Missouri; Howard McPherson from Rhodes, Michigan; Maxine Wheeler from Reeves, Georgia; Kent and Wade Griffen from Charlotte, North Carolina; Ann Sinor from Ooltewah, Tennessee; and Kenneth Case from Hinsdale, Illinois.

#### - A MEDICAL MEETING -

Scattered throughout the southern states are some thirty allied Seventh-day Adventist institutions, operating on a plan similar to our own. They are located on a tract of land where farm and garden products are grown. On the farm an educational and medical work are carried on by the same group of people, who maintain a very close co-operation between all departments.

On May 8th and 9th, it was our pleasure to have representatives from a dozen or more of these institutions with us for a study of the medical phase of the work in these centers.

From the General Conference at Washington, D. C. came Dr. A. W. Truman and Mr. L. A. Hansen, bringing to us a wealth of counsel and encouragement from their long experience in medical work.

From the mother institution at Madison, which has fostered and promoted this type of work for more than thirty years, we were glad to see Dr. E. A. Sutherland, Mrs. Lida F. Scott, Dr. Perry A. Webber, and Miss Florence Dittes and Miss Florence Fellemente. Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Coolidge and Miss Edith Munn came from the Takoma Hospital at Greenville, Tennessee. Others from Tennessee were Mr. B. N. Mulford, representing the Fountain Head sanitarium and school, Mrs. I. H. Sargent from the Lawrenceburg group, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bean from the Memphis treatment rooms, and Mr. and Mrs. Royal Leslie from their treatment rooms at Red Boiling Springs. Dr. and Mrs.



Julius Schneider came from their sanitarium at Atlanta, and Mr. J. T. Wheeler and Dr. and Mrs. John R. Peters from the Pewee Valley Sanitarium at Louisville, Kentucky, Marshall Swain came to tell us of his new treatment rooms at Spartanburg, South Carolina, and from our own state there were Prof. and Mrs. E. C. Waller and Dr. W. E. Westcott and Mrs. Weagle from Pisgah; Mr. Richard Hollar from the Good Health Place in Asheville; and Mr. and Mrs. Cole from the food store in Hendersonville. Also there were members from Asheville and Hendersonville churches in for the evening program.

Such practical subjects were considered as city health centers, standards to be maintained in our institutions, health education, efficiency in service, and care and up-keep of the plant, cooperation with other institutions and medical workers, and other subjects. Interesting and helpful discussions filled the hours of the meeting.

It was felt by all that the time thus spent in study together of problems that are vital to us all was most profitable. It is hoped that this meeting was the fore-runner of others to come.

We at Fletcher enjoyed entertaining these workers, and heartily invite them to return.

--John F. Brownsberger, M. D.

#### - OUR TRAINING SCHOOL -

It is a great pleasure to announce that our School of Nursing has been accredited by the Standardization Board of North Carolina. Our readers will more fully understand why we feel so grateful when we tell you that our state is among those which have the most rigid registration laws in the union. Not only are the standards high, but an even greater difficulty is the fact that because the nursing profession is somewhat over-crowded, the state board has been most reluctant to permit new schools to open.

For five years we have been working to reach this goal. Our institution calls for a different type of nurse than is trained in most hospitals, and we felt that the future of our work demands that we train our own nurses.

In 1932 we were given permission to graduate the class of 1933, and our first nurse took State Board examinations at Raleigh last week. On May 28th of this year members of our School of Nursing met with the Standardization Board and presented our school for registration. It made us very happy to be voted the recognition we asked.

It is our purpose to train missionary nurses, imbued with the idea of service to suffering humanity.

--Lelia V. Patterson, R. N.

#### VACATION DAYS AT FLETCHER (As observed by one of the vacationists)

The calendar says "Vacation", but we cannot find it on the program. Students are working up credit for the next school year. A labor scholarship is offered by the institution, based on the number of hours of profitable labor performed in some industrial department.



The household matron is frantically trying to find bed and room for the "few" extra students that we feel compelled to take in. The fact is that the place where we dwell is now too "strait" for us, and the boys are going out on the mountains to hew out some logs to build another log cabin.

Our industrial departments cooperate well. The dairy is providing an abundance of rich Jersey milk. Mr. Poole and his boys are picking the largest crop of strawberries we have ever had. The combination is very good. Strawberries and cream are a staple article of diet with us these days.

Wish you might have been here today for our home grown dinner; fresh green peas, Irish potatoes, green onions, cottage cheese, string beans, cornbread, buttermilk, strawberries and cream. It was good! Mrs. E. C. Smith is our matron.

