

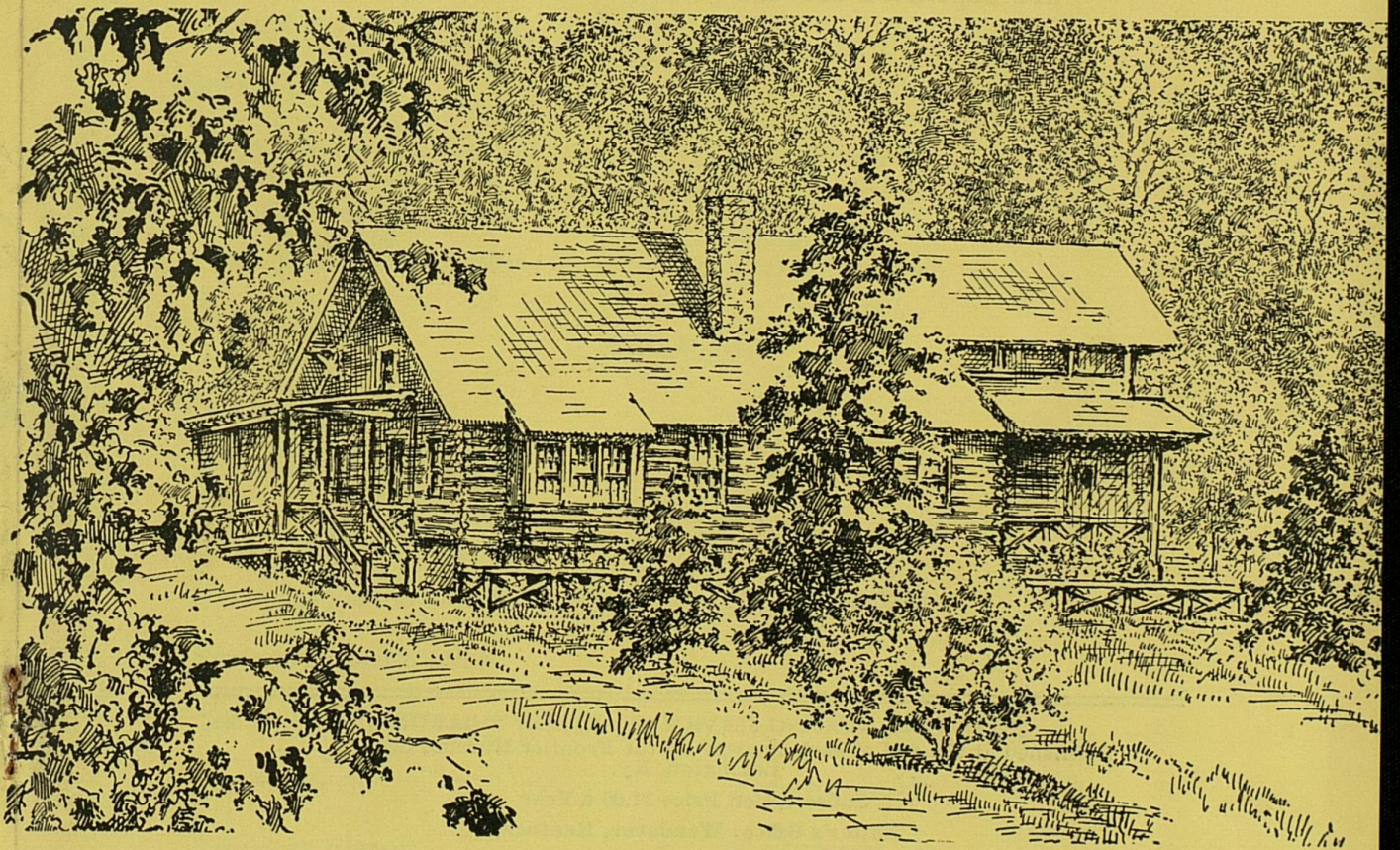
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## FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT



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ON RED BIRD RIVER



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OWENS, POTTER & HISLE  
Certified Public Accountants  
1750 Alexandria Drive  
Lexington, Kentucky 40504

May 26, 1966

To the Officers and Trustees  
Frontier Nursing Service, Incorporated  
Lexington, Kentucky

Ladies and Gentlemen :

We have examined the statement of financial condition of the Frontier Nursing Service, Incorporated as of April 30, 1966, and the statement of revenue and expense for the fiscal year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In accordance with practices common to hospitals which rely upon charitable sources for capital improvement, the Frontier Nursing Service keeps its accounts on the cash basis except for accrual of payroll taxes and depreciation allowance on equipment and livestock. Accordingly, no depreciation allowance is being made for the basic hospital plants.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of Frontier Nursing Service, Incorporated at April 30, 1966 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the above-mentioned basis, which is consistent with that of the preceding year.

/s/ Owens, Potter & Hisle

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OWENS, POTTER & HISLE



FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE, Incorporated  
for the Fiscal Year  
May 1, 1965 to April 30, 1966

PREFACE

As has been our custom since we were one year old, we present our annual report of the fiscal affairs and of the field of operations of the Frontier Nursing Service to its trustees, members, and subscribers.

We have, as in previous years, divided our report into two sections. One section is about money, and one section about work.

Under the heading of Conclusion, we tell something of what the year has meant to us.

I.

FISCAL REPORT

Our annual audit is so detailed, and therefore so voluminous, that we do not print it in full. The figures that follow are taken from the Exhibits and Schedules of the last audit. We have divided these figures into four categories. The auditor's own Balance Sheet is the first category. The second is his list of Endowments and Reserves. The third category covers all Revenue Receipts. The fourth category we have put into two columns—to the left the Expenditures of the last fiscal year taken from the audit, and to the right the Budget for the current fiscal year, based on last year's expenditures.

Under a fifth category, called Inventory, we account for all our properties. All five categories are given in sequence on the following pages.



## BALANCE SHEET

As at April 30, 1966

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash on Hand—Petty Funds.....	\$ 555.00
Cash in Banks:	
First Security National Bank—General Account.....	42,235.50
First Security National Bank—Social Service and Alpha Omicron Pi Account.....	1,547.44
First Security National Bank—Staff Payroll Account.....	3,991.23
Peoples Bank, Hazard, Ky.—Organization Account.....	19,429.96
Total Cash.....	\$ 67,759.13
Temporary Loans.....	-0-
Realty, Buildings, Equipment, Livestock, Net.....	516,159.07
Endowment, Memorial, Reserve Fund Investments at original cost, in hands of:	
First Security National Bank, Lexington, Ky.....	2,054,562.87
Liberty National Bank & Trust Co., Louisville, Ky.....	84,906.46
Morgan Guaranty Trust, New York City.....	229,232.89
Bankers Trust, New York City.....	137,496.50
Total Assets.....	2,506,198.72
Total Assets.....	3,090,116.92
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accrued Withheld Payroll Taxes.....	2,590.29
Reserve for Gain or Loss on Trust Funds.....	329,987.64
Reserve for Trust Funds at Original Cost.....	2,176,211.08
Total Liabilities.....	2,508,179.01
Net Worth.....	581,327.91
Total Liabilities and Net Worth.....	3,090,116.92
Net Worth Represented by—	
Contributions and Income accumulated through April 30, 1966.....	7,697,447.55
Less—Expenses Paid accumulated through April 30, 1966.....	7,116,119.64
Net Worth, April 30, 1966.....	581,327.91
Total Revenue Receipts.....	7,697,447.55
Total Endowment Receipts.....	2,176,211.08
Total Monies Collected.....	9,873,658.63



STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT AND RESERVE FUNDS

April 30, 1965 and 1966

Designated Funds—Income Restricted:	April 30 1965	Additions During Year	April 30 1966
Joan Glancy Memorial Baby's Crib.....	\$ 5,000.00	\$	\$ 5,000.00
Mary Ballard Morton Memorial Wing.....	85,250.83		85,250.83
Jessie Preston Draper Memorial No. 1.....	15,000.00		15,000.00
Jessie Preston Draper Memorial No. 2.....	185,000.00		185,000.00
Belle Barrett Hughitt Memorial.....	17,000.00		17,000.00
Isabella George Jeffcott Memorial.....	2,500.00		2,500.00
Bettie Starks Rodes Memorial Baby's Crib.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
John Price Starks Memorial Baby's Crib.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Norah Olive Shoemaker Memorial Baby's Crib..	5,000.00		5,000.00
Eliza Thackara Memorial.....	3,014.62 (3)	183.54	3,198.16
Children's Christmas Fund in Memory of Barbara Brown.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Donald R. McLennan Memorial Bed.....	12,750.00		12,750.00
Louie A. Hall Legacy in Memory of Sophronia Brooks for a Center and its Endowment.....	76,093.33 (3)	2,813.94	78,907.27
Margaret A. Pettet Legacy.....	1,953.70		1,953.70
Jane Short Atwood Legacy.....	7,500.00		7,500.00
Mrs. John W. Price, Jr. Fund.....	10,800.00		10,800.00
Winfield Baird Foundation.....	105,000.00		105,000.00
Elizabeth Canby Bradford duPont Memorial Nurse.....	20,000.00		20,000.00
Mrs. Henry Shipman Legacy.....	20,000.00		20,000.00
Wilson Neel Memorial Baby Crib.....	-0-	951.85	951.85
Mary Breckinridge Hospital Fund.....	-0-	55,844.18	55,844.18
Sub-totals.....	\$ 582,862.48	\$ 59,793.51	\$ 642,655.99

**Designated Funds—Income Unrestricted:**

Marion E. Taylor Memorial.....	\$ 10,000.00	\$	\$ 10,000.00
Fanny Norris Fund.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Marie L. Willard Legacy.....	3,127.36		3,127.36
William Nelson Fant, Jr. Memorial.....	78,349.52		78,349.52
Mrs. Charles H. Moorman Fund.....	1,100.00		1,100.00
Lillian F. Eisaman Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Lt. John M. Atherton Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mrs. Morris B. Belknap Fund.....	26,375.00		26,375.00
Elizabeth Ireland Fund.....	22,457.50		22,457.50
Elizabeth Agnes Alexander Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Richard D. McMahon Legacy.....	943.23		943.23
Anonymous—General Endowment.....	137,496.50		137,496.50
Mrs. W. Rodes Shackelford in Memory of her two children.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Hattie M. Strong Memorial.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Beulah Bruce Brennan Memorial.....	2,000.00		2,000.00
Anna Rosina Gooch Memorial.....	16,625.00		16,625.00
Jeannie B. Trull Legacy.....	33,253.33		33,253.33
Elizabeth B. Perkins Legacy.....	152,970.44	1.42	152,971.86
Frances Kendall Ross Legacy.....	17,100.00		17,100.00
Elizabeth Sherman Lindsay Memorial.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Helen N. and Beatrice A. Wilson Fund.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Sophie Cogswell Stiger Memorial.....	23,401.42		23,401.42
Dr. Charles N. Kavanaugh Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Margaret C. Breckinridge Legacy.....	3,000.00		3,000.00
Mary Hallock Armstrong Legacy.....	2,000.00		2,000.00
Winifred Irene Leckie Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Lena G. Anderson Legacy.....	7,078.50		7,078.50
Eliza Davitt Hartley Legacy.....	150,000.00		150,000.00
Cordie M. Williams Legacy.....	458,254.25		458,254.25
Lisette Hast Legacy.....	10,944.00		10,944.00
Edward S. Jouett Legacy.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Herman Bowmar Fund.....	1,000.00		1,000.00



## STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT AND RESERVE FUNDS

April 30, 1965 and 1966

(Continued)

