

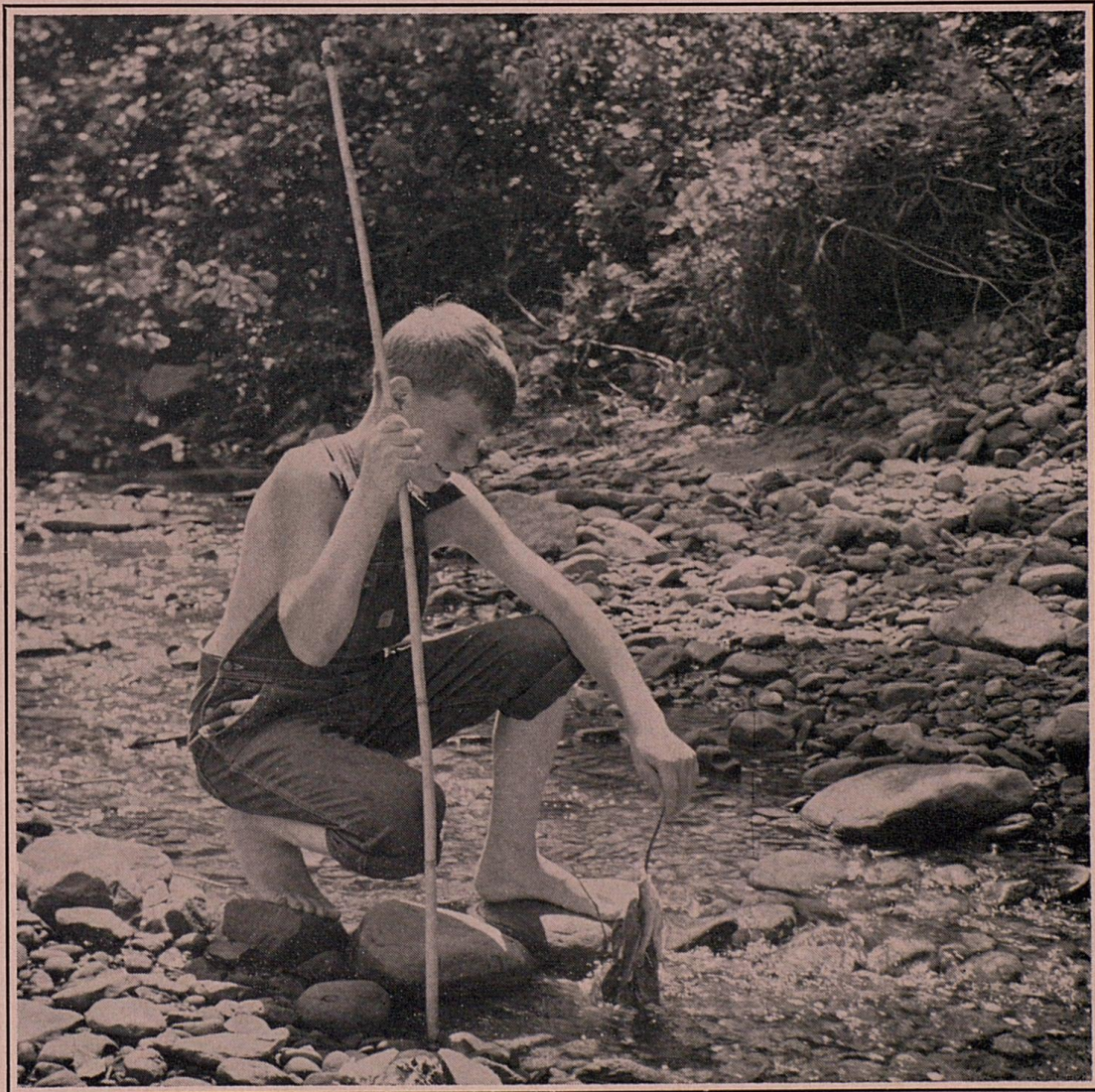
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Mrs. Henry R. Heyburn, Chairman of our Louisville Committee,
and her two children, Frances and Henry,
at Wendover—Spring, 1965

Photograph by Anne Cundle

We are pleased to use again for the cover of
our Summer Bulletin a picture taken by our
beloved courier, the late Virginia Branham.

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OWENS, POTTER & HISLE
Certified Public Accountants
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June 1, 1965

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, 1965, 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 our opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the financial position of the Frontier Nursing Service, Incorporated, at April 30, 1965, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended, and were prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

/s/ Owens, Potter & Hisle

OWENS, POTTER & HISLE

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
of the
FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE, Inc.
for the Fiscal Year
May 1, 1964 to April 30, 1965

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, 1965

ASSETS

Cash on Hand—Petty Funds.....	\$	555.00	
Cash in Banks:			
First Security National Bank—General Account.....		11,470.01	
First Security National Bank—Social Service and Alpha Omicron Pi Account.....		369.08	
First Security National Bank—Staff Payroll Account.....		2,821.98	
First Security National Bank—Frances Bolton Building Fund.....		341.03	
Peoples Bank, Hazard, Ky.—Organization Account.....		23,152.47	
Total Cash.....	\$		38,709.57
Temporary Loans.....			0
U. S. Treasury Notes (Frances Bolton Building Fund).....			4,994.42
Realty, Buildings, Equipment, Livestock, Net.....			510,794.86
Endowment, Memorial, Reserve Fund Investments at original cost, in hands of:			
First Security National Bank, Lexington, Ky.....		1,609,336.65	
Liberty National Bank & Trust Co., Louisville, Ky.....		85,250.83	
Morgan Guaranty Trust, New York City.....		185,000.00	
Bankers Trust, New York City.....		137,496.50	2,017,083.98
Total Assets.....			<u>2,571,582.83</u>

LIABILITIES

Accrued Withheld Payroll Taxes.....		2,384.48	
Endowment, Memorial, Reserve Funds.....		2,017,083.98	
Total Liabilities.....			2,019,468.46
Net Worth.....			552,114.37
Total Liabilities and Net Worth.....			<u>2,571,582.83</u>

Net Worth Represented by—

Contributions and Income from Organization accumulated through April 30, 1965.....		7,270,427.60	
Less—Expenses Paid from Organization accumulated through April 30, 1965.....		6,718,313.23	
Net Worth, April 30, 1965.....			552,114.37
Total Revenue Receipts.....		7,270,427.60	
Total Endowment Receipts.....		2,017,083.98	
Total Monies Collected.....		9,287,511.58	

STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT AND RESERVE FUNDS
April 30, 1964 and 1965

Designated Funds—Income Restricted:	April 30 1964	Additions During Year	April 30 1965
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 Oliver Shoemaker Memorial Baby's Crib	5,000.00		5,000.00
Eliza Thackara Memorial.....	2,839.82	\$ 174.80*	3,014.62
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.....	72,595.41	3,497.92*	76,093.33
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.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
Mrs. Henry Shipman Legacy.....		20,000.00	20,000.00
Sub-totals.....	\$ 549,189.76	\$ 33,672.72	\$ 582,862.48
Designated Funds—Income Unrestricted:			
Marion E. Taylor Memorial.....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Fannie 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
Elisabeth Ireland Fund.....	22,457.50		22,457.50
Elizabeth Agnes Alexander Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Richard D. McMahan 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		152,970.44
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
Sophia Cogswell Stiger Memorial.....	23,401.42		23,401.42
Charles N. Kavanaugh, M. D., 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

*Income added to principal

STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT AND RESERVE FUNDS

April 30, 1964 and 1965

(Continued)

	April 30 1964	Additions During Year	April 30 1965
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
Mrs. Henry James Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
Jean Hollins Memorial Fund.....	5,079.00	25.00	5,104.00
Anne Steele Wilson Memorial Fund.....	1,958.34	459.83	2,418.17
Mary Churchill Humphrey Fund.....	1,001.00		1,001.00
Mrs. Bissell Carey Legacy.....	5,000.00		5,000.00
John M. Bergland, M. D., Memorial.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Edward C. Wilson Legacy.....	24,500.00	24,750.00	49,250.00
Ann Allen Danson Fund.....	2,430.00	1,001.92	3,431.92
Helen Rochester Rogers Legacy.....		5,000.00	5,000.00
Virginia Branham Memorial.....		9,730.71	9,730.71
Mrs. Herman F. Stone Fund.....		1,000.00	1,000.00
Annie Wallingford Anderson Memorial.....		1,000.00	1,000.00
Caroline H. P. Thornton Memorial.....		1,000.00	1,000.00
Sub-totals.....	\$1,262,444.39	\$ 43,967.46	\$1,306,411.85
Reserve Accounts:			
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.....	14,000.00	(4,000.00)	10,000.00
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.....	21,781.94	(12,000.00)	9,781.94
		2,634.78	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. Polk Laffoon.....	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mrs. Edna C. Lapham.....	7,475.00		7,475.00
Mrs. W. Garland Fay.....		1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTALS.....	\$1,951,809.02	\$ 65,274.96	\$2,017,083.98
Total Additions for Year (above).....		\$ 65,274.96	
Add: Transfer Deductions.....		16,000.00	
Total Cash Addition for Year.....		\$ 81,274.96	

REVENUE RECEIPTS
Statement of Donations and Subscriptions Paid
May 1, 1964 to April 30, 1965

SUMMARY:	Contributions	Benefits and Bargain Box	Totals
Alpha Omicron Pi.....	\$ 4,671.50		\$ 4,671.50
Baltimore Committee.....	1,072.68		1,072.68
Boston Committee.....	9,203.50	\$ 5,500.00	14,703.50
Chicago Committee.....	5,448.71		5,448.71
Cincinnati Committee.....	8,655.63		8,655.63
Cleveland Committee.....	19,202.92		19,202.92
Daughters of Colonial Wars.....	4,322.70		4,322.70
Detroit Committee.....	7,298.15		7,298.15
Hartford Committee.....	1,073.50		1,073.50
*Kentucky:			
Blue Grass Committee.....	5,057.05		5,057.05
Louisville Committee.....	6,882.09		6,882.09
Miscellaneous State.....	2,793.56		2,793.56
Minneapolis Committee.....	1,514.50		1,514.50
New York Committee.....	21,062.38	8,304.00	29,366.38
Philadelphia Committee.....	5,384.49	3,196.00	8,580.49
Pittsburgh Committee.....	14,393.20		14,393.20
Princeton Committee.....	572.00		572.00
Providence Committee.....	1,187.60		1,187.60
Riverdale Committee.....	1,155.00		1,155.00
Rochester Committee.....	1,553.63		1,553.63
Washington, D. C., Committee.....	13,842.80		13,842.80
Miscellaneous.....	18,601.52		18,601.52
Totals.....	\$154,949.11	\$17,000.00	\$171,949.11
Less Transferred to Endowments.....			3,358.00
			<u>\$168,591.11</u>