Professor Nestell is attending summer school at Madison this summer, Miss Frye in California, Miss Wilma Steinman at Washington Missionary College, and Mrs. Jasperson at the Asheville Normal and Teachers' College. The students say they are "getting their batteries charged". The rest of the Fletcher faculty is at home resting their minds, but working their hands.

Dr. Brownsberger and Dr. Bliss are busy night and day saving life and limb. They have nearly run out of names for the new babies. The halt, the lame, and the blind seem to come in increasing numbers. The summer months are the busy season for the sanitarium, and so there is little rest for the sanitarium staff these days.

The farm and garden departments have their hands full. Two mule teams besides Old Joe furnish motive power for the boys. They recently drafted David with Trixie, the pony, to help keep the weeds out of the garden. There is a promise of good crops.

Mr. Gilman and his boys have painted the sanitarium inside and out. He also finds time to put some artistic touches here and there.

The building department has just finished moving the material of a two-story warehouse, purchased in Hendersonville at a nominal figure. Also they have moved a four room cottage. We gather the straw to make the brick with which to build new buildings.

"The ole swimmin' hole" is being put in condition for summer use. It is good to plunge into the cool water after a hot day's work. Another place of interest during the summer months is the national forest just across the river. There we find nature in its primitive beauty with plenty of deer and other wild animals to furnish thrills. Occasionally we slip away for a half day or a night of camping to commune with nature and her Maker.

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"This old world we're livin' in is mighty hard to beat,  
You find a thorn with every rose--but ain't the roses sweet."  
--Stanton



- NEWS NOTES -

Professor M. E. Cady of Washington, D. C. recently spent a few days with us. Prof. Cady is a capable and enthusiastic teacher of voice training and expression. Judging from the diligent practice of breathing exercises among the young people, Prof. Cady's visit was a success.

Miss Lelia V. Patterson and Mrs. J. F. Brownsberger attended the meetings of the American Nurses' Association and the National League of Nursing Education at Washington, D. C. early in May.

Dr. and Mrs. George T. Harding of the Harding Sanitarium at Worthington, Ohio, called recently.

Dr. Forrest E. Bliss is attending the meeting of the American Medical Association at Cleveland, Ohio, this week.

Dr. Estella G. Norman of Battle Creek and Miami spent a few hours with us last week.

We must tell you about our "friendly man", Mr. Bert A. Boyd, retired business man and prominent citizen of Indianapolis, who has spent several weeks at the sanitarium this spring. Mr. Boyd makes his home at Indianapolis and Miami. That he is widely known and deeply loved and respected is evidenced by the host of friends he makes wherever he goes. Mr. Boyd has made a warm place in our hearts during the time he has been with us.

Dr. W. G. Bodie of Wagner, South Carolina, county health officer, fruit and cotton grower, is another patient who has been with us for some time. Dr. Bodie for several years was an officer in the United States Navy. The brave and cheerful fight he has made for his health has won for him the admiration of our group.

Mr. Russell Turner of Spartanburg, South Carolina, is also a guest at the sanitarium.

Mrs. Violet Wille from the sanitarium at Madison, Tennessee, and Miss Gladys Robinson of Nashville called at the sanitarium the past week.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gaylord of New Castle, Indiana, with us for a few days this spring. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord have been friends of our institution for many years. Many of our readers will remember Mr. Gaylord as Business Manager of the Hinsdale Sanitarium some years ago.

It was a pleasure to have as our guest at the sanitarium this spring, Mrs. Myrtle D. Sales of Fletcher. Mrs. Sales's field of labor is more extensive than was that of the Bible Dorcas, for it seems that she carries the burden of the whole community in her heart. Call to visit with her an hour and there will be several people at her door during your stay. One will need clothing; another, food. Some there will be wanting help in finding work. And someone is almost certain to want to know what to do with a wayward son or daughter.



She hears the troubles of them all, and sends them away feeling that she always cares even if she cannot always help. Mrs. Sales is president of the Parent-Teachers' Association of the Fletcher school. She has taught in the Methodist Sunday School for twenty-five years. Many a child whom she has taught has in turn brought her own children to this splendid teacher, who knows how to make children love to go to Sunday School. If you ever come to Fletcher you will want to meet Mrs. Sales.

Recently a party of our teachers and nurses made a trip through the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. This park, covering several thousand acres of virgin forest, is one of the beauty spots of Eastern America. The great balsams, hemlocks, poplars, and other trees, are a delight to the nature lover. From Newfound Gap the travelers watched the sun setting over a sea of mountain peaks, many of them over 6000 feet high. It is a view that is awe inspiring. "Them's mountings" up there.

This summer thousands of tourists will visit this park, which was opened only the past year. We are grateful that our government is preserving this forest for our pleasure and inspiration.

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