	April 30 1965	Additions During Year	April 30 1966
Mrs. Henry James Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Jean Hollins Memorial Fund.....	5,104.00	6.67	5,110.67
Anne Steele Wilson Memorial.....	2,418.17		2,418.17
Mary Churchill Humphrey Fund.....	1,001.00		1,001.00
Mrs. Bissell Carey Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Dr. John M. Bergland Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Edward C. Wilson Legacy.....	49,250.00		49,250.00
Ann Allen Danson Fund.....	3,431.92		3,431.92
Helen Rochester Rogers Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Virginia Branham Memorial.....	9,730.71	383.50	10,114.21
Mrs. Herman F. Stone Fund.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Annie Wallingford Anderson Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Margaret H. T. Hunt for Caroline H. P. Thornton Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mrs. Edna C. Lapham.....	-0-	7,475.00)	
Mrs. Edna C. Lapham.....	-0-	7,775.00)	15,250.00
Edith M. Douglas.....	-0-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Adeline Shaw Martindale.....	-0-	74,517.00	74,517.00
Buckner W. Anderson.....	-0-	4,100.00	4,100.00
Sub-totals.....	\$1,306,411.85	\$105,258.59	\$1,411,670.44
<b>Reserve Accounts—Income Unrestricted:</b>			
Mrs. Louise D. Crane.....	4,000.00		4,000.00
Mrs. Frederic Moseley Sackett.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Mrs. Eliza A. Browne.....	16,000.00		16,000.00
Winfield Baird Fund.....	10,000.00	550.00)	
Winfield Baird Fund.....		(1) (6,000.00)	4,550.00
Lillie McGinness.....	2,500.00		2,500.00
Harriet H. Grier.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Maurice S. Miller.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Leila A. Morgan.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Eliza Davids.....	6,000.00		6,000.00
Bertha G. Wood.....	13,028.77		13,028.77
Doris A. Farrington.....	4,920.00		4,920.00
Mrs. E. A. Codman.....	2,000.00		2,000.00
Mrs. Irving E. Raymond.....	4,000.00		4,000.00
Mrs. George M. ToeWater.....	12,416.72		12,416.72
Mrs. Oswald Villard.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Leila M. Weeks.....	2,469.16		2,469.16
Frances Margaret Bradford.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
William E. Brigham.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Mrs. Edna C. Lapham.....	7,475.00	(2) (7,475.00)	-0-
Mrs. W. Garland Fay.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mrs. Polk Laffoon.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mrs. Louise W. Breckinridge.....	-0-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Miss Elizabeth R. Hooker.....	-0-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Sub-totals.....	\$2,017,083.98	\$159,127.10	\$2,176,211.08
Capital Gain or Loss on Trust Funds.....		329,987.64	329,987.64
GRAND TOTALS.....	\$2,017,083.98	\$489,114.74	\$2,506,198.72
Cash Additions to Trust Funds (above).....		\$159,127.10	
Add: Transfer Deductions.....		6,000.00	
Total Cash Additions for Year.....		\$165,127.10	

(1) Transferred to Income

(2) Transferred to Designated Funds—Income Unrestricted

(3) Income (Net) Transferred to Principal



REVENUE RECEIPTS

Statement of Donations and Subscriptions Paid

May 1, 1965 to April 30, 1966

SUMMARY:	Contributions	Benefits and Bargain Box	Totals
Alpha Omicron Pi.....	\$ 4,661.88	\$	\$ 4,661.88
Baltimore Committee.....	1,280.22		1,280.22
Boston Committee.....	7,843.64	6,000.00	13,843.64
Chicago Committee.....	5,379.05		5,379.05
Cincinnati Committee.....	10,088.11		10,088.11
Cleveland Committee.....	24,540.38		24,540.38
Daughters of Colonial Wars.....	3,488.00		3,488.00
Detroit Committee.....	7,704.34		7,704.34
Hartford Committee.....	3,425.67		3,425.67
*Kentucky:			
Blue Grass Committee.....	6,335.05		6,335.05
Louisville Committee.....	8,734.50		8,734.50
Miscellaneous State.....	4,624.75		4,624.75
Minneapolis Committee.....	1,441.00		1,441.00
New York Committee.....	25,583.50	11,935.60	37,519.10
Philadelphia Committee.....	5,722.24	3,064.40	8,786.64
Pittsburgh Committee.....	18,357.69		18,357.69
Princeton Committee.....	1,018.00		1,018.00
Providence Committee.....	1,139.00		1,139.00
Rochester Committee.....	2,430.42		2,430.42
Washington, D. C. Committee.....	14,926.74		14,926.74
Miscellaneous.....	34,729.32		34,729.32
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>**\$193,453.50</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>	<b>\$214,453.50</b>

*Total for Kentucky \$19,694.30			
**Less Transferred to Endowments.....			390.17
**Less Transferred to Mary Breckinridge Hospital Fund.....			30,000.00
			<u>\$184,063.33</u>

OTHER REVENUE RECEIPTS:

Fees—Graduate School of Midwifery.....		8,950.00	
Fees—Speaking Engagements .....		125.00	
Payments from Patients:			
Income from Nursing Centers.....	16,514.71		
Medical and Surgical Fees.....	10,695.93		
Hyden Hospital Fees.....	41,544.74		
Hospital Clinic Funds and Supplies.....	23,443.57	92,198.95	
Wendover Post Office.....		5,560.48	
Income from Investments—Trust Funds.....		113,267.07	
Income from Investments—			
Frances Bolton Nursing Center.....		206.67	
“Wide Neighborhoods”—Royalties and Local Sales.....		579.37	
Livestock Sales .....		511.85	
Miscellaneous Income .....		206.45	221,605.84
<b>TOTAL—ALL REVENUE RECEIPTS.....</b>			<b>\$405,669.17</b>



## LAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURES AND THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

	1965-1966	1966-1967
<b>I. FIELD EXPENSE:</b>		
(Hyden Hospital, Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery, Wendover, and five Nursing Centers)		
1. Salaries and Wages*.....	\$138,344.81	\$157,500.00
2. Medical Director .....	12,491.64	22,000.00
3. Dispensary Supplies (See Note 1).....	47,550.49	47,500.00
4. Running Costs: Food—minus board of residents, cows, fuel, electricity, laundry, freight and hauling, et cetera....	43,487.20	43,500.00
5. Feed and care of 7 horses and 2 mules (See Note 2).....	2,759.11	2,500.00
6. Jeeps (22), Truck, Station Wagon Ambulance.....	8,416.81	8,500.00
7. Maintenance of Properties.....	13,712.04	14,000.00
<b>TOTAL FIELD EXPENSE</b> .....	<b>\$266,762.10</b>	<b>\$295,500.00</b>
<b>II. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:</b>		
1. Salaries, Accounting and Auditing, Office Supplies, Post- age, Telephone and Telegraph, Printing, etc.....	\$ 53,437.48	\$ 69,000.00
<b>III. SOCIAL SECURITY TAX:</b> .....	<b>\$ 7,652.44</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>
<b>IV. SOCIAL SERVICE:</b> .....	<b>\$ 13,729.62</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>
<b>V. GENERAL EXPENSE:</b>		
1. Insurance (Fire \$366,000.00 Coverage), Employer's Lia- bility, full coverage on truck, 22 jeeps, and station wagon.....	\$ 6,527.18	\$ 9,500.00
2. Quarterly Bulletins (covered by subscriptions).....	6,054.00	6,000.00
3. Record Department .....	4,931.00	5,000.00
4. Miscellaneous Projects such as: Doctors and Nurses for study and observation, professional books and magazines	1,593.71	1,500.00
5. Miscellaneous Promotional Expenses beyond the moun- tains.....	3,201.10	2,000.00
	<b>\$ 22,306.99</b>	<b>\$ 24,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL RUNNING EXPENSES</b> .....	<b>\$363,888.63</b>	<b>\$410,000.00</b>
<b>NEW LAND AND BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND LIVESTOCK ADDITIONS</b> .....	<b>\$ 24,360.21</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$388,248.84</b>	

\* Wages for maintenance charged to Wages Category.

Note 1: Approximately 1/3 of supplies relayed to Districts.

Note 2: One animal belongs to FNS employee who must ride to work.



**LAND, BUILDINGS, LIVESTOCK AND EQUIPMENT**

(From Exhibit C of the Audit)

**INVENTORY**

Our auditors set a value of \$516,159.07 on these holdings, after adjustments. Among the major holdings are the following:

**Hyden**

A stone Hospital, one wing of which is the Mary Ballard Morton Memorial, one wing the Mary Parker Gill Memorial, and frame Annex, a Memorial to "Jackie" Rousmaniere; Joy House, home of the Medical Director, a gift of Mrs. Henry B. Joy; Aunt Hattie's Oak Barn, gift of Mrs. Henry Alvah Strong; Mardi Cottage, the Quarters for the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery; The Margaret Voorhies Haggin Quarters for Nurses; Bolton House; St. Christopher's Chapel; "Betty's Box"; employees cottage; and outbuildings including work shop, forge, pig-house, pump houses, fire hose houses; and two water storage tanks.

**Wendover**

Three log houses as follows: the Big House ("in memory of Breckie and Polly"), the Old Cabin and the Ruth Draper Cabin; the Garden House; the Upper Shelf and Lower Shelf; the Ham-Way Hut; the Couriers' Log Barn and Aunt Jane's Barn; numerous smaller buildings including: Pebble Work Shop, tool house, forge, apple house, jeep shed, the cow barn, cow hospital barn, mule barn, chicken houses, pump house, two fire hose houses; and two water storage cisterns.

**Georgia Wright Clearing**

A caretaker's cottage, storage house and barn; extensive pasture land for horses and cows; a barn and stockade; two wells.

**Jessie Preston Draper Memorial Nursing Center**

Frame building and oak barn; deep well, pump house and water tank; fenced acreage for pasture and gardens.

**Clara Ford Nursing Center**

Log building and oak barn; fire hose house; walled-in spring; two deep wells, pump houses, and water tank; fenced acreage for pasture and gardens.



**Caroline Butler Atwood Memorial Nursing Center**

Frame building and oak barn; fire hose house; walled-in spring; deep well, pump house and water tank; fenced acreage for pasture and gardens.

**Belle Barrett Hughitt Memorial Nursing Center**

Frame building and oak barn; jeep shed; fire hose house; walled-in spring; water tank; fenced acreage for pasture and gardens.

**Margaret Durbin Harper Memorial Nursing Center**

Frame building and oak barn; two-jeep garage; deep well and pump; fenced acreage for pasture and gardens.

**Subsidiary Clinics**

Six small clinic buildings on the following streams: Stinnett (Mary B. Willeford Memorial), Coon Creek (Coy Maggard Memorial), Mudlick, Leatherwood, Cutshin, and Grassy.

**Livestock**

Seven horses, one mule; nine cows; four heifers; four calves; one Hampshire brood sow, two hogs; and over two hundred chickens.

**Equipment**

Equipment includes: twenty-two jeeps; one Ford station-wagon-ambulance; one one-ton truck; one passenger car; pumps and motors; farm implements; carpenter and plumber's tools; saddlebags and district nursing bags; saddles, bridles; halters; hospital equipment and furnishings; dispensary supplies; and household furnishings and equipment at Hyden, Wendover and five outpost centers, variously located in a seven-hundred square mile area.

**II.****REPORT OF OPERATIONS**

The data in this section are supplied by the record department of the Frontier Nursing Service, by records kept on guests and volunteer workers; and by the social service department.