*Total for Kentucky \$14,832.70

OTHER REVENUE RECEIPTS:			
Fees—Graduate School of Midwifery.....		8,150.00	
Fees—Speaking Engagements.....		125.00	
Payments from Patients:			
Income from Nursing Centers.....	14,537.42		
Medical and Surgical Fees.....	11,112.36		
Hyden Hospital Fees.....	20,093.14		
Hospital Clinic Funds and Supplies.....	19,504.45	65,247.37	
Wendover Post Office.....		5,442.54	
Income from Investments—Trust Funds.....		108,365.77	
Income from Investments—			
Frances Bolton Nursing Center.....		958.69	
“Wide Neighborhoods”—Royalties and Local Sales.....		858.52	
Livestock Sales.....		840.25	
Miscellaneous Income.....		205.44	190,193.58
TOTAL—ALL REVENUE RECEIPTS.....			<u>\$358,784.69</u>

LAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURES AND THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

	1964-1965	1965-1966
I. FIELD EXPENSE:		
(Hyden Hospital, Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery, Wendover, and five Nursing Centers)		
1. Salaries and Wages*.....	\$127,863.23	\$127,500.00
2. Medical Director.....	12,749.98	13,000.00
3. Dispensary Supplies (See Note 1).....	51,651.49	51,000.00
4. Running Costs: Food—minus board of residents; cows, fuel, electricity, laundry, freight and hauling, et cetera....	40,895.40	40,000.00
5. Feed and care of 12 horses and mules (See Note 2).....	3,616.86	3,000.00
6. Jeeps (22), Truck, Station Wagon Ambulance, Car.....	8,932.31	8,500.00
7. Maintenance of Properties.....	18,148.06	18,000.00
TOTAL FIELD EXPENSE	\$263,857.33	\$261,000.00
II. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:		
1. Salaries, Accounting and Auditing, Office Supplies, Postage, Telephone and Telegraph, Printing, etc.....	\$ 46,558.89	\$ 46,000.00
III. SOCIAL SECURITY TAX:	\$ 6,577.05	\$ 6,500.00
IV. SOCIAL SERVICE:	\$ 13,678.56	\$ 13,500.00
V: GENERAL EXPENSE:		
1. Insurance (Fire \$346,000.00 Coverage), Employer's Liability, full coverage on truck, 22 jeeps, and station wagon.....	\$ 8,755.55	\$ 8,700.00
2. Quarterly Bulletins (covered by subscriptions).....	6,012.25	6,000.00
3. Record Department.....	3,974.00	4,000.00
4. Miscellaneous Projects such as: Doctors and Nurses for study and observation, professional books and magazines	1,863.85	2,000.00
5. Miscellaneous Promotional Expenses beyond the mountains.....	2,256.85	2,300.00
	\$ 22,862.50	
TOTAL RUNNING EXPENSES	\$353,534.33	\$350,000.00
NEW LAND AND BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND LIVESTOCK ADDITIONS	\$ 61,891.78	
TOTAL	\$415,426.11	

*Wages for maintenance charged to Wages Category.

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

Note 2: Two animals belong to FNS employees, who must ride to work.

LAND, BUILDINGS, LIVESTOCK AND EQUIPMENT

(From Exhibit C of the Audit)

INVENTORY

Our auditors set a value of \$510,794.86 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

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

Livestock

Eight horses, one mule; six cows; six heifers; one Hampshire brood sow, two hogs; and over two hundred chickens.

Equipment

Equipment includes: twenty-two jeeps; one Ford station-wagon-ambulance; one three-quarter 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 the five outpost centers, variously located in a seven-hundred 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**

Our Medical Director, Dr. W. B. Rogers Beasley, has been

with us throughout the past fiscal year. We are still hoping for an assistant to the Medical Director.

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 Cincinnati Children's Hospital for the free care to our children referred to them by our Medical Director, and to the pediatric residents who have come to the mountains to hold clinics at the outpost nursing centers and to hold seminars with our nursing staff. In October, 1964, we were so fortunate to have with us again Dr. J. B. Holloway of Lexington and his fine team to conduct a surgical clinic. We are also most appreciative to the fine physicians of the Daniel Boone Clinic in Harlan for the obstetric and pediatric help and advice they have given us during the year. Dr. David B. Stevens of Lexington has held orthopedic clinics for us during the past fiscal year and we do thank him so very much. Members of our Lexington Medical Advisory Committee and National Medical Council have given their services over and over to patients sent to them. Dr. Harold B. Rosenbaum of the University of Kentucky Medical Center has been most kind in reading x-rays for us as a courtesy.

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. Helen B. Fraser, Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health, and her associate, Dr. Jorge Deju, have 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 6,540 days last year by 1,313 patients with a daily average of 17.9 patients at a cost per patient day of \$21.17. Of the 1,313 patients cared for at the Hospital during the fiscal year, 243 were sick adults, 506 were obstetrical patients, 120 were

children and 364 were new born. There were 10 deaths in the Hospital, of which six were new born. There was no maternal death. The out-patient department, with the Medical Director's clinics, received a total of 18,651 visits. There were 169 operations performed.

3.

DISTRICT NURSING

In the 12 districts operated by the Service from the Hospital, Wendover, and five outpost centers, we attended 10,446 persons in 2,369 families. Of these, 4,506 were children, including 1,934 babies and toddlers. The district nurses paid 23,129 and received 18,596 visits at their nursing centers and at their special clinics. Bedside nursing care was given in their homes to 1,500 sick people of whom 13 died. At the request of the State Board of Health, the Frontier Nursing Service gave 4,928 inoculations and vaccines against typhoid, diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, polio, et cetera, and sent 3,362 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 369 women in childbirth and gave them full prenatal and postpartum care. Of these 369 women, 5 were delivered by the Medical Director. There were 365 live births and 5 stillbirths; 7 deliveries of twins; 236 new cases admitted; 283 closed after postpartum care; 6 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 37 emergency deliveries, where the mother had not been registered or given prenatal care, which resulted in 8 live births and 29 emergency miscarriages (24 early, 4 late, 1 missed). There was no maternal death.

Outside-Area Cases

There were 222 women from outside our area who were carried for prenatal care. Of these, 27 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 4 such patients of 4 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 fiftieth class, which opened August 31, 1965, is now in attendance. When its work is completed at the end of February, 1966, the School will have sent 285 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.

Guest 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:

- Provided medicines for 6 patients
- Paid for diagnostic x-rays for 3 people
- Bought glasses for 13 patients (New Eyes for the Needy Fund)
- Bought coal for 4 indigent families
- Provided bus fare for 2 school students

Paid all or part of outside city hospital bills for 2 patients
Paid outside doctors' bills for 7 patients
Bought stove for 2 destitute families
Gave groceries to 38 families—a total of 80 orders
Provided school clothes and shoes for 28 children
Provided monthly allowance for 1 college student
Provided seed potatoes and garden seeds for 29 families
Paid boarding school expenses for 1 child
Paid tuition fees and board for 4 students at a Practical
Nursing School
Bought lunches for 8 children
Bought school books for 2 high school students
Paid bus fares to Lexington for 25 patients for clinic visits
Paid ambulance bills for 41 trips with patients
Made 2 loans for adult education
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:

Trips to Lexington with 32 children to clinics of the Kentucky Commission for Handicapped Children, 14 patients to Lexington hospitals.
10 trips to Cincinnati Children's Hospital with 36 patients
8 trips to Harlan with patients
1 trip to Manchester with children to the annual clinic of the Kentucky Commission for Handicapped Children
2 trips to Houston Mission School with 4 students
2 trips to Louisville with patients for eye clinics

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

Clothing and bedding distributed to needy families (including 8 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

Thirty-four couriers and other volunteers worked for the Service for over 1,840 days.

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 YEAR TOTAL

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

Patients registered from the beginning.....	57,640
Babies and toddlers.....	24,809
School children.....	9,698
Total children.....	34,507
Adults.....	23,133
Midwifery cases (reg.) delivered.....	14,552
Maternal deaths, 11 (9 puerperal, 2 cardiac)	
Inoculations.....	248,191
Patients admitted into the Hyden Hospital*.....	27,903
Number of days of occupation in Hyden Hospital.....	206,264

* For 35 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 concluding this report of our 40th fiscal year, we ask all of you, the supporters of the work, our thousands of patients, and our staff, both past and present, to rejoice with us that our beloved director saw the completion of the first forty years of her life's work.

We are happy to report that we closed our fiscal year in a solvent state, in spite of the heavy expenses we were called upon to meet during the year. For this we thank our thousands of generous-hearted subscribers. As always, we owe a deep debt of gratitude to our many patients for their coöperation, and to our ever-devoted staff who work hard to keep up the high standards of the work.

The Frontier Nursing Service continues to be useful, not only to the people in the area in which we work, but to many peoples of the world. Because of the soundness of the organization, and the continued need for this teaching and experience field in the care of rural families, we shall do our best to carry on and to build on to this firm foundation.

We are all grateful for the many messages of encouragement and the continued interest in the work which must go forward as a living memorial to its great founder.

MARVIN BRECKINRIDGE PATTERSON
(Mrs. Jefferson Patterson), Chairman

EDWARD S. DABNEY, Treasurer

HELEN E. BROWNE, Director

MARY BRECKINRIDGE 1881-1965

"What a magnificent life and how much to give thanks for in achievement and in example. It is still a puzzle why one so heroic had to suffer so much, but the secret of that seems to be in the riddle of Time and the only partial reality of this third-dimensional space-time world. It must be a splendid release for her and, as you say, we have right to suppose that Sister Adeline, her boy and her true familiars assisted at her deliverance. I know, though, there is always the vacuum shock when a great and intimate presence rises and goes hence. You must try to share in her joy and achieved release."

—Gerald Heard
(philosopher, author, lecturer)

In the days following Mrs. Breckinridge's death on May 16, hundreds of letters and messages poured into Wendover from all over the world. We are deeply grateful for the kindness and encouragement given us by so many friends. The following tribute, written by a Trustee, embraces the expressions of all of us, so we print it here:

"Our beloved Director has left us with an empty sense of personal deprivation, but with deep gratitude that she was able to head the Frontier Nursing Service for forty years.

"How can we pay fitting tribute in words to one of America's great women, a many-sided genius of heroic character? There is too much that could be said and still prove inadequate.