## 1.

## MEDICAL AND SURGICAL

Dr. W. B. Rogers Beasley was with us as Medical Director until the end of August of this fiscal year. He was succeeded by Dr. Mary L. Wiss who continued to carry the work alone. Before the end of the fiscal year, we were successful in our search for an Assistant to the Medical Director when Dr. Mary Pauline Fox accepted an appointment to the staff.

We extend our warm thanks to the Kentucky Commission for Handicapped Children for free care given the patients we refer to them. We continue to be grateful to the fine physicians of the Daniel Boone Clinic in Harlan for the help and advice they have given us during the year, especially for the superb care given to the Lee sisters last summer. The pediatric residents from the Cincinnati Children's Hospital came twice to the mountains to hold clinics at Hyden Hospital and the outpost centers and to hold seminars for our nursing staff. We are grateful to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital for the free care given our children who are referred to the specialists for investigation and care. In July Dr. Thomas B. Grossman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, spent one week at Hyden for a tonsil clinic. Dr. David B. Stevens of Lexington has continued to hold orthopedic clinics and Dr. Karl Yaple of Harlan has continued to hold pediatric clinics, and the physician in charge of the Radiology Department of the University of Kentucky has continued to read our x-rays as a courtesy. Members of our Lexington Medical Advisory Committee and National Medical Council have given their services over and over to patients sent to them. We are most appreciative of the services rendered by these fine physicians.

Our very special thanks go to the Kentucky State Department of Health for the kindness of its Commissioner, Dr. Russell E. Teague, and the directors of its divisions. Dr. Jorge Deju, Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health, has been especially helpful to us. Miss Ruth Spurrier, a member of our National Nursing Council and Director of Public Health Nursing, has also been most kind. Our gratitude goes out in fullest measure to the Kentucky Board of Nursing Education and Nurse Registration and its Executive Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie C. Tyler, for the consideration they have shown our Frontier Nurses.



## 2.

## HYDEN HOSPITAL

Hyden Hospital—with 27 beds and 12 bassinets, 2 incubators—was occupied 7,802 days last year by 1,555 patients with a daily average of 21.4 patients at a cost per patient day of \$21.17. Of the 1,555 patients cared for at the Hospital during the fiscal year, 375 were sick adults, 589 were obstetrical patients, 230 were children and 361 were new born. There were 14 deaths in the Hospital, of which 7 were new born. There was no maternal death. The outpatient department, with the Medical Director's clinics, received a total of 16,011 visits. There were 126 operations performed.

## 3.

## DISTRICT NURSING

In the 12 districts operated by the Service from the Hospital, Wendover, and five outpost centers, we attended 10,410 persons in 2,358 families. Of these, 4,415 were children, including 638 babies under one year of age. The district nurses paid 22,406 and received 17,617 visits at their nursing centers and at their special clinics. Bedside nursing care was given in their homes to 1,175 sick people of whom 7 died. At the request of the State Board of Health, the Frontier Nursing Service gave 6,302 inoculations and vaccines against typhoid, diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, polio, et cetera, and sent 3,852 specimens for analysis.

This part of our report has reference to general district nursing only and does not include midwifery carried day and night by the nurse-midwives along with their district nursing. The figures for midwifery are covered under the following section.

## 4.

## MIDWIFERY

**Registered Cases**

The nurse-midwives and the midwifery students of the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery (under the supervision of their instructors) attended 361 women in childbirth and gave them full prenatal and postpartum care. Of these 361 women, 14 were delivered by the Medical Director. There were 357 live births and 1 stillbirth; 2 deliveries of twins; 239 new cases admitted; 303 closed after postpartum care; 5 miscarriages. There was no maternal death.



#### Emergency Cases—Unregistered

In addition to these regular registered maternity cases, the Medical Director and the nurse-midwives were called in for 35 emergency deliveries, where the mother had not been registered or given prenatal care, which resulted in 12 live births and 23 emergency miscarriages (17 early, 6 late). There was no maternal death.

#### Outside-Area Cases

There were 169 women from outside our area who were carried for prenatal care. Of these, 19 were closed before delivery. Most of our outside-area patients move into one of our districts or to our Hospital for delivery. In that case they are transferred to our regular midwifery service. However, the nurse-midwives did go outside our area to deliver 6 such patients of 6 live babies, with no maternal death.

### 5.

#### FRONTIER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MIDWIFERY

The School admits two classes annually. Seven registered nurses are taken in each class of six months duration. The fifty-second class will begin on September 20, 1966. The School has sent 299 nurses, qualified as midwives and in our frontier technique, to render service all over the world. Graduates of the School are in a number of our states, including Alaska; the Philippines, New Guinea, India, Thailand, South Korea, Canada, France, the Middle East, and in parts of Africa and South America.

Guests lecturers to whom we are most grateful are Dr. M. A. Carnes, anesthesiologist at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Dr. Karl Yapple, pediatrician from Harlan, Dr. H. H. Cherry of the Kentucky State Tuberculosis Hospital in London, and the nutritionists from the State Department of Health who hold a workshop for each class in the School.

### 6.

#### SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

#### (Alpha Omicron Pi Fund and Other Grants)

During the past fiscal year the Social Service Department of the Frontier Nursing Service has given financial aid to families or individuals as follows:



Gave emergency grocery orders to 15 families and helped many families with the food stamp program

Bought coal for 7 indigent families

Paid 9 light bills for indigent families

Provided seed potatoes and garden seeds for 27 families

Provided bus fare for 2 school students

Provided school clothes and shoes for 27 children

Paid boarding school expenses for 1 child

Bought school lunches for 6 children

Bought school books for 5 high school students

Made 2 loans for adult education

Bought glasses for 14 patients (New Eyes for the Needy Fund)

Provided medicines for 4 patients

Paid for diagnostic x-rays for 4 people

Paid all or part of outside city hospital bills for 5 patients

Paid bus fare to Lexington for 19 patients for clinic visits

Paid ambulance bills for 53 trips with patients

Paid laboratory fees for patients at Lexington and Louisville Clinics (Any patients who can pay do reimburse the Service.)

Many patients have been transported to and from the Frontier Nursing Service Hospital at Hyden to the outpost centers. In addition there were:

35 trips with patients to Harlan, Lexington, Louisville and Cincinnati hospitals and outpatient clinics

More general service and aid have been given to other families and individuals as follows:

Clothing and bedding distributed to needy families (including 4 that were burned out) and books to local schools.

Service and time given in coöperation with the American Red Cross, Welfare and Health Departments, County Judges, Vocational Representatives, Frontier Nursing Service Medical Director, District nurse-midwives, and the Hospital staff.



7.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS

A total of thirty-six volunteers, including couriers, physicians, nurses, and secretaries, gave thousands of hours of work during the year.

8.

GUESTS FOR OBSERVATION AND STUDY

As in other years the Service entertained guests, for observation and study of its work, from all over the world. These came not only from North America, but from Europe, Asia, South America, and Africa.

9.

CHRISTMAS

The Frontier Nursing Service gave toys and candy to more than 5,000 children at Christmas, and clothing to those that needed it. Our local district committees provided free trucks to carry supplies from Hyden to the outpost centers, and were helpful in many other ways. The Service also held Christmas parties at many different places for the children, with Santa Claus, Christmas trees, and Christmas carols. All of this was made possible by the generous response of hundreds of people to our annual request card for the children's Christmas.

III.

FORTY-ONE YEAR TOTAL

It will be of interest to our members to read a few totals covering the whole forty-one year period of work.

Patients registered from the beginning.....	58,309
Children (including babies under 1 year).....	34,998
Adults.....	23,311
Maternity cases (reg.) delivered.....	14,913
Maternal deaths, 11 (9 puerperal, 2 cardiac)	
Inoculations.....	254,493
Patients admitted into the Hyden Hospital*.....	29,446
Number of days of occupation in Hyden Hospital.....	214,066

\* For 36 years and 6 months. The FNS Hospital at Hyden was opened in the fiscal year 1928-1929 and operated only six months in that year.



## CONCLUSION

In presenting our 41st Annual Report, we offer a heartfelt thank-you to the many thousands of people who have made this possible. Our patients, who are our friends and neighbors, have stood staunchly behind us during the year, and today are helping to raise funds for building their new community hospital in Leslie County. Without their help we would not be able to carry on. Several years ago Mrs. Breckinridge wrote that to be responsible for a philanthropy takes courage and faith. We are fortunate in having the support of the thousands of people, both in and out of the mountains, who have shown their courage, and their faith in our work and have continued to give their generous support. Our financial affairs are in good order. We have no outstanding debts and go forward into a new year with plans for a new hospital at Hyden.

Before the end of April we knew we were to fill an urgent need of many years. We have an assistant for our hard-working Medical Director. Our staff has been magnificent in putting in many hours of overtime in preparation for Medicare. This has involved a stupendous amount of paper work and rearranging of our record system. We take comfort in the thought that we are not the only ones who have problems. We shall all strive to keep in mind that care of the patient is our primary goal, and the very reason for our existence. The FNS goes into a new era, but our aims will always be as stated in our Articles of Incorporation: "to coöperate with individuals and with organizations . . . and through the fulfillment of these aims to advance the cause of health, social welfare and economic independence in rural districts with the help of their own leading citizens."

MARVIN BRECKINRIDGE PATTERSON  
(Mrs. Jefferson Patterson), Chairman

EDWARD S. DABNEY, Treasurer

HELEN E. BROWNE, Director



## HAPPY RETURN AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS

by

MAY V. GREEN, R.N., S.C.M.

Here in the haze, heat and beauty of Kentucky I am on the Cabin porch below the blossom patch at Wendover, the home and headquarters of the FNS and its late beloved founder, Mary Breckinridge. I cannot express the joy and happiness I feel at my return after twenty-six years.

So much progress has been made that it is impossible to recognize the branches and the creeks that in the thirties one traveled by horse. There are now roads and bridges so that even up the creeks and the hollows it is possible to travel by jeep—no longer is there fording of the river by horse and anxiety over getting to a patient before the river rose and one had to swim her horse or get to a swinging bridge to cross over.

Recently I visited Beech Fork and was taken up Bad Creek. I must say that I would have much preferred making that trip on my faithful horse, Big Joe, than by jeep—it certainly would have been much smoother riding. I admire the nurses and couriers who drive over these rough out-of-the-way places.

I enjoyed my visit to Beech Fork very much. It brought back memories of 1930 when I first went there as a district nurse-midwife. How enchanted I was to find a house on the mountainside with running water, a bathroom, coal-fired furnace and oil lamps!

I also remember losing a suitcase in the creek when the mule, pulling the sledge, hit rocks and the load became uneven—later when it was found, my clothes were wet through. Having just arrived at Beech Fork from Wendover with "Bucket" I just could not understand how anything could get through such rough trails, let alone the river.

One night by Saltwell I heard such mournful, weird sounds that I was alarmed. I was by a cemetery and it really was uncanny. Days later, when I heard them again—this time with Buck and Worcester—I was assured that it was nothing to worry about as it was only bullfrogs! I had a lot to learn but enjoyed every moment.

Now, I have traveled to Beech Fork by jeep all the way to



the Center, which outwardly is the same but looks so spacious and up-to-date inside, with electric lighting, range, refrigerator et cetera. It is charming and has so many associations with the pioneer days of the FNS.

I have met several folk who remember me and say that the babies I delivered now have children and that they are grandparents. One of them was Lottie Roberts who was the Hyden telephone operator in the old days and was a wonderful help in an emergency when Dr. Kooser was needed. Lottie who lives at the Mouth of Owls Nest, has visited every house on that branch and has had a one-hundred-percent response for the new Mary Breckinridge Hospital to be built in Hyden. I had several babies on Owls Nest and Flackie and it is good to know how much the FNS has been appreciated.