"She was a brilliant organizer and administrator with the swift, logical clarity and scope of a man's mind. She had drive in her working demands on others but she demanded even more of herself. In the tradition of her family she had the strategic courage of a commanding officer in the field!

"On another side she was all mother with tireless tenderness and concern for anyone in pain or need. There was a universal quality in her loving kindness which embraced all from the 'least ones' to the oldest. Mary Breckinridge was vital and humorous, laughed heartily, enjoyed life to the full in spite of her own poignant sorrows and suffering.

"What she hid closest in her heart was her deep religious faith. Of this she spoke little, but it was at the back of all she accomplished. Each morning was begun with her own special arrangement of prayer and devotional reading and, while she could, she always led Sunday Evensong at Wendenover Chapel. Her innate truthfulness required that whatever she expressed spiritually must be real, must be acted on daily and tested by life.

"So, let us salute her as a commanding general and love her for her great mother's heart. Let us give reverence to her as a living soul who breathed the spirit of compassion and healing into the Frontier Nursing Service, a spirit expressed in active work among the mountain people she loved, and whose influence extends to far-off districts throughout the world. This is the Service she dreamed into being, supported, developed and worked for whole-heartedly to the very end. She has left us a living, growing heritage to carry forward with the new Director she chose and the devoted staff she gathered around her. May her inspiration continue to guide us into a future worthy of her vision and her greatness."

Space in this Bulletin allows us to quote from but a few of the letters we received from old friends of Mrs. Breckinridge in far away lands:

From Madras, India—Dr. Aaron Devasagayam

"Mrs. Breckinridge's *Wide Neighborhoods* is to me and my wife a treasure. We await your Quarterly Bulletins as they impart, in simple words and style, her spirit of service, the warmth of human fellowship and the love of God.

"She had in her the elegance of past ages, the gracious daily life, and the courage to ride a space-craft. I must thank the State Department for giving me the unique opportunity, and the pleasure of enjoying for a few days her hospitality, her youthful spirit in spite of age, her sense of humour, her joyous laughter and homely chats by the fireside. In her presence one felt elated and confident, and from her one imbibed the urge to make life better for our fellow men. I shall cherish her memory."

From Troon, Scotland—Mr. Murdo Morrison

"The sadness of Mrs. Breckinridge's death has been with me every day since I got your letter. She and I met by pure accident—an accident which I treasure as one of the happiest of my life. It was a great honour to have met and known Mrs. Breckinridge, and to have known the rich life she lived, and the very great work of kindness and mercy that she achieved. As long as I live I shall remember her vividly and her gracious, purposeful personality and leadership."

From London, England—Miss C. C. du Sautoy

"I am indeed terribly grieved to hear about Mrs. Breckinridge, and I know, too, how grieved Lady Hermione Blackwood would have been, had she still been with us. Lady Hermione and I knew Mrs. Breckinridge in France before she started this wonderful work, and we have always been so interested in watching it—starting completely 'from scratch.' During her midwifery training in London, she used to come to us for week-ends. We thought it very brave of her, at her age, to undergo this training with all its very uncomfortable modes of living. It was in those years when it was thought the more uncomfortable you were during training, the better midwife you would eventually be. I remember how terribly she suffered from the cold during her training.

"I shall always take great interest in the work of the Frontier Nursing Service and look forward to receiving the next Bulletin."

From Sydney, Australia—Miss Elsie J. Whicker, Bush Nursing Service

"One fully realizes the hardship of parting with someone so greatly loved by many in every walk of life. All who worked with Mrs. Breckinridge will remember her with pride and delight. The memory of this great soul will live on and serve as a stimulus to those who were privileged to know her. I personally shall miss the direct messages which always provided encouragement and inspiration for nobler service. I feel confident that the wonderful work of the Frontier Nursing Service is in good hands because of the fine example left by the great foundress."

From London, England—Dr. Cicely D. Williams

"Mrs. Breckinridge's life has indeed been a marvel. I have always felt that continuity is one of the most important factors in maternal and child health work. Without it, inspiration and even the hardest work can achieve very little. The Frontier Nursing Service has indeed been an inspiration to many of us, even if we have only *heard* about it. Long may Mrs. Breckinridge's ideas and achievements continue to benefit and inspire."

Our readers will recall that Mrs. Breckinridge quoted Bishop Brent in her "In Memoriam" column in the last Quarterly Bulletin. In June we were sent the following lines from a tribute to Bishop Brent which could be said of Mrs. Breckinridge:

"When he walked through
The portals of Death's purple-raftered house,
I know the other guests arose and stood."



ROSEMARY AND TED

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Ernst
(old staff member Kitty Macdonald)

TO M. B.

Because God set your feet upon these mountains
And then caused you to pause . . . and stay awhile;
And gave you courage there to walk beside Him
To offer, with your life, the second mile.

Because He gave you ears to hear the pleading
Beyond the silence of a hard necessity.
Because, amid the need, and death, and suffering
You used the eyes He gave, to look . . . and see!

Within your heart He planted sweet compassion,
Then nurtured it with love until it grew.
Inspired you with a dream, and with a vision;
Then gave the faith and strength to make it true.

Because of this—new life came to the mountains,
New hope abides, where once there was despair,
And children live, and grow, and walk the taller
Because you came, and made them all your care.

Then having paused, and stayed awhile, your journey
Led on—where no poor mortal eye can see;
Where surely the dear Lord of Life is saying,
“Ye did it unto these . . . and unto Me.”

Patricia Ware, R.N., S.C.M.
Old Staff Member

ANNUAL MEETING — June, 1965



Mrs. Roger K. Rogan of Glendale, Ohio, and Mrs. John Harris Clay of Paris, Kentucky, with the FNS Medical Director, Dr. W. B. Rogers Beasley.



MOTHER-DAUGHTER COURIERS

Mrs. Arthur Perry, Jr. (Mardi Bemis) and Susan Perry of Concord, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Walter N. Haldeman (Jane Norton) and Mrs. Gerald Tyrrell (Janie Haldeman) of Louisville, Kentucky.

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A CELEBRATION

Our First Forty Years

by
PEGGY ELMORE

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Trustees and Members of the Frontier Nursing Service was held at Spindletop Hall in Lexington, Kentucky, on Tuesday, June 8, 1965. Spindletop was a charming place for the meeting, and we were most grateful to the University of Kentucky for allowing us its use. The Blue Grass Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. H. Wright, had arranged a display of the paintings given the FNS by the Abbott Laboratories and the painting of a nurse on horseback done by Mr. William Welch of Lexington.

Many friends from the Blue Grass area, from the mountains, and from Louisville and Cincinnati were on hand to enjoy the delicious luncheon that was served. In addition, we had the pleasure of seeing a number of Trustees and friends from out-of-state. The National Chairman, Mrs. Jefferson Patterson, brought with her Mrs. Thornton Parker and Mrs. Norman Munster, both members of the FNS Washington Committee. The New York Committee was represented by Mrs. T. N. Horn, the Chairman, Mrs. N. Holmes Clare, the Vice-Chairman, Miss Helen S. Stone (old courier Pebble) and Mr. Brooke Alexander. Mr. Joe Carter and his daughter Carlyle, represented the Chicago area. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Carter claim to be the first FNS couriers because they came to Wendover to help out with the horses before the Courier Service officially began! Mrs. Richard Higgins and Mrs. Arthur Perry, Jr. (old courier Mardi Bemis) and her daughter, Sue (also a courier) came down from the Boston area. Another mother-daughter courier combination was Mrs. Walter N. Haldeman (Jane Norton) and Mrs. Gerald Tyrrell (Janie Haldeman) of Louisville. Two more couriers, Freddy Holdship and Kate Ireland, represented the Pittsburgh and Cleveland Committees.

The Chairman, Mrs. Patterson, opened the meeting and read a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Mary Breckinridge, founder of the Service and its Director for forty years. Mrs. Edward T. Breathitt presented greetings from her husband, the Governor of Ken-

tucky, and expressed his regret at not being able to be present. Other distinguished guests were Mayor Fred Fugazzi of Lexington, Dr. Russell E. Teague, Commissioner of Health of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Judge George Wooton of Leslie County, all of whom brought greetings to the Frontier Nursing Service. Mrs. William Willard read a letter from Dr. John Oswald, President of the University of Kentucky, welcoming the Trustees and Members to Spindletop and commending the work of the Service. Mrs. Patterson introduced the new Director of the Service, Miss Helen E. Browne, who, in turn, introduced Trustees and friends from the mountains and the members of the staff who were present at the meeting. Dr. W. B. Rogers Beasley, the Medical Director, reported on the medical work of the Service and spoke of its educational opportunities.

This Annual Meeting had special significance because it marked the completion of forty years of work by the Frontier Nursing Service. There was only one thing to mar this happy occasion and that was the absence of Mrs. Breckinridge. She had lived to see the end of the fortieth fiscal year but she had died three weeks before this meeting, to which she had particularly looked forward. One of the last things Mrs. Breckinridge had done was to prepare a "Birthday Card" for the meeting. Friends who attended the meeting have seen this little folder, but we think our readers, who were not able to be in Lexington in June, would like to know what Mrs. Breckinridge wrote.

"Forty years ago, in May, 1925, the Frontier Nursing Service was born in a private dining room in the Capitol Hotel in Frankfort, Kentucky. What began as the first demonstration in America of the use of nurse-midwives, under medical direction, to care for the lonely rural mother and her children in rough country, has now become a demonstration of use to countless rural people in isolated parts of the world. During the past several years professional guests from forty-five countries have come to observe and study the rural techniques of the Service. Nurse-midwives who have graduated from the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery are working in many parts of the United States and the world. Through them we have reached thousands of mothers and children. Most of them will not have heard of us and few

of us will ever see any of them. But for the privilege of helping them we ask all of you to join us in thanking God.

"This first forty years of growth is suggestive of a tiny plant that grew to be a banyan tree, 'yielding shade and fruit to wide neighborhoods of men.' The Frontier Nursing Service has always given free care to children in its hospital and on its districts and we have over five thousand such children a year. We have given expert social service care to those who most needed it and have helped a number of gifted children to go through school. Our maternity program, during our early years, had a death rate that stood up very well with the national death rate of those years, despite long hours spent on horseback in reaching mothers. But we are now happy to announce that since September 21, 1951 through April 30, 1965 (a period of over thirteen consecutive years) the Frontier Nursing Service has attended 6,325 maternity patients without losing a single mother. We have had our share of grave complications which have been handled by our medical director or another competent physician, assisted by our nurse-midwives.

"The success of the Frontier Nursing Service has been due to the generosity of spirit of each and every one who has contributed to it in time, effort and money. Among these have been our volunteer couriers and other volunteer workers whom we want especially to mention here. The work these volunteers render has been and is of inestimable value to the Frontier Nursing Service and its program. Those of you who would like to help us celebrate this special year may send us donations in its honor. The donors of all such gifts will receive from our Treasurer the numbered receipt required by our auditors. Such gifts are tax deductible.

Mary Breckinridge"

The Fortieth Anniversary Fund will remain open throughout this current fiscal year which ends on April 30, 1966.

MR. CHIPS

by
GRACE A. TERRILL

Have you heard of Mr. Chips? He is a little brown and white dog that came to Wendover looking for a home. He parked himself on Betty Lester's doorstep and wouldn't leave. He began following her everywhere—she couldn't help but notice him, he was so friendly and well behaved. I knew all the time that Mr. Chips was working his way into her heart. She tried to give him to our neighbors, but he liked Wendover best. And finally he was given a rabies shot, acquired a fancy collar, a bed of his own, an individual dish to eat out of, and he is just "in," that's all!

He really is a remarkable dog. One noontime, one of our nurses had tied up her dog, Brown, because she had been accused of robbing the goose eggs. She was securely tied by the door of the dog trot and Mr. Chips, feeling sorry for Brown, went over to her, untied her and walked off, leading her by the leash. Another time, while Mr. Chips was visiting the Morgans at "The Clearing," Opal and Roger Lee were planting a garden. Roger Lee told his mother they could work much faster if they had a pail. Well, Mr. Chips quietly walked away, picked up an empty pail over in another part of the yard and brought it to Roger Lee. One Sunday morning, Mr. Funny didn't like it because Mr. Chips was flirting with Dixie, Lucile's dog, and so growled. Mr. Chips stood for a moment as if frozen, then quietly walked away, thus respecting the old age of his new friend, Mr. Funny. Mr. Chips hadn't been here but a few days when he went into Peggy's room, saw a bag of potato chips rather high on a chest of drawers, got the bag down and proceeded to help himself. After all, the bag had his name "Chips" on it! He is very fond of shoes—there's something especially fascinating about new shoes to Mr. Chips. Both Betty and Anne have learned this through personal experience. When Mr. Chips is naughty, he knows it, and rolls over on his back and with eyes dancing with mischief, dares anyone to chastise him.

Yes, Mr. Chips has definitely come to stay.

OLD COURIER NEWS

Edited by
AGNES LEWIS

From Jean (Woody) Woodruff, Binghamton, New York

—May, 1965

We couriers come and go quickly; but, we constitute an important part of the Service. As just one of many, I wish to pay tribute to Mrs. Breckinridge.

Although there are many differences in a way of life for couriers of previous years and those of more recent years (like the change from horseback riding to riding in jeeps), we have one important thing in common—we all came in contact with this noble and admirable woman.

Many things constitute my memory of Mrs. Breckinridge, meeting her on a sunny afternoon, while I was riding Doc or Missy from pasture, and seeing her tend her geese or speaking with Hobert; pointing out the saltless cracker to her at tea-time; or, being with her before dinner. But, my real memories lie in the words of this educated and wise woman. She always seemed to say the right things to the right people, although she was not a person who engaged in petty conversations. She was a person who could constructively criticize, if necessary; and who could find reassuring and loving words for one who had undergone a small crisis.

It was wonderful being a small part of Mrs. Breckinridge's "brainchild."

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From Mrs. Donald Jones (Beth Burchenal),

Cincinnati, Ohio—May 18, 1965

Mrs. Breckinridge did her job here, never asking for help for herself but for her people. She did it from her heart and with tremendous faith.

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From Mrs. John F. Perkins, Jr. (Frances Williams),

Chicago, Illinois—May 18, 1965

I share with you, though many miles away, a small bit of the wonder of Mrs. Breckinridge's life. I am sure that there will

be a great outpouring of money for a tangible expression of people's feelings. I send my contribution, with all my love and with an overwhelming homesickness for Wendover.

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**From Mrs. Carter Taylor (Penelope Thompson),
Delray Beach, Florida—May 24, 1965**

My months with the Frontier Nursing Service were a tremendous influence on my life—the Service itself, and Mrs. Breckinridge—that face, her smile, her compassion, her beauty.

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From Elizabeth Abbott, Ann Arbor, Michigan—June, 1965

I got into the University of Michigan (my first choice) and am working on Education Certification there. This semester I am doing student teaching with a kindergarten class—particularly bright and creative children—wonderful to work with.

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**From Mrs. Robert A. Lawrence (Patsy Perrin),
Westwood, Massachusetts—June 1, 1965**

What a privilege it was to have been associated with Mrs. Breckinridge, if only for a few short weeks. One can always be thankful for one's memories. Now, we on the Boston Committee feel that no one is better equipped to take over "the reins" and continue the Service than you, Brownie.

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**From Mrs. W. W. Wotherspoon (Mary Bulkley),
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan—June 3, 1965**

You have all been very much in my thoughts since the telegram brought the sad news of Mrs. Breckinridge. Her example of working right up to the end will inspire us all. Now I can picture how magnificently Brownie will manage it all.

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From Hought Barber, Caneadea, New York—June 7, 1965

When Lowell Thomas announced that Mrs. Breckinridge had crossed the River, I remembered her telling me how she lived so much in the other world that space and time meant little to her now. How like her to reach out and touch the life of one of her couriers. I remember protesting that I had not brought the

Service great financial wealth. "Child, you gave us your hands. One must give what one has."

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From Mrs. Samuel E. Neel (Mary Wilson),

McLean, Virginia—June 8, 1965

There is the framed etching of the "Big House" at Wendover hanging on the wall beside my bed and every time I see it, I think of dear Mrs. Breckinridge there. It was truly her "home," as the mountains were also. Her stamp is upon them and her influence and strength remains. My loving greetings to all my friends in the FNS and a share in the great loss to us all!

I have been out of commission for two months, following surgery. Now, I am getting somewhat back to normal and am feeling more like myself.

Our family thrives; our son is in California; Amy is returning next week from the University of California, Berkeley; Wendy comes home from Foxcroft; and the two youngest are finishing the school year today.

My summer will be fun as I am taking my three youngest daughters to spend eight weeks in Central Europe. It is not too strenuous a plan—I believe—and we will have some wonderful experiences.

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From Mrs. Frank D. Johnson (Marjory Perry),

Wellesley, Massachusetts—June 21, 1965

We are busy at home, bringing up our six children, ages fifteen to three. Our two daughters are eight and three—a little young to be thinking in terms of FNS yet. They are horse minded, though, so perhaps the day will come.

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From Fredericka (Freddy) Holdship,

Sewickley, Pennsylvania—July 7, 1965

Guess what? Moo and I have suddenly decided to go to Norway and Denmark. Some friends of ours were moved there, and they have asked us to visit them. So, off we go for two weeks. We are also taking a five-day boat trip through the fjords to the North Cape.

On Board Ship—July 25, 1965

This is a lovely ship, about 2500 tons, with very comfortable, small staterooms about the size of a cow stanchion; but with all the necessary facilities, including a hard bunk.

Our week with our friends, the Fischers, was heaven. They took us to their cabin on an island off the South Coast, only a fifteen minute row from the mainland—no electricity nor plumbing—but the view from the outhouse was gorgeous! Millions of sea gulls kept chattering day and night. It was hot and sunny every day and it really is light all night long.

We took a motor trip along the South Coast to a village called Arendal—just the three of us gals. On the way home, about 11 p.m., the car started to boil over, so we stopped, or rather “died,” across from a Cafe. Lisbeth went in to get help—fortunately she speaks very good Norwegian. A nice young man came out with a bag of tools, took one look and said the fan belt was broken. All the gas stations were closed but he was driving as far as Sandefjord and would give us a ride—so off we went. Never was I driven so fast! We found a taxi to take us to our dock. Then a row by moonlight—we didn’t even need a flashlight. My opinion of the kindness of the Norwegians is excellent.

I’m a little tired of their diet of fish, boiled potatoes and cucumber salad—excellent fish, but I feel that I’m beginning to grow fins! We are spending two days in Copenhagen, then home on the 31st.

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From Mrs. Robert F. Mulhauser (Ann Danson),

Cincinnati, Ohio—July 8, 1965

Sandy and her husband, Ralph, moved back to Cincinnati the end of May. We are, understandably, overjoyed and very fortunate. Ralph takes the Ohio Bar Exams the end of this month. He is already associated with the Patent Law firm of Wood, Herron, and Evans. They have a very attractive apartment in Mt. Lookout.

Rick has a summer job with the Evendale Recreation Commission helping to keep the “kiddies” occupied and happy.

We hope to leave for our Canadian Island on Tuesday, July 13th, and will be there for almost four weeks.

July 22, 1965

Just read the Spring Bulletin which comes up here to us and loved it all, but was weepy at times. In spite of weather, more on the grey and rainy side than sunny, we just adore our island and keep busy and happy.

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From Mrs. Thaddeus Foote (Bosey Fulbright),

Washington, D. C.—July 15, 1965

How sad these past few months have been for all mankind; first, Winston Churchill, then Mrs. Breckinridge and now Adlai Stevenson. At least their death emphasizes what rich, full and dedicated lives they led. I feel privileged to have lived during part of their lifetime, let alone to have known the last two.

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From Alison Bray, London, England—July 17, 1965

Brownie's cable came a short time ago and I still feel stunned by the news and can hardly take it in. Aunt Mary has been part of my life since I was a child—a legend even before my first visit to Wendover; and I have always admired her tremendously. I think that her courage, her enormous sense of humor, her immense vitality, deep friendship, and her great spiritual strength and conviction are what many of us will always remember. Although one knew she could not go on for ever, yet she seemed indestructible.

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From Mary Miller, Algonquin, Illinois—July 19, 1965

I've been here at camp for almost a month now, and it's proving to be quite a challenge.

I still often think of how fortunate I am to have been able to work for the FNS. I had such a wonderful time there; and I learned a great deal, believe me!

Last week, on my day off, I went back to Beloit to talk to those girls who will probably be coming to Wendover this next fall and winter. They seemed very interested and excited about it; and I really hope that they will like it as well as I did.

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From Mrs. Robert Allerton Cushman (Jan Chafee),

Province of Quebec, Canada—July 20, 1965

It was a sad blow to read about Mrs. Breckinridge's death.

She somehow seemed immortal and I imagine the void must be tremendous for you who have worked with and near her for so long. She surely will go down in history as one of the most remarkable people of this century and I feel so fortunate to have been at the FNS.