Grayce Turnbow, who was on the Wendover staff when I was here, has a lovely home across the river from the Clearing and invited me over for tea one afternoon. Her lovely daughter, Emma Jean, has finished college and will be teaching at Wooton this fall. We had a delightful time reminiscing. I am hoping to see Celia Marcum of Red Bird. She was always a wonderful help to us, especially with the knitting and sewing classes. It was grand to see Leona Morgan and her charming courier daughter, Carrie Lou.

I could mention so many who gave me a heartfelt welcome and I just wish it were possible to be back with the FNS. I am thrilled and delighted with the wonderful progress that has been made over the years. The homes all look so clean and attractive that it is difficult to realize that twenty-six years ago water for the house came from a spring or dug well and washing was done on the creek or river bank. Refrigerators and deep freezers have replaced the smoke houses and the "cool wells," or a hole in a bank for keeping food. It is a joy and privilege to be able to see such progress which is especially shown in the happy, healthy faces of the people. As an old FNS nurse-midwife, I feel that Mrs. Breckinridge carried out her life's ambition to help her kin folk.

Having spent the years of World War II in England, I can write these heartfelt words: As Churchill gave to England, so gave Mary Breckinridge to the FNS.



## COURAGE EARNS NATIONAL "FORTITUDE" AWARD

The highest award granted by the Girl Guides Movement for courage and fortitude has scarcely ever been more worthily earned than by Miss Nora Lee, headmistress of West Alvington Primary School and Captain of a Guides Company in Kingsbridge. Since that ill-fated day last July (within a matter of hours of arriving in America for a much looked forward to holiday) when she was blown up in a jeep which hit a home-made bomb on a country road in Kentucky, Miss Lee has had but one complaint . . . that people were too kind to her.

On Thursday evening of last week Miss Lee was back again in Kingsbridge—this time fitted out with artificial limbs and wearing her Guides uniform. Her philosophical comment about those "new" legs: "They're a bit awkward as yet, but one will soon get used to them."

It was in the Old People's Rest Centre that a special ceremony was laid on to present her with the "Star of Merit"—a medal of distinction which proclaims to the world the admiration she has so justly earned for not letting such a physical catastrophe get her down.

"The Star of Merit" was formerly named the "Badge of Fortitude" and was rarely awarded by national headquarters. It was a great joy to see Miss Lee once more in uniform, eager to be back in harness in control of her company.

There with her on Tuesday night was a sister, Miss Mollie Lee—formerly a nurse in Kentucky. They had been reunited only a short while earlier and were planning a wonderful holiday together. Miss Mollie felt she must say a few words to the assembled company of thanks for the wonderful kindness shown by Kingsbridge people to her sister. Those wonderful cheering letters had been an enormous tonic as well as the flowers and gifts which had been showered on her.

About her sister she went on: "Firstly, it was her Christian faith which gave her the will and determination to live and see this thing through, but her association with the Girl Guides Movement had been an enormous help as well. Shortly after recovering consciousness she began whistling and singing to



keep up her spirits. She refused to get depressed or ponder on her plight; she made up her mind to get better and that was that."

It was a simple ceremony but a memorable one!

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Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bane  
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## OLD COURIER NEWS

Edited by  
AGNES LEWIS

**From Mrs. Frank A. Sparrow (Anne Reynolds),**

**Woodstock, Vermont—June 13, 1966**

We have just returned from our first trip to Little Compton, Rhode Island where we have managed with good fortune to spend the better part of each summer. The peace and quiet of these days is marvelous.

The three boys are well and full of all sorts of wild, adventuresome ideas with summer now in full swing—what a dreary life it would be without them! Jonathan, the baby, becomes three tomorrow; William had his seventh birthday two weeks ago and Christopher was five in February—maybe one day we will have that courier for the year two thousand! Our lovely golden retriever is about to produce her second litter any day and so things are really buzzing around here.

Sister Gay and baby Mary of one year are due to arrive on the fourth of July for a month-or-so visit. I am so anxious to see them.

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**From Mrs. Richard Steven Keck (Pam Wheeler),**

**Indianapolis, Indiana—June 18, 1966**

The wedding came off without a hitch—we even had beautiful weather. We went to Pine Mountain on our honeymoon—had to be back in four days. It was beautiful down there. We got back to Cincinnati Wednesday afternoon, spent twenty-four hours packing gifts, then we loaded the U-Haul and were off.

I have been trying to get used to cooking and cleaning. I start Monday at the Indiana State Girls School (reform) as Coördinator of the Volunteer Program. It should be interesting since they've never had an organized volunteer program and I'll have to start from scratch. Steve also goes back to work Monday and starts a new semester Tuesday night.

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**From Mrs. Dandridge F. Walton (Theresa Nantz),**

**Paducah, Kentucky—June 18, 1966**

We took the children to the St. Louis Zoo last Sunday. I



think we enjoyed it more than they did. I was thoroughly impressed by it all. It was so very, very clean—zoo, city, all of it. When Sarah Halley saw the buffalo that were shedding, she said, "Look, Mommy, they're wearing out."

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**From Fredericka Holdship, Sewickley, Pennsylvania**

—June 20, 1966

My trip to Notre Dame University was a roaring success—and quite an education in many ways!! Three boys from the Lab and I drove over Sunday afternoon. We had rooms at the Inn on the campus—a lovely place. We registered for classes the next morning. Some of the lectures were most enlightening and apropos of the work I am doing now. We had a conducted tour of the Lobund Germ-free Lab—the first in this country—a whole building with 150 Units, and we thought we had a lot with 10!!

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**From Mrs. W. H. Henderson (Kathleen Wilson),**

**Lansdowne, Pennsylvania—June 23, 1966**

It was so good to get the last Bulletin and to know that life goes on as usual. Of course I knew it would. I just realized that I haven't shared with you any of the miracle we have been living through in our family. Our youngest son, who is now twenty-five years of age, has been diagnosed as having chronic glomerular nephritis for several years. He appeared well until this fall when his condition has rapidly deteriorated. In February he at last conceded that he couldn't continue in graduate school any longer and he and his courageous wife came here to live with us. We weren't willing to take it lying down and wrote letters to the government research centers. Our doctor was marvelously helpful and somehow we found ourselves at the Clinical Transplant Center in Richmond, Virginia (Medical College of Virginia). My husband was accepted as a donor after five days of exhaustive examinations and on May 12th both of Stephen's diseased kidneys were removed and my husband's left kidney was transplanted to Stephen's right groin. A week later, the new kidney was functioning fully and Stephen already looked better than in many months. The greatest joy to him was that he could read again immediately.



Stephen is now driving the car—all his laboratory tests are normal and he has no diet restrictions except salt—and he is looking for a job in the fall. He will have to take drugs to prevent a rejection for many years, perhaps forever, but the amount is already being reduced. They have decided to stay in Richmond for several years so as to be near the doctors there. Other patients keep flying back from all over the world whenever anything goes wrong.

My husband recuperated rapidly from his surgery and was about to return to work when he developed a bleeding duodenal ulcer. Now he is recovering from that and we think he is almost well again. The doctor said someone in the family was entitled to an ulcer but I surely wish he hadn't been the one!

We hope to be able to go to Richmond the fourth of July week-end—we haven't seen Stephen since ten days after the operation. The whole experience was an ordeal but also a very heartwarming affair and has renewed my faith in human nature! Never have we seen such kindness and thoughtfulness as was shown by everyone at the Transplant Center from the head surgeon on down.

The rest of us are fine. Marjorie is working in Washington this summer, Bill Jr. and his wife will return from the Peace Corps in August, and our oldest boy and his family move to Ithaca where he will be an assistant professor in the mathematics department. My job at school has suffered this spring but they have been very considerate and I will return in September.

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**From Mrs. Ian Van Praagh (Felicia Delafield),**

**New York, New York—June 23, 1966**

I have just received the Spring Bulletin and I am enclosing a check to be put towards the Wolf Creek Center (the one named for my great-great-grandmother).

On May 29th, Whitsunday, I was delivered by section of a lovely 7-pound and 12-ounce baby girl in Woman's Hospital at St. Luke's Medical Center. I was beautifully taken care of with two good friends as my obstetrician and anesthesiologist and a close friend, a British nurse-midwife, who saved my life by keeping me at "breathing" through the worst period. I also had the support of my husband who was with me until I was put to sleep in the



operating room. Having spent two extremely happy years running Social Service at Woman's I felt most comfortable in the hospital and I really received the "red carpet" service. I have given up my job and am staying at home, being a full-time mother. I find this a demanding and exciting new experience.

Cecily Margaret is a beautiful baby who sleeps through the night, smiles, and delights Ian and me in every way. How I wish I could show her to you! Maybe someday she can spend a summer as a courier, and have as happy and rewarding an experience as I did.

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**From Penny Caldwell, Stephens, Kentucky—June 26, 1966**

Thank you so much for the hospitality so warmly offered to my friends and me.

Appalachian Volunteer training, the first week at Johnson City, Tennessee, and the second week at Carter Caves, ended yesterday. Sue, Edgar, and I are now back in our community ready to start our summer project. Swimming instruction, sewing classes, driver training, and square dancing have been strongly requested by the community.

As a requirement for swimming this summer, we asked that each child have his typhoid shots. Through a clinic at Sue's and my home the Public Health Nurse dispensed polio vaccines and typhoid shots to both adults and children. This worked out so well that we plan to continue these clinics until each series of vaccines and shots are completed by all interested persons in the community. We are looking forward to a hot and busy summer.

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**From Mrs. Thomas O. Whitaker (Mary Woodmansey),**

**Saco, Montana—June 27, 1966**

Pat is four months old today. He is very social and extremely active. He weighs about 17 pounds, so that tells how much he enjoys his food. He weaned himself at three months so I put him on Similac. We all adore him.

Our summer hasn't begun too well as we have had only one-half inch of rain all spring. Everything is turning brown. We are fortunate in having irrigated pastures; and we just flood-



irrigated my garden which provides us entirely with potatoes, corn, etc.

I have worked four shifts at the hospital. I really didn't want to now that I have the baby but the administrator said they couldn't get anyone else. It is difficult to go so far at the busiest time.

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**From Leslie O'D. Foster, Hanover, New Hampshire**

—June 28, 1966

All has been going very well for me this last year. I spent the spring, 1965, working at Emerson Hospital in Concord as a nurses' aide and then as a ward clerk. The family moved to Woodstock, Vermont, in June and I spent the summer in Boston, working nights at Emerson, which was an interesting experience; and I went to Woodstock on week-ends.

I was so impressed with St. Joseph's when I was there that I wanted to try working at a Catholic hospital, so I spent two months as an aide—jumping around between one shift and the next—at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Brighton.

Before returning to school last November, I had a wonderful opportunity to drive out to California with my cousin and a friend of hers. In ten days we drove down to Virginia to pick up some of my cousin's belongings, as she was going to live out there, and then drove on to California, staying in Denver a couple of days, seeing Salt Lake City, making the rounds at Las Vegas and finally at Hollywood where another cousin showed us around. We had a great time; and with three drivers, we drove around the clock through the uninteresting parts of the country. There's nothing like a road trip to realize the greatness and diversity to be found in this land of ours. The grand finale was driving up the California coast along the Big Sur to San Francisco, where I stayed the week-end before flying back to school.