We are about to take off for Maine for the balance of the summer. Louise Lewis Wood and I have a grand time there with our children and catching up on the past year's events.

Did I ever tell you that years ago in the Montreal General Hospital, I met a former FNS English nurse-midwife. We had such fun talking about beautiful Kentucky summers on a -20° January Montreal day.

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From Mrs. Ian Morch (Lil Whiteley),

Belleville, Ontario—July 21, 1965

I have been deeply involved in the baby business over the past ten years. The present count is: Chip, nine, an energetic dynamo; Peter, at six is our scholar; Sigrid, age four, the Amazon of the tribe; and Timothy, almost fourteen months old, is doted on by all.

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From Mrs. Frank R. Myers (Mary Helm),

Louisville, Kentucky—July 23, 1965

I think of my days at Wendover and the outpost centers very often. How nice it was to see Kate Ireland again this spring, when she made her fine speech at the Junior League meeting.

This year brings Ray's and my tenth wedding anniversary. We have three lovely, healthy children. I spend lots of time instilling principles, manners and just plain enjoying them. Mary Kemp is eight, Christy is six, and Frank is three and one-half. They are becoming good pony riders. Even Frank rides by himself, as Mrs. Breckinridge said her Breckie could do before he was three years old.

—August 9, 1965

We (all five) have just returned from a trip to lovely Lake Cumberland. The children had never been on a lake and adored it—fish and all.

**From Mrs. R. A. Lloyd (Susan McIntosh),
Andover, Massachusetts—July 28, 1965**

Bob and I both have had a busy and interesting year. He finds teaching more of a challenge than ever! Benjamin, Seth and Thomas are thriving on each other and on their always expanding world.

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**From Mrs. Richard Ghormley Eberhart (Betty Butcher),
Cape Rosier, Maine—August 1, 1965**

I am so sad to hear of Mrs. Breckinridge's death. She was a remarkable woman and created a really workable laboratory for rural health care. I don't think I could ever express the enchantment I felt in that place. Sitting at that long table at Wendover—fascinated. I can still feel how I felt then, on those absolutely wonderful solitary rides up creeks or over mountains in that beautiful country.

My husband, who teaches at Dartmouth is, as he says, "coming out in paper back" this month; so look for his Selected Poems, 1930-1965. Richard, a Dartmouth sophomore and eighteen, has just been to Hurricane Island Outward Bound School. He looks great! Gretchen, age fourteen, is at Aloho Camp for the third time. We are going to fly to Ireland, Switzerland, Paris and Rabar, Morocco, on August twenty-three to September 15.

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**From Mrs. Robert Keyes Poole (Lee Hatheway),
Nairobi, Kenya, Africa—August 2, 1965**

We are about to leave for two years now. My husband will direct the Peace Corps programs in Kenya. We have three children now—Joyce nine, Bobby five, and Virginia three. This is our second trip to Africa. We went in 1961 to Blantyre, Nyasaland (now called Malawi) where Bob directed the Peace Corps program. We've been in Washington, D. C., for a year and are looking forward to returning to Africa.

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**From Mrs. George A. Ranney (Vicky Post),
Chicago, Illinois—August 2, 1965**

My husband and I are both in graduate school at the University of Chicago. He's at the Law School and I'm in the His-

tory Department. Last summer we taught in Mississippi. The next time we go south from Chicago, we hope to stop at Wendo-
ver.

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From Jane Leigh Powell, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia

—August 6, 1965

We are having the most wonderful time and tent-trailer life is very agreeable. The Gaspé Peninsula was fascinating with fishing hamlets along the coast. We were on Prince Edward Island for two days and are now on Cape Breton. The scenery here is lovely and everything quite Scotch. Home by the fifteenth and it will be hard to get back to work.

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From Mrs. John W. Putnam (Susan Morse),

Concord, Massachusetts—August 6, 1965

How wonderful that Mrs. Breckinridge lived to see the fortieth anniversary of the FNS and all that it has accomplished through her inspiration and guidance. I feel honored and privileged to have been included in a very small part of it back in 1931! I'm sure Brownie, whom, unfortunately, I never knew, will be an excellent successor to Mrs. Breckinridge ably supported by the rest of the staff.

Our daughter, Ellie, has just completed two years in the Peace Corps in Nigeria and after traveling around Europe for a couple of months will be home in October! It'll be mighty exciting to see her! Joanie, our youngest, is spending the summer with our son, Sam, and his wife in Seattle, Washington. Sam is a resident in the King County Hospital out there. They're expecting their first child in three weeks!

Johnny and I are vacationing at the moment on a small island on the Maine Coast where we go nearly every summer. It's heaven and away from everything—no telephone, no electricity or running water; just good, simple and restful living.

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From Mrs. John V. Underhill (Suzanne Eckert),

New Hartford, New York—August 16, 1965

We have four daughters. Our oldest, Judy, is seventeen; Debbie is going on sixteen; Wendy is fourteen, and last, but cer-

tainly not least is Pam, an active four-year-old. We're loving every minute of her and it's marvelous to have three teenagers to help keep up with her!

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From Rebecca Cummings, Weston, Massachusetts

—Summer, 1965

To read suddenly of Mrs. Breckinridge's death was a shock, as it must have been to all concerned. My thoughts flew to Brownie and her oncoming responsibilities for the FNS, catering to so many. May all help her; and may Service plans, hopes and dreams continue. A toast to her—with hands flung high!

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BITS OF COURIER NEWS

Lynn Crocker is now living in Washington and working at Johns Hopkins Graduate School of International Studies, as an assistant to the Director of Admissions.

Bobbie Glazier Smith, president of the New Britain-Hartford Laryngectomee Club, has been awarded the merit award for outstanding service by the New Britain branch of the American Cancer Society.

Sara Lacey Chylack and her husband arrived in Lima, Peru, the end of July. Dr. Chylack is with the United States Public Health Service, as physician for the Peace Corps Volunteers in the area.

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Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Ruth Chase** and **Mary Chase Stone** in the loss of their mother in April; to **Anne Houghton** (Mrs. Thomas N. Perkins, Jr.) in the loss of her husband; and to **Jane Leigh Powell** and **Lois Powell** (Mrs. Charles Cheston, Jr.) in the loss of their mother, on August 14, 1965.

WEDDINGS

Miss Mary Wigglesworth Stone of Long Island, New York, and Mr. William Parsons, Jr., of Long Island, New York, on June 19, 1965.

Miss Diane Denney Ness of Garden City, New York, and Mr. William Robert Forrest, on July 17, 1965.

We send our very best wishes for every happiness to these young people.

BABIES

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Ehrlich (Selby Brown) of Bedford, New York, their fourth son, on August 10, 1965.

MOPPING THEM UP

On the Kenya coast about twenty miles south of Mombasa we were walking out to the coral reef, looking for shells, when we stopped to watch a fisherman at work in one of the many pools left by the ebb tide. By his side was a basket containing small fish of every conceivable colour, shape and variety; they ranged in length from a half to three or four inches. The man had no bait as we understand the word. Instead, he used a long cleft stick; and into the prong were stuffed what looked like thick grass stalks. The 'mop' he thrust repeatedly into the nooks, crannies and crevices of the pool; and dead and dying fish floated immediately to the surface. He beat the mop thoroughly with a thick piece of wood after each 'catch,' before again thrusting it into the water. Having exhausted one pool, he moved on to the next. When we questioned him about his methods he was uncommunicative, but eventually we elicited the fact that the 'mop' consisted of lengths of a thick vine which grows in the near-by forest. The juice or sap affects the respiratory system of the fish, which die of asphyxiation.—M. M. Wigham

[We consulted John G. Williams, a curator at the Coryndon Museum in Nairobi, about this method of catching fish. He writes: 'The most usual vegetable fish poison used on the Kenya coast is one of the bush euphorbias, *E. tirucalli*. When the young green stems were beaten, they would look like thick grass stalks. It is used as a freshwater fish poison in other parts of East Africa.'—Editor]

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INITIATION TO FNS

by

GEORGINA JOHNSTON, L.P.N.

I do mean initiation—not orientation!

Actually it began when I changed buses at Richmond. I was the only passenger most of the way and the Black Brothers' driver kept me informed and entertained with a running commentary. It continued when I transferred from bus to jeep in front of Campbell's Drug Store. Even the "shelf roads" of Colorado hadn't prepared me for the jounce up to the hospital. Miss Palethorp went on with the process as she took me over to Haggin Quarters. Her final remark at my door was a bit startling.

"Let's see," she said, "you've been travelling for twenty-four hours. You'd better not start to work until tomorrow."

They certainly lost no time here on the "frontier," I thought. Up to now no one had mentioned the evening shift and I was having difficulty trying to figure out what Miss Liz had in mind. . . .

The next afternoon at four I went on duty on "the OB side." Climbing the steep stairs I wondered how mothers in labor ever got up them. It wasn't many nights before I learned that even stretchers have found a way to do it. I was surprised, too, to discover that I was the only L.P.N. on the staff at the moment. All I could see were nurse-midwives and student midwives, milling about. Of course I had known the work of the FNS centered around mothers and babies, but I wasn't prepared for this.

Report was hardly over when tall, quiet, red-haired Nancy put a small tray with basins in my hand and said, "Would you mind prep-ing the patient in the first bed? We're going to take her into the labor room."

For a moment I stood looking at the tray. My mind went back to the summer of '59 when I had worked as a nurse aide "prep girl" just before starting my Practical training. I hadn't done a prep since, but there is a certain muscular memory that takes over when old situations recur.

That hurdle past, Edith, the student midwife, called to me from the nursery.

"As soon as you've taken the five o'clock temps there are some babies to feed. Come in the office and I'll give you the list of the mothers."

She handed me a clipboard with the day's list, the bed chart for guide, and a container of thermometers, and sent me on my way. Now trying to figure out the ground plan of two wards and two porches and then decipher Kentucky mountain names is no small feat. But I got through without mispronouncing more than half of them—and I understood nearly half of the remarks the patients made to me!

Supper came and went, the merest hiatus. Back on the floor again baths, peri care, peri lights, beds, finally got done—temps, too—and here we were with nearly three hours to go until midnight. That's fine—plenty of time to learn how to wrap syringes for autoclaving—oh, yes, there are some gloves to do, too. In the midst of all this Gayle came in.

"Do you know how to run the autoclave? No? Well, I'll show you now while we have a few minutes. Then tomorrow or the next night we can start the weekly sterilizing. That will be your responsibility"

Tomorrow came indeed, but no sterilizing. Instead, as I was filling in the time between temps and supper doing syringes, Edith burst into the room all "bright eyed and bushy tailed."

"Take off your cap and put these on. You can watch this delivery."

She handed me an OR mask and cap and propelled me into the delivery room. Very much aware that I hadn't scrubbed, I stood just inside the door; but gradually I realized that most of the other people in the room hadn't scrubbed either and I moved closer to the delivery table. This certainly was different from any "del room" experience I had had before. Several items were missing too—the anesthetic, the forceps. I had never seen "natural" childbirth. But I was really startled when one of the student midwives beckoned to me.

"She's having cramps in her legs," she said. "You push on that leg and I'll push on this one."

I was beginning, ever so slightly, to understand the reasons back of the differences between Hyden and a big city hospital. Other things I noticed as I looked around. Was it the long years

of experience under adverse conditions, up the creeks in dilapidated shacks, that had taught these nurses ingenuity? I wondered. That—and a limited budget!

Nancy was holding a plain enamel three-inch kitchen funnel.

"Here, breathe this," she said as she placed it over the patient's nose. "It will make you feel better."

Surely they're not using ether after all, I thought. Oh, no!

"Oxygen." Nancy anticipated my question. "The funnel really works very well."

Now she was preparing an IV bottle. Why didn't someone bring her a standard? I looked around but couldn't see any. Just then she reached up in the air, bottle in hand. I looked up and there, screwed into the ceiling on either side of the delivery table, was a large hook. From this she hung the IV!

I had a late supper that day after seeing a little girl arrive safely in the world. Back on the ward, I thought about the new methods and attitudes I was learning. I was even beginning to get used to seeing the mothers wander in and out of the nursery. I hadn't as yet been "out on district" and actually seen the homes and living conditions from which they came, but I was beginning to sense that the casual approach of FNS was the best—in fact, the only—way to reach them. For a mother to have the crib beside her own bed during the day, to come into the nursery to change and feed the baby, to watch us preparing formula—in a sense this was comparable to the situation she would take the baby back to. She might perhaps retain a few of the techniques we tried to teach, whereas a more sophisticated approach would leave her completely baffled, if not resentful. She would probably shrug the whole thing off: "I could never do that at home."

Some time later my family wrote incredulously, "Of course you telescoped a couple of weeks. Surely you can't mean that all those things *really* happened in the first two days."

Oh, yes, they did! In fact, that's par for the course at FNS.

OFFICE FILING

Office Filing—the orderly process of misplacing important papers.

—Contributed by Burton Rogers

OLD STAFF NEWS

Edited by
ANNE CUNDLE

From Barbara Walsh in Fatehpur, India—April 1965

I would like to tell you a little bit about our 40 bed hospital here in Fatehpur. We serve surrounding villages, and many folk come for miles in oxen pulled carts. Our patient census is not always as high as we hope for and does not help our prospects for continuing the Nurse Auxiliary Midwife course. I have been teaching nursing classes in Hindi and have immensely enjoyed the contact with these young girls. One of our greatest needs is for a doctor, preferably a surgeon. In May I will be taking our orphans to the hills where they will spend three weeks in the cool, and in July I hope to go to Kashmir for my vacation.

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From Nora Kelly in Bushey, England—May 1965

When I look back over the years I know I have never met or will ever meet a more gallant and courageous woman. How Mrs. Breckinridge carried on during those dreadful years of the depression, then that ghastly accident with Traveller; who else could have carried the FNS through those precarious years, with a broken back? The fortitude and the humor with which she met the good and the bad which Life dealt her was something which we lesser people have so admired. During the depression her little economies, such as cutting cigarettes in half; never accepting anything for herself which we others could not share; the way she arranged that we nurses in the single centers must have what cash was available until times got better.

Then, later, as you well remember, when the War came how yet again she rose to the occasion, telling us all frankly the situation. It was no wonder everyone gave of her best to such a leader.

Her tenderness and sympathy for anyone in trouble or sorrow, and above all her understanding and wisdom, are all things that we who knew her so well loved and cherished her for. How I used to look forward to a week-end at Wendover, to hear her talk and discuss all manner of subjects during meals in the dog-

trot. Then we might have a game of bridge, or best of all she would delight us with reading aloud in the sitting room, some of her old favourites. There is so much more I would like to say. . . . My love and sympathy to you all.

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**From Betty Holmes Rodman in
West Hollywood, California—June 1965**

My memories of three and a half years as Mrs. Breckinridge's secretary are as vivid as if it were yesterday. It was from 1938-1941, that terrible time when World War II started, and she set up the FNS School of Midwifery to help replace those British nurse-midwives who were called home. During none of the catastrophes and near catastrophes which would have defeated a lesser spirit, did she waver. She just used them as stepping stones to greater and more meaningful contributions to this life.

I wish I could send money as a memorial, but as you know my income is limited by expenses of my disease and occasional periods of unemployment, created by this cancer. I am not one of those who feels the less said about cancer, the better. In fact I like letting people know it is something that can be lived with, and is not really a fearsome thing. Right now I go to City of Hope for weekly injections of a tumor-regressant chemical, as bone metastases seem amenable to this therapy, at least for a time. City of Hope is free, supported by contributions as FNS is. It is a national center for treatment of catastrophic diseases—a truly marvellous place.

I was so surprised, when visiting my daughter, Debbie, now finishing her freshman year at St. John's College in Santa Fe, to find Peggy Brown on campus, as wife of Brigadier Elrington, Resident for Men. Peggy is the school nurse for St. John's, and the students could not be in better hands. It was great to see her and Cherry Evans, also in Santa Fe, after so long a time.

I would like my old friends to know where I am, as the latch string is always out for any FNSers who may pass this way. My address in this concrete jungle of Los Angeles is: 960 North Larrabee Street, Apt. 115, West Hollywood, California 90069. My very best to you always.

From Helen Farrington in Seattle, Washington—June 1965

This summer I am going to school—quite a different experience from the last summer with the FNS. I hope it will be as valuable. I am taking some post-master's work which may eventually lead to a doctorate.

On my way out I stopped in Madison, Wisconsin, where I spent the evening with Emily Campbell. We talked until the wee hours about nursing education, and of course, about FNS. We both have very soft spots in our hearts for the FNS.

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From Hannah Mitchell in Atlanta, Georgia—June 1965

The world has indeed lost one who was "great," and I feel the loss deeply. Marian Cadwallader is back in Georgia to work as the Mentally Retarded Specialized Consultant. She seems glad to be back from South America. Her background in obstetrics is wonderful preparation for the present position. Please give my dearest love to all the old friends at FNS.

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From Betty Scott Jakim in Eau Claire, Wisconsin—June 1965

Again I am winding up another nursing experience. We leave for our home in Ann Arbor the middle of this month. I have been doing medical nursing in a 150 bed Catholic hospital at Chippewa Falls. This has been my first nursing experience in a church related hospital. It has proved to be a rewarding and broadening nine months for me. Our hospital is small enough for the professional nurse to practice bedside nursing.

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From Lynne Hey Melton in Louisville, Kentucky—May 1965

I shall always be grateful to Mrs. Breckinridge for her interest and encouragement, but most of all, for being indirectly responsible for my present happiness. If FNS had never existed, I would not have met and married one of her countrymen. Mrs. Breckinridge was a very warm and wonderful person. I am very proud to have known her. My thoughts are with you all.

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From Martha Lady in Zambia, Africa—May 1965

I was moved from Rhodesia to Zambia in January. Mary

Heisey has also been moved, and is now at Macha Mission Hospital, about sixty miles from here, so we see each other once in a while. I am working with lots and lots of sick children—too many of them with severe malnutrition. One of their main deficiencies is protein. How thankful I am to have a fund with which I can buy milk at a reasonable price from the government store. There is very little midwifery here and I miss it very much. It is nice when one has something “normal” around when there is so much illness.

We are now in the burn season. I do wish these babies did not have to sit in the fire. My youngest patient is a baby of about one week who is burned on both feet. The family sleep too close to the fire. Best wishes to you all.

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From Susan Hantelman in Ogoja, Nigeria—June 1965

The last couple of months I spent at Eket were busy, trying, hectic, happy, rewarding and frustrating, all rolled into one. We had a lot of sickness among the expatriates and this made the rest of us have to work a little harder. Annie Voigt, nurse-midwife, came to us in April. I can't tell you how nice it was to have four nurses there at one time.

Yala people have a five day week. The days are named according to the town or village where the market is held that day. The first day of the week is Okpoma market, then Yahe, Wannekande, Okuku, Ezekwe. Our house is about half a block from Okpoma market, and on market day it sounds like millions of bees buzzing. There are a lot of strangers about on market day, and they all come to see the “Amelicas” (Americans), who live in Okpoma. When we go to market we usually have someone from our compound following. There are rows and rows of thatched huts without walls and hundreds of people bring their wares to be bought and sold. It is a hot, dusty, noisy, colorful, smelly, exciting place to be.

The chief and every man we have met so far has asked us to be their wife. We usually tell them “no, we love you as a brother, not as a husband,” and this seems to satisfy them. They do not understand how two girls would be living without husbands, at our age! There is a juju right outside our house, and periodically

the men will offer sacrifice to it. Chicken, turtles, etc. It makes me sad to see it.

Please write and tell me about your activities. I enjoy hearing from you, perhaps even more than you do from me.

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From Sara Swindells Mills in Suffolk, England—June 1965

Sad though I feel, and hard as it is to imagine FNS without Mrs. Breckinridge, how pleased I am and how right it is that Brownie is the director now. We turned to her for so long with all our problems that it is marvellous she is now the named head of the Service.

I am hoping things will not change too much in the next twenty or so years so that you can have one more English nurse or courier! I do not think she has seen a horse, so I cannot claim that she is showing great promise yet. She adores her dog.

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From May Green in Devon, England—July 1965

I am just back from a complete rest and change, so I must get this written before I am back in harness again. I went to Bournemouth to visit Bessie Waller at her elderly nurses' home. She is now 81 years of age, and very pleased to see me. She seems happy in her cheerful and pleasant surroundings. I also saw Nora Kelly who, with her mother and sister, has moved to Wareham in Dorset. They have a lovely bungalow and are quite near Marjorie Jackson. One day I lunched with Ada (Worcester) who had just lost her second husband after a trying illness. Ada is retired and has visits from the Mickles now and again. I am retiring at the end of the year, and am hoping to make a trip to Canada and have always hoped I would get back to Kentucky.

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From Hannah Rutherford in Phoenix, Arizona—July 1965

It was with quiet dignified simplicity that she built the shrine of her life, the Frontier Nursing Service, so dear to her heart, and in memory of her children. There is no greater monument to a fine, dedicated and deserving lady, than the tradition she leaves. May it live forever in the lives of all mankind.