Back at nursing school, I started off again in obstetrics—the last thing I wanted to do at that point, but I did quite well, all the same. After having Medical Surgical Nursing II, I'm now doing Operating Room Nursing which is very interesting. In September, after a month's vacation, I will do Psychiatric Nursing, probably at Denver's State Hospital in Massachusetts. I'm looking forward to that very much.



This spring I ran into a friend who knows Becky Cummings. She said that Becky just raves about her experience in Kentucky and, not unlike many, says what a turning point in life it was for her.

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**From Mary L. Miller, West Liberty, Kentucky—July 6, 1966**

This fall I will be attending the University of Kentucky in Lexington, and I will be working for my Master's Degree in Sociology. I received an assistantship so I will be working 20 hours a week with a course load of 6-9 hours. Because of splitting my time in this way, I anticipate it being about a two-year program. It feels good finally to be pointed in what I consider to be the right direction.

I am in Kentucky again this summer on an internship program sponsored by Oak Ridge Associated Universities of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. I am working with the Extension Service in community development work. It is proving to be quite interesting, and I am learning a lot as I had anticipated.

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**From Charlotte Forbes, Fairbanks, Alaska—July 9, 1966**

I have a job in Washington, D. C., for next winter. I have no real idea as to what it will involve since the office (government) has only just been set up; but the people who run it are really great so I am looking forward to it very much.

Just now I am in Canada, on my way to Alaska for the rest of the summer. We hope to find work up there—doing just about anything.

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**From Mrs. Charles L. Trowbridge (Dusty Pruyn),  
Glen Head, Long Island, New York—July 18, 1966**

Although I am completely absorbed in the mundane details of domesticity, I look back fondly to my summer with the FNS and always enjoy reading the Bulletins. We have five children ranging in age from 7 years to 10 months—two boys and three girls. With three girls in the family, courier possibilities are good. Already one is crazy about horses, although I suppose the FNS is getting more and more jeep oriented and uses horses less.



We live in an "oasis" in crowded Long Island—a very small house but with lovely property. A big vegetable garden, a neighboring horse living in our barn (replacing twenty-five chickens), plus a kitten, dog, and rabbit give us a semblance of country living which we love.

Charlie commutes to New York and is now working as attorney for the New York Times, and I keep busy as house maid, nurse and chauffeur for the children.

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**From Celia Coit, Agoura, California—July 18, 1966**

The last Bulletin was eagerly read, as usual, and made me wish Kentucky was closer than Europe or the Orient by direct flight. Sometimes I wonder how many changes have taken place 'way up Hurricane, or the left fork of Camp Creek or Thousandsticks. Wonder if I could possibly find the way between Wendover and Brutus?

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**From Mrs. Henry P. Glendinning (Nancy Ingersoll),  
Paoli, Pennsylvania—July 21, 1966**

I am starting to teach in the fall and am afraid that I cannot take the time off to visit Wendover. I plan to bring the children sometime on an extended trip through the country. Wendover will be an important stop. Edward is eight, John is almost seven and Nicoll is four and one-half years of age. I can't believe how long ago it is since I have seen you.

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**From Mrs. Robert F. Mulhauser (Ann Danson), Bear Island,  
Lake Temagami, Ontario—July 26, 1966**

We have been here since July seventeenth with Sandy and her husband, Ralph, and our friends and co-owners from Glendale, the Aults. Rick and three friends will arrive on August sixth and we will be back home on August fourteenth. A wonderful holiday.

Just finished reading the spring issue of the Bulletin from "kiver to kiver" and loved every word.



**From Mrs. Samuel Newsom (Sylvia Bowditch),  
Mill Valley, California—July 27, 1966**

The new Hospital sounds great and I can hardly wait for the next Bulletin to explain more about it.

Friends in Lexington have reported a miserably hot summer and it must be even worse in the mountains. How I wish I could send you some of our air conditioning fog which comes in from the ocean and keeps Mill Valley very pleasant. Some years we have yearned for a bit more sunshine and heat but this summer has been marvelous. We have had various visitors and it has been nice to be able to show them the sights rather than just telling them what we wished they could have seen!

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**From Mrs. William W. Wotherspoon,  
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan—July 27, 1966**

The days here are filled with finishing a new cottage and plans to drive East to call for Ellie at camp in Vermont and visit Bill's father in Rhode Island before returning here to stay until September 9th. Polly goes back to Chatham Hall for senior year the 15th of September.

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**From Mrs. M. W. Toynbee (Mary Wright),  
Ontario, Canada—July 28, 1966**

I was married to Manson Toynbee in New Hampshire on the first of July. He is a Canadian teacher at present working with the Canadian External Aid office. This fall he will be teaching in British Columbia (we aren't sure just where yet). His family's home is at Ganges, B. C., and we will be somewhere near there. It's all very exciting to me, and I'm having a wonderful time. But, I miss Kentucky.

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**From Mrs. Eric R. Anders (Bronwen Jenney),  
New Orleans, Louisiana—August 12, 1966**

I'm having a glorious summer. My job? Playing housewife. The hours are long; the pay's not too good; but the work is most rewarding. Eric is combining a psychiatry and public health residency. I start my third year in med school in September. We



have a guest bed and would love to hear from any FNS-ers passing through New Orleans.

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#### BITS OF COURIER NEWS

**Carlotta Creevey** has been in Cleveland, Mississippi, this summer with the Beloit College Tutoring Center. She and three other students have set up a small school, primarily for adult education. When she wrote the middle of August, they had around 225 students and all classes were going well.

**Betty Dabney** will be teaching school in Washington, D. C., this fall.

**Ellen Ordway** is working in Trinidad this summer and plans to teach at the University of Minnesota this fall.

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We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Ellen Mary Hare Meigs** who lost her mother in July; to **Sallie Bingham Iovenko** in the loss of her brother in July; and to **Frances Williams Perkins** in the loss of her husband, Dr. John Forbes Perkins, Jr., on August 7th.

#### WEDDINGS

Miss Pamela Ann Wheeler of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. Richard Steven Keck of Greenfield, Indiana, on June 11, 1966.

Miss Jean Sears Alexander of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Robert Roosevelt O'Donnell on June 11, 1966.

Miss Lydia Dale Allen of Wiscasset, Maine, and Mr. Joseph Alan Feely II, on July 9, 1966.

To these young couples we send a thousand good wishes for every happiness.



## TWO STORIES FROM BRUTUS

### I. BENJAMIN

by

MOLLIE MILLER, R.N., S.C.M.  
Nurse-Midwife in Charge

The first time I met Benjamin I was introduced to him by the F.N.S. nurse he knew quite well. He eyed me up and down with disapproval, but to his friend with me he secretly conveyed the idea that when that strange nurse came back he wasn't going to let her in! Sure enough, on my next visit alone to Benjamin's house, he planted himself firmly in the doorway as if to say, "You're not coming in. I'm the man of the house and I said so!" There was no doubt he intended to be true to his role.

"May I come in, Benjamin and see the new baby?" I asked.

"No!" with determination in his voice was all he said.

Nonchalantly I turned to watch the ducks in the yard. But no matter what I said about his pets, Benjamin stood as silent as an Indian brave and just as sober.

I changed to other subjects in an effort to win his confidence but Benjamin refused to budge.

After some time, with apparent reluctance and in a very patronizing manner, he said just one word "Yes," and stepping aside, he let me enter.

He watched with eagle eyes every move I made. It wasn't until my nursing tasks were all done and I started off in my jeep that Benjamin smiled at me approvingly. And I knew that I had made a friend who would be there to welcome me on my next visit.

Perhaps I should clarify myself by saying that Benjamin, this "man of the house" in charge that day was only 2½ years old!

### II. THE SPECIAL QUALITY

by

BETH SUTHERLAND, S.N.  
Volunteer from Simmons College of Nursing

Feeling rather sneaky, I crept into the soothing water of a



hot tub bath. It was only 9:00 p.m. and both Mollie and I knew it was presumptuous to get ready for bed this early. Settled comfortably in the steaming water, I heard the ominous sound of the Brutus clinic bell as it faithfully struck in its piercing sound. With washcloth poised in mid-air, I heard Mollie shout about a call to make up to Leatherwood while grumbling something about the dusty road.

Bags ready, but hair soaking wet, Mollie and I started off in Daffy to follow the car ahead that was to lead us to the home. The beauty of the night shocked us both out of our anxious state as the orange July moon enveloped the entire valley. The old familiar road looked so new and different with the shadows and the stillness. The gentle hills had become dark mountains and the slender trees were now strong sentinels. The road still had the washboard ruts but the dust was invisible in the dark though one could feel it sifting gently through the jeep. Feeling exhilarated by the refreshing night air, we bounced from one hole to another to arrive finally at the dark shadow of the home.

Pulling Daffy to a stop close to the house, Mollie and I hesitated for a moment as we noticed the tall grass surrounding the jeep.

"Snakes or no snakes," whispered Mollie, "we won't be much help sitting here!" as she courageously jumped out of the jeep. The small beams of our flashlights shone on the husband of the sick woman as we clambered up the rickety steps ducking in time to miss the low door frame.

"And do you have some lights?" asked Mollie as we stood at the bedside. With a proud nod in the affirmative, the oldest daughter raced to the kitchen and turned on the one light bulb. As the light cast warm shadows into the room, Mollie and I smiled at ourselves as we again pulled out our flashlights. The room was large and neatly cluttered objects lay in all corners while the remaining four children were sprawled in deep slumber on various chairs and beds. The gentle face of the mother who was to lose the sixteen week old fetus was strong and loving as she followed our quick glances about the room.

"She almost died from losing the last one," said the husband uneasily, "and if she weren't in the garden always fighting the snakes she probably wouldn't be losing this one."



Grinning, the wife fondly looked up as she knew this was a compliment for all her hard work. A new warmth spread through the room as the unity of their strengthening family love drew us all close together.

"Aye," said Mollie after examining the mother, "just stay in bed and rest though we know it will be difficult for an active person like you." The shy thirteen year old daughter, not daring to look up, mumbled that she would attempt to cook while the husband naughtily stated that he had better stay home as if he were a constant rover. Laughing together even in this time of worry the family knew that each person would share this problem in a supportive faith and love.

Outside again, the husband stood by our jeep and quietly thanked us while the expression on his face encompassed the real worry of his mind and heart.

"Thank God for what we do have," he said simply and waved us onward with the steady beam of his light. Daffy sputtered up the road and the man stood alone in the full moonlight; but he was not really alone and never would be as there was a special quality in his little home that would weather many a storm.

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### WHILE YOU WAIT

After a bad fall an old lady living alone was taken to hospital, where she was detained for some time. During her stay the hospital laundered her clothing, and she was discharged all neat and clean. When the ambulance arrived to collect her for a check-up, she was waiting with three suitcases. 'You won't want them,' the driver said. 'Oh yes, Ah shall,' she retorted; 'when you're there they do all the weshin,' so Ah'm takin' t'sheets an' such offen me bed. They can get 'em weshed whilst Ah's seein' doctors.'—F. H., *Yorkshire*.

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## OLD STAFF NEWS

Edited by

ANNE CUNDLE

### **From Ada Worcester Marston in Hants, England—April 1966**

The Bulletin came today and I had pleasant things to remember. I was sorry to read of Peacock's death. She was always so lively.