From Della Int-Hout in Phoenix, Arizona—August 1965

Soon our hot summer will be over, and I hope to enjoy a week in the White Mountains the last of this month. A friend and I will stay in a ranch house.

A card from Frances Fell tells me that she is doing school nursing in Santa Fe; and I heard from Margaret Oetjen that she is now retired.

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A Wedding

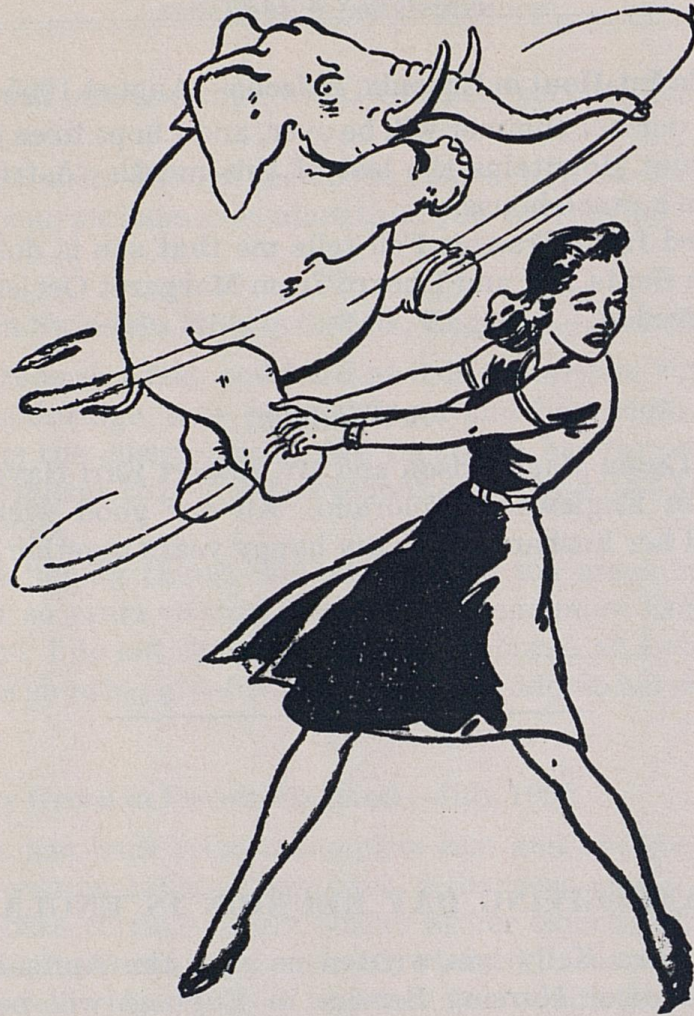
Miss Leona Mae Carlson and Mr. Robert Earl Hayes on July 31, 1965 in Englewood, Colorado. All our good wishes go to Leona and her husband for many happy years together.

THANKSGIVING DAY REUNION IN ENGLAND

Miss Nora Kelly has written us that the Annual Reunion for the Frontier Nursing Service in England will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1965, between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the District House, South London Hospital, Clapham, S. W. 4, by the kind invitation of Elizabeth Hillman. Buses from all parts of London pass the door, and the underground station, Clapham South, is opposite the Hospital.

Members and friends wishing to attend the Reunion are requested to notify Miss E. Hillman, District House, South London Hospital, Clapham, S. W. 4.

WHITE ELEPHANT



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If you want our green tags, fully addressed as labels, for your parcels—then write us here at Wendover for them. We shall be happy to send you as many as you want by return mail. However, your shipment by parcel post or express would be credited to the Frontier Nursing Service at the Bargain Box if you addressed it

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BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS

We want to share with you, our readers, two letters written to Mrs. Jefferson Patterson, our National Chairman, following Mrs. Breckinridge's death in May. The Honorable Thruston B. Morton wrote:

"She was without a doubt the most wonderful person I have ever known. On Tuesday John Cooper (senior Senator from Kentucky) put Allan Trout's excellent biography in the Congressional Record, and yesterday I made some brief remarks on the Senate floor and included an editorial from the Courier-Journal. I enclose these pages from the Congressional Records of May 18 and 19."

His Excellency Sir Patrick Dean, British Ambassador in Washington wrote:

"To generations of British nurses, Mrs. Breckinridge was an inspiration and an example and the Nursing Service she founded and built up, the very living embodiment of all that is best in Anglo-American friendship."

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In July Dr. Rogers Beasley and Helen Browne were in Frankfort to talk with the Governor's assistants in the Kentucky Area Development office, and with Dr. William H. McBeath, Director of Medical Services at the State Health Department. All of these men were most kind in giving advice and showing interest in the application of the FNS for financial aid in building an addition to the Hyden Hospital and Health Center.

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Helen Browne accepted an invitation to speak to members of the Auxiliary of the Blue Grass Chapter, Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers, on September 10, in Lexington.

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Our old staff member Mary Ann Quarles will speak on the Frontier Nursing Service to the Drum Rock Riding Club of East Greenwich, Rhode Island on Saturday evening, September 11, 1965.

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We are pleased to announce the fall activities of our committees beyond the mountains. The eighth annual Boston Christmas Preview Benefit will be held at the New England Hall from October 19 through October 21. Mrs. Ronald B. Moir is the

Benefit Chairman. Your director hopes to go to Boston for the Preview, and from there will go to Rochester, New York. In this city Mrs. Karl S. Wilson is chairman of the FNS committee. She has engaged the Art Gallery Auditorium for a gathering on the evening of Tuesday, October 26, and has invited people to see colored slides of the FNS.

Miss Kate Ireland is arranging a meeting at her home in Cleveland, Ohio, for the evening of Wednesday, October 27. Kate, who spends much of her time in Kentucky, directing our young couriers, has succeeded her mother as chairman of our Cleveland committee. Our Chicago committee with Mrs. Charles S. Potter (courier Barbara McClurg) are having their regular bi-annual meeting at the Fortnightly Club on Friday, November 5. Invitations to these meetings will be sent by the various committees. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

PENNY WISE

A small boy with a penny tightly clutched in his hot little hand entered the toy store and drove the proprietor to distraction asking to see this and that and everything without ever making up his mind.

"Look here, my boy," said the storekeeper finally, "what do you expect to buy for a penny—the whole world with a fence around it?"

The boy thought for a moment and then replied:

"Let's see it."

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FIELD NOTES

Edited by
PEGGY ELMORE

This has not been a pleasant summer.

On July 24, Anna May January went riding with one of the couriers. Her saddle kept slipping and as they came up Pig Alley toward the Wendover barn, Anna May decided to get off and lead Rebel the rest of the way home. It was dark and she did not realize that Rebel was walking up the edge of the road. Instead of dismounting on the road, she went over the edge of the stone retaining wall—an extra two feet—severely twisting her knee. When x-rays were taken at Hyden Hospital, it was found that she had a fractured tibia. Her leg is now out of a cast but it will be some weeks before she will be allowed to walk without the aid of a walker.

On Friday afternoon, July 30, there occurred the worst tragedy in the history of the FNS. Molly Lee and her sister, Nora, who had arrived two days before from England, were calling on a patient who lived about seven miles from Hyden. The jeep struck a booby-trap that had been planted in the road and blew up. Fortunately, two men working at the bottom of the hill heard the explosion and rushed to the scene of the accident. Although Molly was badly injured herself, she realized the extent of her sister's injuries and gave explicit instructions to the men to go to a nearby house for help and to phone for the doctor, morphine, and an ambulance. Dr. Beasley and Lynne Shade dropped everything and flew, and accompanied the girls in the ambulance to the Appalachian Regional Hospital in Harlan where Dr. Beasley knew they would receive the expert medical attention they had to have, if they were to live. Molly Lee had severe lacerations on one arm and both legs and her right foot and ankle were crushed. The main force of the explosion was on the right side of the jeep and Nora Lee suffered the most ghastly injuries.

Helen Browne and Betty Lester followed the ambulance to Harlan. When Brownie realized that the press already knew of the accident, and that the news would be on the radio and in the papers very shortly, she enlisted the aid of the British Consul

General in Cleveland to get word to the girls' father and sister in England. The Consul acted promptly, but even so, the sister had the news officially only thirty minutes before she heard it on the BBC. The Consul General, Mr. Alistair Maitland, and the Ambassador, Sir Patrick Dean, were most concerned, and Mr. Redmond C. Carroll of the Cleveland Consulate came to Wendover to get a report of the investigation and to offer his assistance in every way possible. Mr. Carroll conferred with the State Police who assured him that the trap was in no way intended for the Lee sisters, or for anyone connected with the FNS, and that the crime was being investigated.

The girls have received marvelous care and great kindness from the doctors and nurses at the Harlan Appalachian Hospital. Dr. Karl Yapple, who also holds pediatric clinics at Hyden Hospital, was waiting in the emergency room the day of the accident and has been a tower of strength to Molly ever since. When our old staff member Carol Banghart heard of the accident, she came down from Baltimore to be with her friend, Molly, and Nora for the first week. Two FNS nurses, Edna Johnson and Renona Van Essen, were also with the girls for the first ten days of their hospitalization and now members of the staff and other friends take pleasure in going over each day to see how they are getting along. The girls are making good progress and, although they will probably be in hospital for some time yet, they can begin to make plans for the future. They, and we in the FNS, are most grateful to the hundreds of friends in this area and beyond the mountains who have telephoned or written us of their sympathy and concern. It is deeply distressing to the citizens of Leslie County that not only was one of their nurses hurt but that a visitor to this country has suffered the loss of both legs and the sight of an eye in such a senseless catastrophe.

Before we had had time to recover from the shock of the other two accidents, the nurses from the Red Bird Center, in their jeep "Blue Gill," skidded off the highway in a rainstorm. The girls were thrown out of the jeep as it went over the bank. Both were badly shaken up and bruised but neither were seriously hurt. Those of us who admit to a slight feeling of superstition that things really do come in threes were relieved that the third accident was over and done with and that it was no more serious than it was.

We are all sad because we will soon have to say good-bye again to the Beasleys. Dr. Beasley will enter the School of Hygiene and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University this fall and he, Trink, and the children are moving to Baltimore the first of September. We wish them the best of luck and hope that the pull of Leslie County and their attractive home at Pluck's Rock will bring them back to the Kentucky mountains next summer.