In 1929 I had been accepted for the FNS Staff, but no one had interviewed me, and Peacock and Willeford had that duty in London. We had a rather amusing talk, and I, in a rush of enthusiasm invited them to spend a weekend at the district cottage in Lincolnshire where, on Mrs. Breckinridge's advice, I was gaining district experience. Rather to my horror they later wrote and asked to come. It was a dreary cottage, poorly furnished, and in the Fen district. We did our best to keep Willeford warm! They hadn't ridden bicycles for many years but we all three set out. We had to cross a ploughed field and Peacock and Willeford promised me retaliation in Kentucky! Fortunately, they were at Columbia University when I arrived.

Nurses are getting very "thin on the ground" here and district appointments seem to be hard to fill. Just a few years ago a part-time job on the district was unheard of; now the authorities are only too glad of such help. My best wishes to everyone I know.

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### **From Marion Ross in Ontario, Canada—May 1966**

So many times, but particularly over the Christmas Season each year, I long to be at Wendover with my old friends and where a part of me still is. Spring weather has not as yet arrived in southern Ontario. Daffodils and tulips are in bloom in the garden, but the temperature last night dropped below freezing. No sitting out in the sun for a while yet.

I live in a little cottage-like apartment just two blocks from the hospital. It is part of an old house, ground floor, windows on three sides, a garden—but just one room, kitchen and bath.

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### **From Helen Farrington in Winooski, Vermont—May 1966**

Once again I'm planning a trip to Seattle for more study at



the University of Washington. It was such a satisfactory experience last summer that I'm going to try it again. I read your article in *The Nursing Outlook* with nostalgia. I do hope all is going well for you all down there. Please give my regards to all.

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**From Mary Heisey in London, England—May 1966**

Another term of service has come to an end. A friend and I are en route home for furlough and have spent three days here in London between ships, having come from Capetown.

I have been very happy working in Zambia, first at Sika-longo Mission (without a doctor) and then for the past three years at Macha Hospital, the largest of our mission hospitals. Many times I have remembered with gratitude the time spent with the FNS.

Thanks for sending the FNS Bulletin. I was especially delighted with the picture of Mrs. Breckinridge on Doc! How proud he looked. We were very sorry to learn of Mrs. B's passing. May the Lord bless you as you carry on the great work.

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**From Mrs. Grace A. Terrill (Pixie), Louisville, Kentucky**

—June 1966

Harriett Reardon called me last evening and came over for a few minutes. She lives not too far away. She is working at Bellarmine College for the next six weeks, then will go to Richmond to enter Eastern Kentucky University. It was good to see her. She asked about everybody and sends her love.

I called Cecile Watters and had a gab fest with her over the phone. She seemed well. We'll be getting together one of these days.

I still can't close my hand and the fingers are quite painful. If I do one job a day, I feel I have accomplished something.

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**From Mary Dadisman in Elgin, Illinois—June 1966**

Grayce Brumbaugh and I are in the States at present for a four month breeze-around to see family and friends. We will be returning to Nigeria by September 1. We hope that the FNS is still carrying on as before and that the summer isn't too hot. It



has been so cool in the area where we've been that we have wished for the heat of Nigeria in some places.

With best wishes and greetings to any whom we know at Wendover and Hyden.

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**From Mary Nell Harper in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia—June 1966**

In a few weeks I leave here on furlough. My traveling companion is a nurse-midwife from Catholic Maternity Institute. We will be in London and Scotland in the middle of August.

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**From Nancy Leland in Wapenamanda, New Guinea—June 1966**

The first part of this year I moved from Kundi to Yaibos, as Judy McCormick was going on furlough and they didn't want to leave Yaibos without a nurse. When I first got here I had eighteen infant welfare clinics, but now one of the nurses from the hospital is doing some of them and I have only thirteen, which is enough with the clinic and wards here. Then, too, the school for the missionary children is only half a mile from here, and I go up there when anyone is sick.

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**From Eileen Stark in Bahia, Brazil—June 1966**

I was late in getting to the Clinic and all because of the Bulletin that arrived by "Special Delivery"! I found it on my plate at breakfast wrapped in a red ribbon with a note that said "SPECIAL DELIVERY"! So I read it from cover to cover before going to work. It has become something special now that I've become a part of FNS and have been on Hospital Hill. I continue to be grateful for the excellent training that I received while there. Some of the things these women go through to have their babies would make the strongest North American tremble.

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**From Molly Lee in Surrey, England—June 1966**

Nora was fitted with a lock on her left knee which kept her off her legs for 10 days. The leg was returned on May 20 and she was discharged from Roehampton for good the next day. At present she is staying with Joan on the farm and driving



short distances to the village alone. I bought a "Honda" a few weeks ago and had to ride it back to my digs the day Nora left.

Eve Chetwynd wrote a few weeks ago that she had recently lost her younger brother suddenly and her older brother last year and feels rather bereft. Alison made several visits to Nora at Roehampton, and Hilly has been wonderful.

This has been quite an FNS reunion week. I had supper in Kingston with Margaret (Willson) and we talked and were thrilled to see each other again. Two nights later Hilly and I were invited to meet Sparky at Mount Royal Hotel in London for dinner. Sparky had very kindly brought a cutting from *The Thousandsticks* with the architect's view of the new hospital. It was quite thrilling to see it nestling into the hills. It must be exciting to work things out, and a headache!

I am managing very well and enjoying the opportunity to study, the other students, and the beautiful surroundings. My new job is taking the two dogs out in the woods before breakfast—just my line!

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**From Mary Ruth Sparks (Sparky) in Pleasant Hill,**

**Tennessee—July 1966**

My two friends and I are quite the belles of the week on account of our trip—a tea, luncheon, breakfast, et cetera, as bon voyage affairs. We Senior Citizens had a picnic this afternoon in recreation area—shuffleboard and croquet, at which I am not very good. I have had two letters from London, Bridie will be in Ireland this month but Hilly will see us, and Molly is not sure if she can make it from school.

Later in Paris, France

Bon jour—Paris pure glamor. Versailles yesterday, Follies last night, an extravaganza like I never saw. London this afternoon—have dates with Molly and Hilly.

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**From Madge Tait Burton in Sussex, England—July 1966**

This is to tell you that John, 16, has been chosen to represent Horsham District Scouts next year at the World Jamboree in Idaho. He is wildly excited over it, and Jack and I are delighted



that this honor has fallen to his lot, especially because of my associations with the U.S.A. I wish it had been in Kentucky; then maybe he could have come to you and helped out in some way for a couple of weeks.

Thank you for the Quarterly Bulletin which comes so regularly. We all enjoy it and then it goes to the Nurses' Home of a nearby hospital. I correspond regularly with Mrs. Dorothy Breckinridge who has taken over "Godmothership" to John, since her own Johnny was so tragically killed in Korea. Best wishes and love to all.

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#### **From Edna Johnson in Saigon, Vietnam—July 1966**

On April 8 we arrived in Saigon, at which point the Buddhists were demonstrating and we could not even get to our office. The streets were blocked off by the National Police, and Vietnamese soldiers were patrolling areas of the city. We were being driven around a strange city, not knowing where we were going—an unnerving experience. Our driver was Vietnamese and spoke little English; we spoke less Vietnamese. Finally we were taken back to our hotel where there was a message telling us to stay off the streets and in the hotel. That was the first day in Saigon!

Saigon was and still is a beautiful city. There is much French influence, of course. There has been a tremendous influx of refugees, military people, and several hundred AID employees. It is now a city of nearly four million people. However, when you fly over the area it still looks like a small city. Traffic is beyond words to describe! There are thousands of bicycles, motor bicycles, little blue and white taxis, ped cabs, horse drawn carts, jeeps, trucks and cars, plus people. As far as I can figure out there are no rules, it is every man for himself!

For the most part I find my work interesting, though frustrating. My official title is Public Health Nurse Advisor for Orphanages and Day Care Centers. There are some seventy-seven orphanages in Vietnam with about 10,000 children, about the same number of day care centers with about 5,000 children. At the moment our plans include training courses for personnel and a mobile in-service training team. Part of my work includes travelling throughout the country to visit various orphanages.



This is interesting and I do like to get away from Saigon. Travel by road is not safe, so anywhere you want to go you must fly. AID has a contract with a small air line called Air America. It is all very informal. If the pilot cannot see anyone at the air strip to meet the plane, he flies over the provincial capitol so the people who are to meet you know to hop into a jeep and drive out to the air strip.

Do you know how much I miss Kentucky? Often I think of you all and wonder what is happening and how you all are. How fortunate I was to spend three years working with you. Most of all I miss the quietness and peacefulness of the mountains and the friendliness and genuineness of the people. It is very good to be able to remember quietness and peace when so much of what you experience is noise, unrest and evil, the uselessness of war and what it does to people.

It is Sunday afternoon, and how I wish I could come for tea and chapel and spend the evening with you!

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**From Isabel Dougall Marraine in Lake Alfred, Florida**

—August 1966

I sold my house in Jan Phyl Village last February. Now I am moving to a more modern, but quite small house, nicely located.

I'm supposed to be retired, but I do get involved with certain occupations. Between March and July I accepted work at a small hospital (aspiring to 80 beds) in Haines City near here. Then I was asked again to be camp nurse with a group of young Girl Scouts. This I accepted with joy, and as usual, it turned out to be just that, with of course, quite a few red bug bites. We all slept in tents. Upon my return I was immediately filling in Winter Haven City Welfare for two weeks.

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**From Margaret Field in New Orleans, Louisiana—August 1966**

I began my work at the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans on June 29, and already I could write a book on the subject. This is an institution for unmarried mothers and an adoption agency for their babies. At present we have twenty-nine girls and fourteen babies and I love 'em all. Most of the girls are



delivered right here, but we have arrangements with Southern Baptist Hospital to take care of everything we can't manage. I do whatever nursing is necessary in the OB and "sick" wards, help with labor and delivery, order drugs, make the nurses' schedule, assign jobs (in the kitchen, laundry, nursery, formula room, etc.) to all girls, and do a great deal of morale-boosting and counseling in an informal way.

I've been introduced to a church which I can reach by a very simple, direct route. It is about twenty minutes' drive from here, but it has an evening service and a Wesleyan Service Guild, both of which are important to me. I hope to become better acquainted with many more people before long.

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NEWSY BITS

Weddings

Miss Priscilla Ann Reitz and Mr. Mark Herbert Heidorn in Western Highland District, New Guinea, on August 7, 1966.

Babies

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dixon (Artis Flexor) of Raynham, Massachusetts, a son, David Norman, on May 25, 1966.

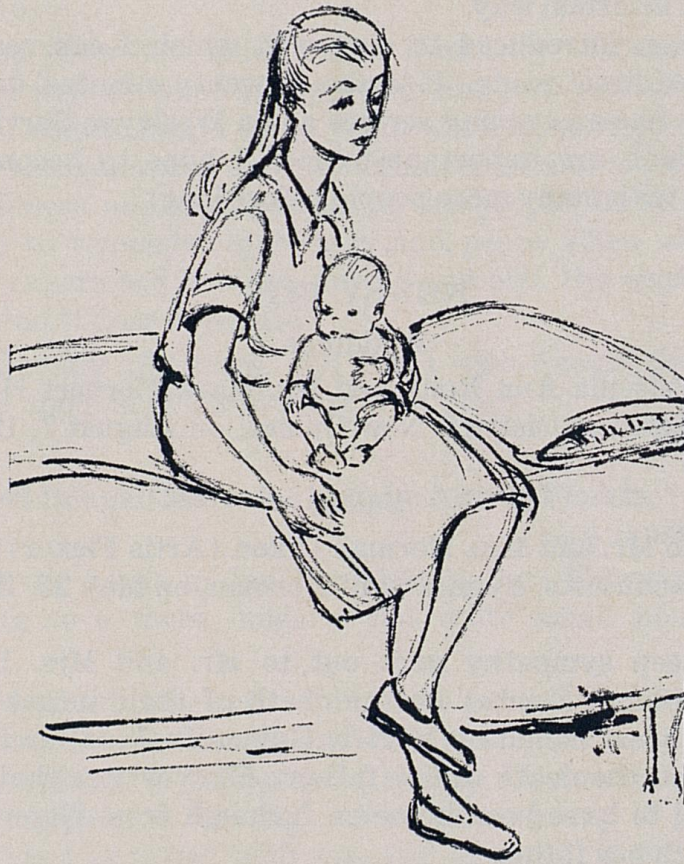
Our deep sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mirtschin (Janet Priebe) on the death of their infant son of a congenital heart condition in New Guinea in June; and to Mary Dadisman on the death of her father. Mary writes that she was so thankful to have been home on furlough from Nigeria so she could be with her father.