We are very pleased to announce that our new Medical Director, Dr. Mary Lucille Wiss, will arrive in mid-September. Dr. Wiss is a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D. C., and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. She has spent six years in India with a Catholic Mission Hospital in Bihar Province where she was surgeon-in-charge. Dr. Wiss has had a great deal of experience in obstetrics and general medicine, as well as in surgery, and we consider ourselves very fortunate that she is coming to Hyden Hospital.

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When Dr. Wiss joins our staff, she will be living in "Bolton House," the home on Hospital Hill which the Frontier Nursing Service has recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brashear. (See inside back cover.) The Brashear family have moved to their new home on Hurt's Creek outside of Hyden, leaving "Bolton House" spotlessly clean and in perfect repair. All we have to do is move in the furniture and it will be ready for Dr. Wiss' arrival.

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We are most grateful to Dr. Thomas Grossman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for coming to Kentucky this summer to hold a tonsil clinic at Hyden Hospital for FNS children. The clinic was a huge success and it was a pleasure to have Dr. and Mrs. Grossman and their three attractive sons at Wendover.

Dr. Marion Carnes, University of Kentucky anesthesiologist, was so kind as to give his services for the first two days of the clinic, and Mrs. C. O. Finney, a nurse-anesthetist from Hazard, was with us for the remaining three days of the clinic.

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In June we had another of the very helpful pediatric clinics

given us by the residents from the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. The four doctors held clinics at all five of the outpost nursing centers on the first day of their visit and conducted a seminar for the nursing staff on the second day. As we go to press, we are expecting six physicians from Children's Hospital for clinics and a seminar beginning September 6.

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We were delighted to receive two new jeeps this summer, given in memory of Mrs. Breckinridge. "Cappy" was named for the donor's pet Golden Retriever. "Luke" is very appropriately named as it was given for the use of the Medical Director.

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Hyden Hospital has been plagued this summer by a shortage of water which has been very hard on the staff and the patients. We are working on the problem and will give a full report in the next Bulletin. We do want to express our thanks to Hyden friends for their help (and their water!) during the crisis.

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The policy of the Federal Government in closing many of the small rural post offices has affected two of our outpost nursing centers. The address of the Belle Barrett Hughitt Nursing Center at Brutus has been changed to Route 1, Oneida, Kentucky 40972, and the address of the Clara Ford Center at Peabody on Red Bird River has been changed to Route 3, Manchester, Kentucky 40962.

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The 49th Class in the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery completed its work on August 14, 1965. Graduation Services, at which Dr. W. B. Rogers Beasley had been asked by the students to speak, were held in St. Christopher's Chapel, and the staff joined the students and their guests for lunch at Mardi Cottage after the service. We are pleased that Phyllis Long is remaining on the staff and grateful to Lynne Shade for staying for several weeks to help us out between classes. The other students—Mary Bliffen, Marilyn Houser, Ruth Hunter, Edith Powers, and Eileen Stark—are all having vacations with family and friends before going on with their chosen work.

The 50th Class was admitted on August 31 with seven stu-

dents. Verda L. Albrecht, Pigeon, Michigan; Marian Denlinger, Columbia, Pennsylvania; Katherine Elliott, Glendale, New York, and Renona Van Essen, Ogilvie, Minnesota, have been on our staff for some months. The other three students, Marion A. Hartenstine, Lititz, Pennsylvania; Ruth E. Rabenhorst, Watertown, Wisconsin, and Louise M. Sayre, Waynesboro, Virginia, have all been overseas in the mission field for some years—Marion in Nigeria, Ruth in the Cameroons, and Louise in India.

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When a nurse-midwife has been with the Frontier Nursing Service for eight years and was called by several physicians under whom she worked "the best baby nurse they had ever seen," it is doubly hard to see her leave the staff. Mary Simmers had spent some years as nurse-midwife in charge of the Caroline Butler Atwood Center at Flat Creek before coming in to Hyden Hospital as the head hospital midwife. In July Mary returned to her home near Boston. We certainly miss her and hope that she will be back again before too long.

We were also sorry to say goodbye to Anne Lorentzen and we hope that she will enjoy her new post at a boys school in Vermont.

It is good to have Lorraine Jerry and Susan McKee back on the FNS staff. They went to England for their midwifery training and returned to Kentucky in June. We enjoyed having Evelyn Pace back at Wendover during her school vacation and she was a great help in Agnes Lewis' office. We welcome to the hospital staff Georgina Johnston, a licensed practical nurse from Denver, Colorado, and Linda Rehfuss, Chicago, Illinois, and Kathryn Nimmo, Bucklin, Kansas, both registered nurses.

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During the past two years Ardith Clair has been working for the American Cancer Society on a project which involves interviewing women who have had babies with the Frontier Nursing Service. Ardie left in June to spend the summer at home but returned in August to summarize the work to date. Now Ardie leaves us again to enter the field of social work and we wish her well. We are looking for someone to continue with this worth-while project.

We do appreciate all the hard work done this summer by our volunteers. In the Courier Service, Kate Ireland had the help of senior courier Carlyle Carter and seven excellent juniors during the three summer months. Candace Wilder, Barrington, Illinois; Edith Wislocki, Poughkeepsie, New York, and Pamela Ann Wheeler of Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived on June 15. Lucy Grosvenor (daughter of old courier Lucy Pitts) of North Kingston, Rhode Island, came in July and stayed on through August to help with the couriers who arrived August 1—Bonnie Anderson, Rochester, New York; Betty Parrish, Paris, Kentucky, and Nina Ware (daughter of old courier Emma Coulter), St. Louis, Missouri.

Mia McIlvaine of Middleburg, Virginia, has been of great help to Betty Lester with Social Service trips during the latter part of the summer, and old courier Lorna Miller is spending her vacation from nursing school helping out for six weeks at Hyden Hospital.

Roberta Erickson, a senior student from the University of Arizona School of Nursing, was most useful at Hyden Hospital and on the district during the seven weeks she spent in Kentucky.

It was a pleasure to have Mary Ruth Sparks with us again and we appreciate her giving a month of her time to help out in the Hyden Clinic office.

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Just prior to the Annual Meeting in June we had the pleasure of entertaining at Wendover the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the New York Committee, Mrs. T. N. Horn and Mrs. N. Holmes Clare. It was Mrs. Clare's first visit and we were delighted to have the opportunity to show her something of the work.

Our professional guests from overseas have included Dr. Kyung Ja Kim of Seoul, Korea; Miss Rachel Chacko, a public health nurse from Vellore, India, and Miss Moana Matatumua, a New Zealand trained nurse-midwife from Western Samoa, three delightful women from whom we learned much.

Mrs. William Grosvenor, Jr. (old courier Lucy Pitts) brought her daughter to Wendover, as did Mrs. Erskine P. Wilder, and Mr. Joe Carter came up to get Carlyle. Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall Prewitt and their children, Martha and Breck, were at Wendover for a few days in July. Two members of the Executive Committee, Mrs. John H. Clay of Paris and Mrs. Floyd H. Wright

of Lexington came up to offer their support and encouragement during the difficult days that followed the Lee accident. Several members of the old staff—Margaret Watson and her sister, Gertrude Bluemel, Ardeth Johnson, Janet Priebe Mirtschin, Betty Ann Bradbury—came to see us and we had the opportunity of meeting the families and friends of many of the staff during the past three months.

We cannot mention by name all of the friends who have been at Wendover and Hyden and the outpost centers this summer but it was a pleasure to see them all.

CONTROLLING THE DANGEROUS PESTICIDES

The most dangerous chemicals used as pesticides should be available on prescription only; farmers should be required to keep a "poisons book"; research into long-term ecological effects of chemicals should be expanded; pesticide "empties" (which of course are never quite empty) should be collected, labelling simplified, and a monitoring system set up to observe the effects of agricultural chemicals on wildlife and the environment: those are the main recommendations in the Council for Nature's response to the Ministry of Agriculture's request for proposals. The Council emphasizes the concern of naturalists for "the health of the environment," pointing out that the latest research shows that British coastal waters now carry significant insecticide residues. There are reports that farmers are stockpiling dieldrin for sheep dips (banned after this year) while it is still available—clearly its use, not just its purchase, should be banned. According to a most disturbing announcement from the U. S. Department of the Interior, traces of DDT were found last year in Antarctic penguins and seals. This is far from any area where pesticides are known to have been used. The pesticide residues were found in the fat and liver of six Adelie penguins and the blubber and liver of crab-eater seals.

—ORYX, April, 1965, The Journal of the Fauna Preservation Society, c/o Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London, N. W. 1, England.

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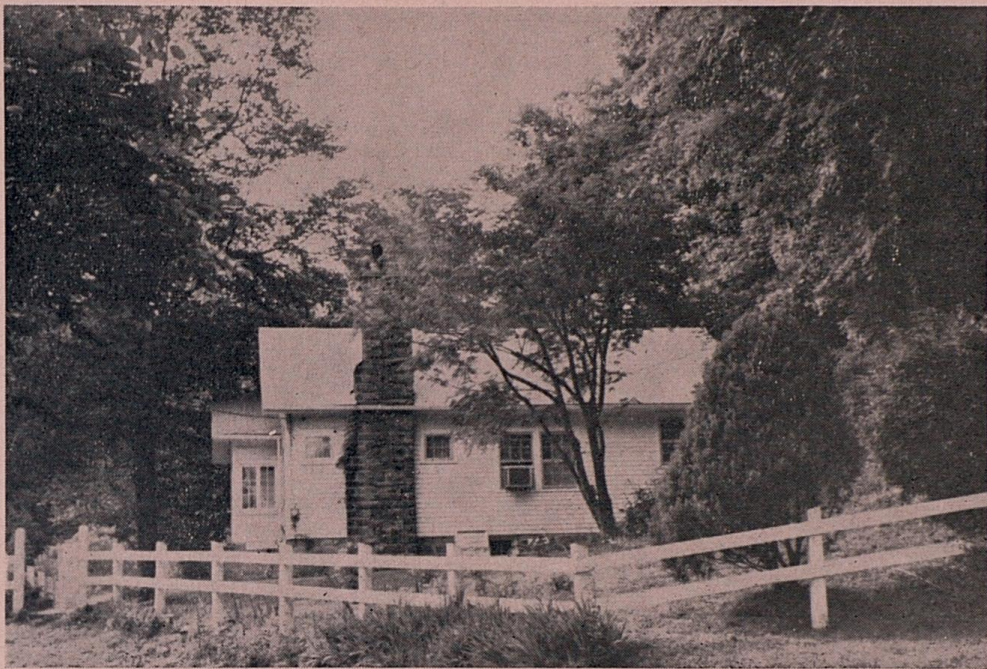
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