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The single girl danced into her office and began passing out cigars to the men and candy to the girls. Somewhat puzzled, her co-workers asked what the occasion was. Proudly displaying a solitaire on her left hand, she announced, "It's a boy, six feet tall and 185 pounds!"

—*Modern Maturity*, April-May, 1966





*Drawing by Mary Gehr*



## BRIDLE AND SADDLE CLUB

by

PAM FARMER, Age 12

and

SHERRI LEWIS, Age 13

**Foreword** by Kate Ireland: During the first two weeks of June, without our fledgling couriers, the Wendover horses would have received only the minimum amount of care needed for their well-being. As soon as school was over, Pam Farmer and Sherri Lewis (from Hyden) came faithfully each morning to care for and exercise our horses. They have ponies of their own, but they learned a great deal about the care and management of horses during the time they volunteered with us. This prompted an interest in forming a "Bridle and Saddle Club" for all interested pony owners in and around Hyden. When the junior couriers arrived on June 15, they offered instruction in the care and handling of horses. The following story was written by the first two members of the Club.

### We Help Wendover

Every morning we arrived at Wendover around 8:30 a.m. We would report in to Miss Katie or Miss Anne and they would tell us what to do with the horses. They would usually tell us that the horses were already watered and waiting to be groomed. We would go in the tack room and get currycombs, brushes, mane combs, hoofpicks, and the hoof ointments. Then we would start grooming Bobbie, BooDaddy, and Rebel. All of the horses were well trained and gentle. After we finished grooming the horses, we would take all of the equipment back to the tack room. Then we would take the horses down to pasture, BooDaddy first, then Rebel and Bobbie. Sometimes we went riding on Bobbie and Rebel. We remember the Wednesday that Ace and Molly arrived from Miss Katie's farm in Florida, and we were also there the same Wednesday when Debbie Bowditch and Laura Carpenter arrived at Wendover.

### Wendover Helps Us

Every Tuesday and Saturday we have riding lessons at the Leslie County High School on the baseball field. The couriers from Wendover direct the riding lessons. When we go to riding lessons, we do "pull-ups," "circles," and many other riding exercises. The girls and boys who ride regularly are: Sandra Dixon, Delores and Jo Ann Mattingly, Gabrielle Beasley, Sherri Lewis,



Pam Farmer, Allen Adams, Jonathan Roberts, George Gilbert, and Harold Farmer. We would like to thank Mr. P. P. Estridge and Mr. R. B. Singleton for letting us use the baseball field, and we would especially like to thank Miss Katie, Miss Anne and all the couriers for giving us the experience of working with horses and learning more about them.

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### TWO-STAR HUMOR

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is a pretty serious group, but never a boring one. Here's how a two-star general of the Corps began a recent speech to a river commission:

"While I was preparing this paper, my secretary came into my office and said, 'K I S S.'

"I promptly bussed her.

"'That's very nice,' she answered, 'but that's not what I meant.'

"'What did you mean?'

"'K I S S refers to your speech, sir, and it means *Keep it short, stupid.*'"

—*The Colonial Crier*, July-Aug. 1966  
Colonial Hospital Supply Company  
Chicago, Illinois

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A woman was arrested for speeding. The traffic officer asked to see her driver's license. It was a restricted license and it read she must always wear glasses while driving. Seeing she was wearing none, the officer asked, "Where are your glasses?"

She replied: "But officer, I have contacts."

He said, "I don't care who your friends are. I am going to give you a ticket anyway."

—*Modern Maturity*, June-July 1966



## BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS

The Boston Committee of the FNS, under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Robert A. Lawrence (old courier Patricia Perrin), is planning a gala evening on October 26, 1966. The FNS Fortieth Anniversary Dinner will be held at Boston's Sheraton-Plaza Hotel. The highlight of the evening will be an address by Dr. John Rock, a long time friend of the FNS and a member of its National Medical Council. Dr. Rock has chosen to speak about Medical, Moral and Other Aspects of Population Problems. Dr. Duncan Reid, Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Harvard University and Chief of Staff of the Boston Hospital for Women, will introduce Dr. Rock.

Mrs. Burgess P. Standley is in charge of arrangements for the dinner. She has the able assistance of Dr. Rock's daughter, Mrs. Martha Lefevre. Invitations to the dinner will be sent to all FNS friends in the Boston area. Anyone who may be in the Boston area in October who would like to attend the dinner should write Mrs. Richard Higgins, 915 High Street, Dedham, Massachusetts, for an invitation.

Mrs. Jefferson Patterson, the National Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Frontier Nursing Service, will attend the dinner with, we hope, the co-chairmen of the FNS Development Committee, Mr. Brooke Alexander of New York and Miss Kate Ireland of Cleveland. The FNS Director, Helen E. Browne, will come from Kentucky for the dinner and will speak briefly of the need for the new Mary Breckinridge Hospital.

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In May, Dr. Francis M. Massie, a member of the Frontier Nursing Service Board of Governors, had the signal honor of being the first non-alumnus of the University of Kentucky to receive a Distinguished Service Award presented to him by the University of Kentucky Alumni Association.

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Helen E. Browne was invited by Mrs. Virginia Moore Rice, President of the Daughters of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be the guest speaker at their summer meeting at the Imperial House in Lexington in August. Brownie



was delighted that our obstetrical consultant, Dr. A. J. Whitehouse, came with his wife to the meeting.

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In the early summer Betty Lester was invited by Mrs. Frederick W. Hinton to speak to the women of the First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee, at the special program and luncheon at which the members gave their Birthday Offering. Eastern Kentucky was the recipient of this year's Birthday Offering with one-half going to Lees Junior College to provide a Department of Appalachian Sociology to train field social workers and one-half to be used for service to families and communities by providing social service workers to assist pastors.

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We take pleasure in printing an excerpt from a recent letter from Miss Eugenia Blackburn, Curator of the Kentucky Historical Society:

“What a pleasure it was to get the package of Mary Breckinridge's things from you yesterday and what a wonderful addition they will be to our museum! The uniform, the ‘Annual Meeting dress,’ and shoes and boots are perfect and I do thank you for including the saddlebags to make a complete unit for the display. It just happened that a lady from Hindman was in the Rotunda outside my door while I was opening the boxes and when she heard us talking about whose clothes, et cetera, they were, she rushed in and asked to be allowed to touch them and then stayed a long time talking about the contributions that Mrs. Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service had made to the lives of the mountain folk of Kentucky. We are having a special case brought over and will have the exhibit out and ready to be seen by everyone the first part of next week.”



### BATTERING RAM

One quiet Sunday afternoon in our Montgomeryshire home we were startled by a heavy thud and the music of shattered glass. Our first thought was that an aircraft had broken through the sound barrier, but the greenhouse and conservatory were intact. There was no breath of wind to close an unfastened window; and the cat, known before then to upset crockery in the kitchen, was asleep in an armchair. But a little later we discovered in the dining-room an uninvited guest—a massive Welsh ram with Roman nose and curled horns, sitting in a dignified attitude on the carpet and contentedly chewing the cud. He must have wandered into our drive from the sheep-walk and, seeing his reflection in the glass of the french window, decided to give battle. The window was in ruins, but the ram had no more than a slight cut on one nostril.—Irene Williams

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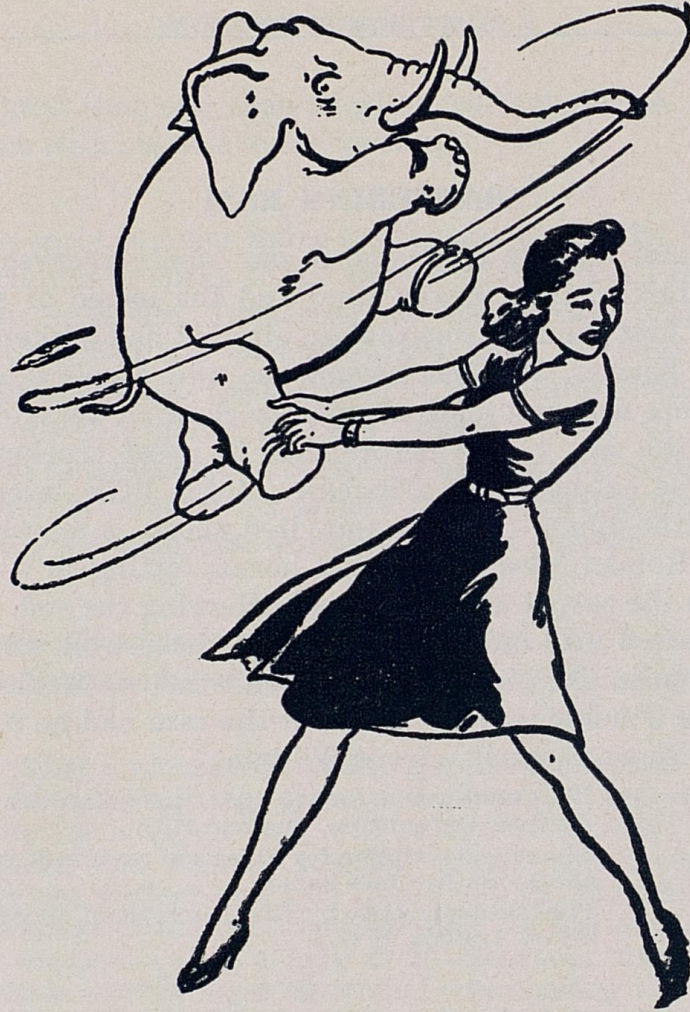
### SAYINGS OF THE CHILDREN

During a telephone conversation in which one little six-year-old was participating, his parents overheard this query: "What kind of line are you on, Elsie?—a picnic line?" Then, after he pondered a bit, he corrected himself: "I meant a party line."

—Contributed



## WHITE ELEPHANT



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## FIELD NOTES

Edited by  
PEGGY ELMORE

In the Spring issue of the Bulletin we announced that Dr. Mary Pauline Fox had accepted appointment to the medical staff of Hyden Hospital. We are delighted to have an assistant to our Medical Director and welcome Dr. Fox to the staff. She and Dr. Wiss had a vacation together in July and during their absence, Dr. W. B. Rogers Beasley relieved at Hyden Hospital. Dr. Beasley had received his Master's in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in early June. He, Gabrielle, and Battle spent the summer at "Pluck's Rock," their home in Leslie County, and after relieving for the FNS Medical Director, Dr. Beasley filled in for the Medical Director of the United States Public Health Service Team in Leslie County. Trink Beasley spent several weeks in Wisconsin due to the illness and death of her father, Mr. A. J. Goedjen, and Rogers was in Tennessee for most of the summer.

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We are most grateful to Dr. Charles E. Opdyke of Lexington, Kentucky, for the gift of a Bennett Pressure Breathing Therapy Unit for use in Hyden Hospital.

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We had another unfortunate jeep accident this summer. Kathy Elliott, a nurse-midwife at the Beech Fork Center, was driving on a narrow mountain trail when the shoulder gave way. The jeep rolled down the bank and Kathy was severely injured. Fortunately, the three children who were passengers in the jeep, though badly bruised, were not seriously hurt. Kathy is still a patient in Hyden Hospital—a most cheerful patient who is making an excellent recovery. We are all eternally grateful to Kathy's good friend, Betsy Mitchell of the USPHS Team who cancelled her vacation plans to stay at Hyden with Kathy while she is hospitalized.

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The preliminary plans for the Mary Breckinridge Hospital are almost finished and we are awaiting the report of the detailed



coring of the proposed site before authorizing the next step—the working drawings. The local fund-raising drive, under the chairmanship of Mr. Woodrow Sizemore of Hyden, is well underway, and he and his many enthusiastic and hard-working helpers are optimistic that their goal will be reached before Mary Breckinridge Day on October 1.

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We are deeply grateful to Dr. Thomas Grossman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for coming to Kentucky again this summer to hold a tonsil clinic for FNS patients. Dr. Grossman gave us a week of his vacation in August and performed twenty-nine tonsillectomies at Hyden Hospital.

Another valuable pediatric clinic was arranged in June by the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Doctors Nabila J. Wahbch, Elvis R. Thompson, Jack Laughlen, and Kenneth R. Keer spent one day holding clinics at Hyden Hospital and the outpost centers and on the second day conducted a seminar for the nursing staff. These pediatric clinics are of tremendous help to our young patients and to the staff.

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Our junior couriers in the early summer were Deborah Bowditch, Groton, Massachusetts; Laura Carpenter, St. Louis, Missouri; Shelia Paige, Delaplane, Virginia; and Rose Marie McDonald of Rockville Centre, New York, who came especially to help Anna May January with the Cancer Survey. Carrie Lou Morgan of Hyden, whose mother was an early FNS nurse and who is now a member of our National Nursing Council, arrived in July and with Laura Carpenter, stayed on to help Kate Ireland break in the new junior couriers, Holly Phipps of Hamden, Connecticut, and Wendy Wood, Tampa, Florida, daughter of old courier Edith Verbeck. Of special interest to the couriers this summer has been the "Bridle and Saddle Club" about which you will have read elsewhere in the Bulletin. Toward the end of the summer Laura and Wendy took seven members of the Club to the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville to see the 4-H and Quarter Horse Shows.

As we go to press, Holly and Wendy are still with us and they have been joined by Janet Marie Dann, Rochester, New



York, and Julie Davis, Palatine, Illinois, students from Beloit College who are spending their non-resident term with the FNS. Holly, a trained Nurses Aide, has been of great help at Hyden Hospital during the past few weeks.

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The FNS has been blessed with a number of other most useful volunteers this summer. Mary Ruth Sparks gave a month of her time to help out with vacation relief in the Hyden Clinic office. Miss Emily Wahl of South Orange, New Jersey, spent ten days of her vacation during tonsil clinic when we badly needed another nurse. Three senior student nurses from the University of Vermont, Simmons College, and Cornell University—Harriet Hall of Lyndonville, Vermont, Beth Sutherland of Ridgewood, New Jersey, and Sally Lawrence of Longmeadow, Massachusetts—spent several weeks with us during the summer, assisting the nurses at Hyden Hospital and at the outpost nursing centers.

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The Fifty-first Class in the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery will graduate in St. Christopher's Chapel on Saturday, September 3, 1966. Three of the students—Dorothy Parrella, Mary Grace Redman, and Marie Sullivan—are remaining on the FNS staff. Kathryn Nimmo and Linda Rehfuss both have overseas assignments with their mission boards. Peggy Emrey will be returning to her job with the Maternal and Infant Project here in Kentucky and Joanne Vickers will be going back to Canada.

The Fifty-second Class will begin on Tuesday, September 20, 1966.

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It has been of great help to us to have several old staff members return to work for the FNS during their vacations this summer. Alice Herman, who is on the faculty at Berea College, spent several weeks at Wolf Creek. Betty Sybil Morgan, Christine Morgan, and Evelyn Pace were in the Wendover and Hospital offices during their vacations from college. We are glad to welcome to the office staff Ruth Farmer, Shirley Morgan, and Lilly Campbell. Ruth is in the Bulletin office at Wendover and Shirley and Lilly are helping to cope with Medicare at Hyden Hospital.

Three of our district nurses left during the summer—Joan



Fenton, Halys McEachron, and Carolyn Coolidge—and we regret that two more, Rachel Schildroth and Mollie Miller, will be going in September. We are happy to welcome Carol Gidney, Alice Brauer, Barbara Filomena, and Myrna Goodman to the nursing staff and are looking forward to the arrival of several more nurses before the middle of September. We are grateful to Joy Brands, who has been a public health nurse in Kentucky for a number of years, for joining the staff for three weeks before entering the next class in the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery.

We are delighted that Margaret Willson will be returning from a long holiday in England in time to begin the next class in the School, but we are sad that Josie Finnerty, who has been relieving for Maggie, says she must leave us again. It has been the greatest pleasure in the world to have Josie and “Aunt Annie” Farrell back at Hyden this summer.

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We have had many delightful guests at Wendover and Hyden this summer. Harriet Jordan Palmer of the old staff and her delightful small daughter spent two nights with us in June. Another old staff member, Aase Johanesen, and Josephine Disparti were with us for about ten days in June before going to Mississippi for a special health project there. Another June guest was Miss Jeanine Daubigeon, a French nurse who is with the World Health Organization. Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Hoerner, Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. William H. Leins and Miss Lillian E. Matthews of Howe, Indiana, Miss Bonnie Britt, a public health nurse from the Baltimore 501 Project, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Booth from Kingston, Surrey, England, and Misses Ruth Lewis, Joan Holman, and Margaret Green, nurse-midwives from Australia, all spent a little time with us in July.

It was a great joy to have May V. Green of the old staff back in Kentucky in August for her first visit to the FNS in twenty-six years. Dr. Pramukh Chandavimol, Medical Director of the Khon Kaen Hospital in Thailand, was here for a period of observation, as was Miss Germaine Krysan who came down to observe the work of the nurse-midwives before going to India with USAID. Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Tait of Lexington spent a week end at Wendover, and Mary Ann Quarles of the old staff stopped



by for one night. We do congratulate Mary on having received her Ph.D. in Sociology last May. As we go to press we are expecting a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Agranoss and their daughter of Cincinnati, and from Dr. and Mrs. Marion Carnes of Lexington and the families of several FGSM students who are coming for graduation.

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### THE BEST OF THE BULLETIN

Those of us on the staff of the Frontier Nursing Service who have occasion to go back through the Bulletin file are intrigued with many of the stories, articles, photographs and drawings of the old Bulletins. We think that our friends would also enjoy rereading some of the stories and articles and seeing again some of the photographs and drawings. Therefore, we intend to print, from time to time, "the best of the old Bulletins."

To introduce this feature of the Quarterly Bulletin, we are pleased to reprint, in this issue, the two drawings by Miss Caroline Williams which first appeared in the Bulletin in the Forties.

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### PLUMBERS VERSUS PHILOSOPHERS

"We must recognize that there may be excellence or shoddiness in every line of human endeavor. We must learn to honor excellence (indeed, to demand it) in every socially accepted human activity, however humble the activity, and to scorn shoddiness, however exalted the activity.

"An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent philosopher. The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity, will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy.

"Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water."

—*The Colonial Crier*, May-June, 1966,  
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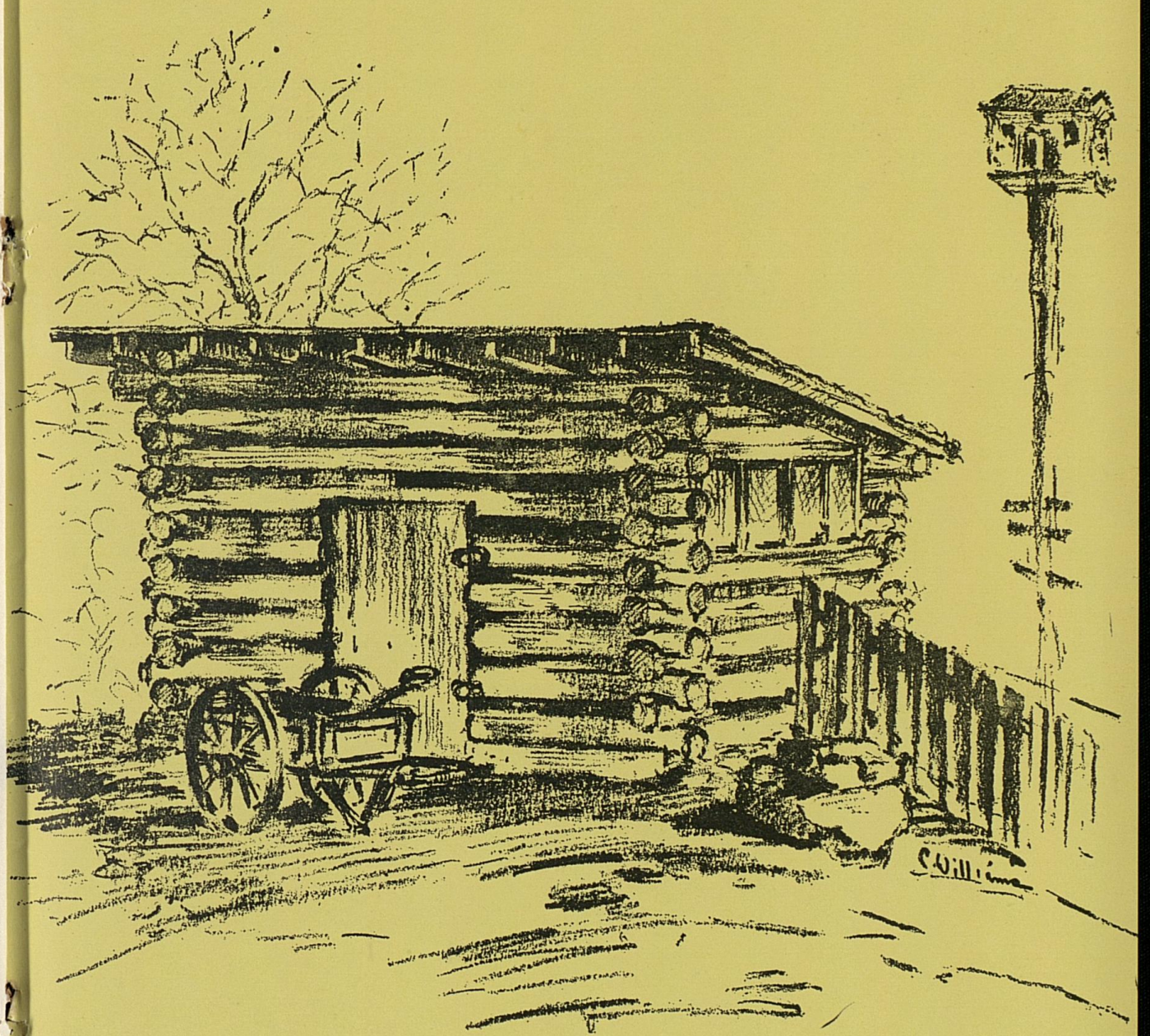
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